

## March 2016 Block of the Month

### Snowballs – a 16" block



The 2016 Block of the Month patterns will all be variations of the Drunkards Path Block. Each month a different pattern will be constructed. All patterns will be made using sixteen 5" square drunkards path square blocks, which will finish at 16 1/2" blocks each month. If you want to make a quilt with all the blocks, you will need to have 3 1/2 yards each of a dark fabric and coordinating light fabric. The final quilt will be 72" by 54" without borders. If you want to add borders or sashing to make the quilt larger, you will need additional yardage.

To make the drunkards path blocks, cut a 5" by width of fabric strip and a 4" by width of fabric strip of each fabric (the dark and light). Cut eight 5" squares and eight 4" squares. Measure in 3" from adjacent sides of one corner of the 5" square and remove a 3" quarter circle from each. Measure a 1/2" in from opposite corners of the 4" square and create a 3 1/2" quarter circle from each. Pair up the dark quarter circles with the light backgrounds and the light quarter circles with the dark background and sew each together along the curved edge. This will give you sixteen 5" squares, eight with dark background and light quarter circles and eight with light background and dark quarter circles.



March 2016 Block is the Snowballs

It is constructed by sewing two opposite color squares together so that quarter circle centers match. Do this eight times. Then join two sets of two blocks so they are mirror images of each other, to form a circle inside a square where opposite quarters match, as shown in figure 1. Do this to make four corners. Combine to make the snowball block as shown above.



Figure 1