This month we’re going to try something a little different, perhaps somewhat challenging. But bear with us! “August Sun” is a simple Drunkard’s Path block. We’re going to teach you how to make the templates. Why bother? Because this allows you to make Drunkard’s Path blocks any size, any proportion. For the drawing this month, we’ll all make our blocks the same size so they’ll be compatible and can be used together.

**Supplies:**
- 2 pieces of paper: one should be at least 9 ½” square; the other can be about 7” square;
- 1 9 ½” x 9 ½” fabric square of sky blue—or blue that looks like sky;
- 1 sunny yellow scrap of fabric (at least 7” square).

**Directions:**

1. Cut out a 9 ½” x 9 ½” square of paper. Please be as precise as you can be. Name one corner of this square “A”. From “A” measure exactly 6” along one side and make a mark. Repeat: measure and mark exactly 6” on the other side of “A”. These marks will be on adjacent sides of the paper with “A” in the middle.
2. If you have a compass, position the point on “A” and draw a 6” arc. Or place your ruler with 6” on the corner at “A”. By angling your ruler slowly, make marks that go from one side to the other. When you connect these marks, you’ll have an arc that extends from one side of “A” to the adjacent side. Everywhere along this line will measure 6” from corner “A”.
3. Draw a second arc (this time 5 ¾” from “A”). Cut on the 5 ¾” arc. Discard the quarter circle. Write SKY on the remaining piece.
4. Now you’ll make the other half of the Drunkard’s Path block (the quarter circle). Repeat Steps 1, 2, and 3 using a second piece of paper. This paper can be about 7” square.
5. Now draw a 6 ¼” arc, or position your ruler on corner “A” and, each time you move the angle of your ruler, make a mark at 6 ¼”, drawing a parallel line to the 6” arc that you made in Step 3.
6. Write SUN on the quarter circle. Cut on the 6 ¼” line. Keep the quarter circle and discard the rest.
7. The 6” lines you’ve drawn on your template represent the sewing lines. The 5 ¾” and 6 ¼” lines you drew define the edge of the fabric.
8. Lay these paper templates on your fabric and pin them in place. The SKY piece goes on the sky blue; the SUN (quarter circle) piece goes on the yellow. Cut out your pieces. These paper patterns can be reused several times.
9. By folding both fabrics in half, you’ll find the center of the arc; fold the edges into this center mark, and mark those spots with pins, as well.
10. Now put the two fabrics right sides together matching the center points, the quarter and three-quarter marks, and the outside edges. Sew the pieces together, being careful not to stretch the fabric. Keep the raw edges even.
11. Press seam to one side. Trim square to 9 ½”. This block finishes to 9”.

Now you know how to make Drunkard’s Path blocks any size. You can make the “sky” part larger or smaller. Just remember, when you draw your arcs, the “sky” part will be “N” inches and the line you cut on will be N – ¼”. The “sun” part will be “N” inches, and the line you cut on will be N + ¼”. In other words, you’ll sew on “N”, and the other ¼” becomes your seam allowance. Call Kathie at 612-379-4253 if you need help!

For the August drawing, please make 1, 2, or 3 of these blue and yellow August Sun blocks. Bring them to the August meeting, or mail them so they arrive at the MQ office on or before Friday, August 2nd. The drawing will take place at August’s Saturday meeting. We’ll select one or more winners, depending on how many blocks are submitted (1 winner for up to 24 blocks; 2 winners for 25-36 blocks; etc.).

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