

**AROUND THE TWIST . . . Quick-Corner Version.** Quilt size: 52" x 72" including 4 1/2" borders.

Design taken from Trudy Hughes' book "Template-Free Quiltmaking, Book One"-- but this version was drawn by computer and the directions changed to include quick-corners. These directions are to be used to make a quilt for Straight-from-the-Heart project for the children served by Northeast Parent and Child Society. Shirley Hedman

Fabric requirements are:

Background — 2 1/4 yards

Main color (Color A) — 1 3/4 yards, which includes borders

Accent color (Color B) — 1 1/2 yards, which includes binding

(If you want borders/binding to be separate fabrics, you need only 1 yard each of A and B)

**Background:**

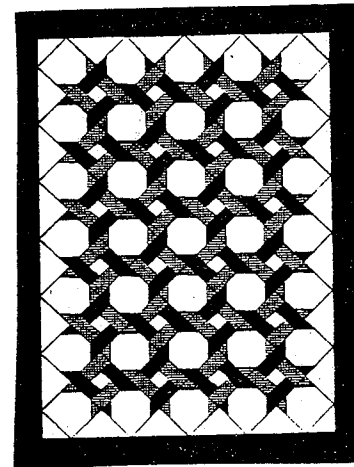
1. Cut 6 strips 6 1/2" wide into 35 6 1/2" squares (snowball block).
2. Cut 2 strips 2 1/2" wide and then cut into 24 2 1/2" squares (center of twist blocks).
3. Cut 2 strips 10" wide into 5 10" squares. Cut in X to give 20 setting triangles.
4. Cut 2 squares 7", then cut once diagonally for the 4 corners. Setting triangles are a little large than needed, and can be trimmed or "float".

**Main color (A):**

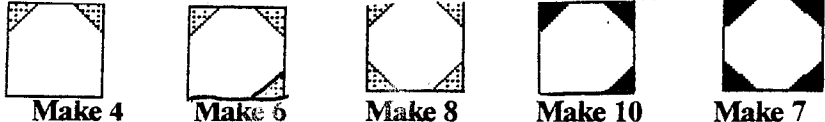
1. Cut 6 strips 2 1/2" wide into 48 rectangles 2 1/2" x 4 1/2". (twist block)
2. Cut 4 strips 2 1/2" wide into 58 2 1/2" squares. (snowball corners)
3. Cut 6 strips 5" wide to piece for the 4 1/2" borders.

**Accent color (B):**

1. Cut 6 strips 2 1/2" wide into 48 rectangles 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" (twist block).
2. Cut 4 strips 2 1/2" wide into 58 2 1/2" squares (snowball corners).
3. Cut 7 2" strips and piece length to make the binding.

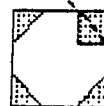


**Piece the snowball blocks as follows, with quick-corner method:**



**Quick-Corner Method:**

Place the 2 1/2" square at corner of the 6 1/2" square. Sew diagonally across center of 2 1/2" square. Trim excess corner fabric: leave 6 1/2" square intact. Press open.



**Piece the twist blocks as follows:**

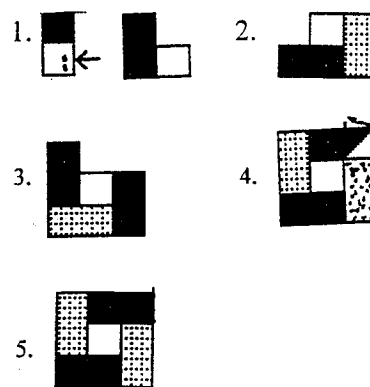
1. Sew the center square to rectangle #1 of twist block. Place square right-side-down on the rectangle, with remainder of rectangle extending to top, not bottom, of the square. Don't sew full seam; start about 1" from top of square as shown. Open, finger-press.

2. Turn so the new square/rectangle seam is at the edge to be sewn, right side up. Place rectangle #2 with right sides together on this edge and sew. **Always alternate colors!**

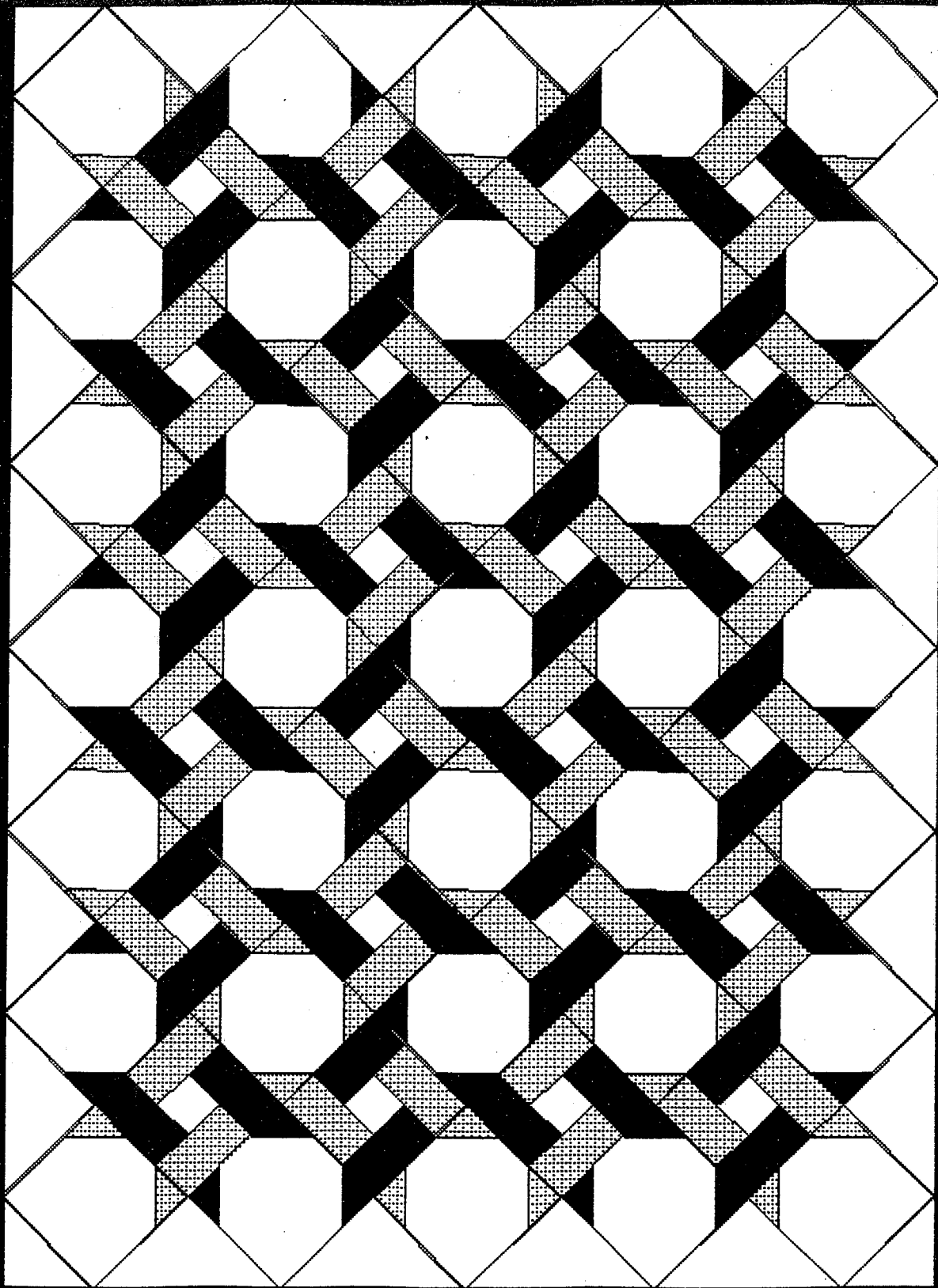
3. Continue to sew rectangles as shown, alternating colors. When you sew rectangle #4, be sure to keep the unfinished part of strip #1 out of the way.

4. When rectangle #4 is sewn, you can easily finish sewing strip #1.

5. Finished twist block.



**Assemble the quilt as shown in diagram – the blocks are sewn in diagonal rows. You must watch the diagram closely so that block placement makes the design "twist" properly.**



Quilt = approximately 52" x 70"  
including this 4½" border