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Tear Drop

Quilter's Rule™

Create a simple block design using the Tear Drop Design Tool and the 4-Point Block Grid. The technique is the "Rotate" movement method. The nested (set of 4) Tear Drop Design Tool is made from eighth inch clear acrylic.
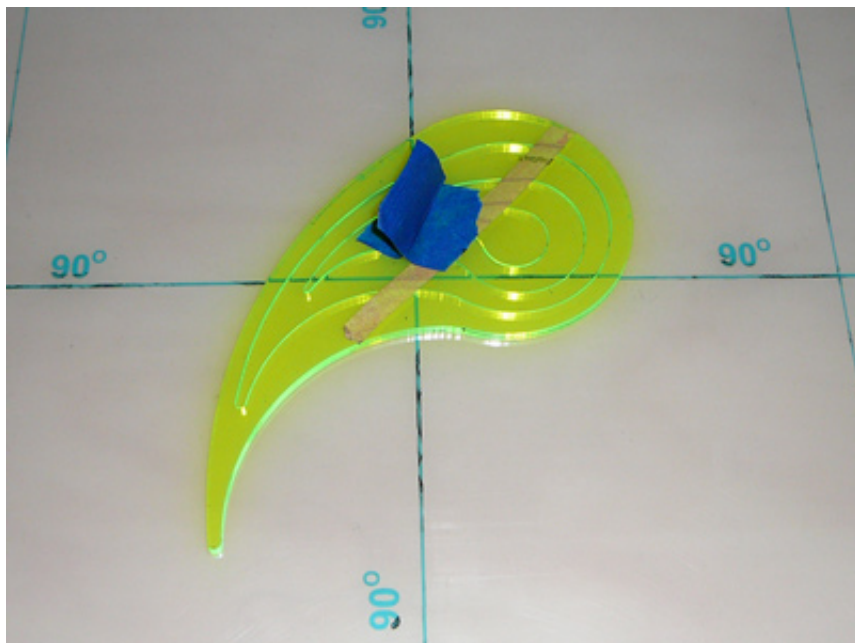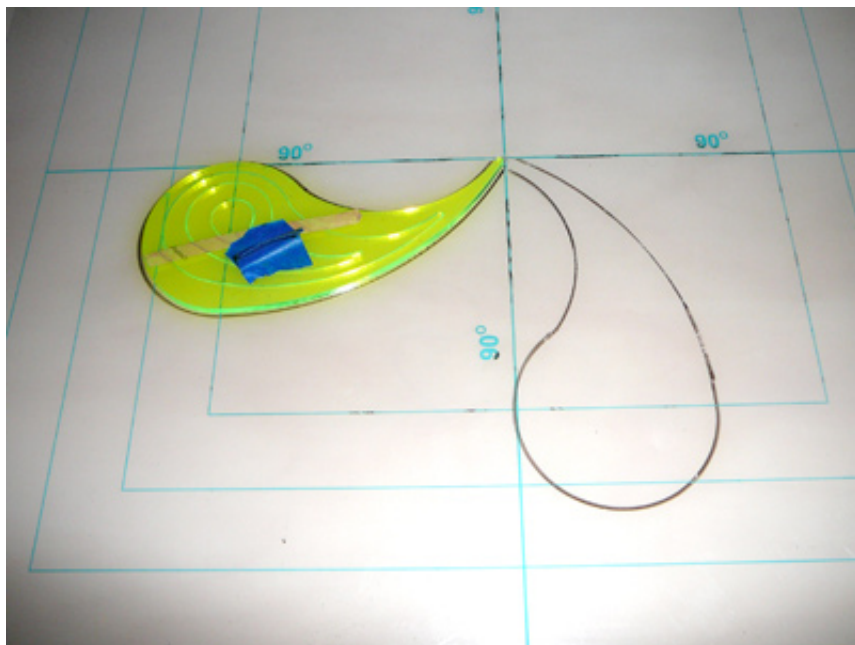

SIMPLE BLOCK DESIGN

Align the Tear Drop shape on the vertical center line of the 4-Point Block Grid. Start drawing at the horizontal center line. Draw around the template ending at the vertical center line. Use the illustration below as your guide.
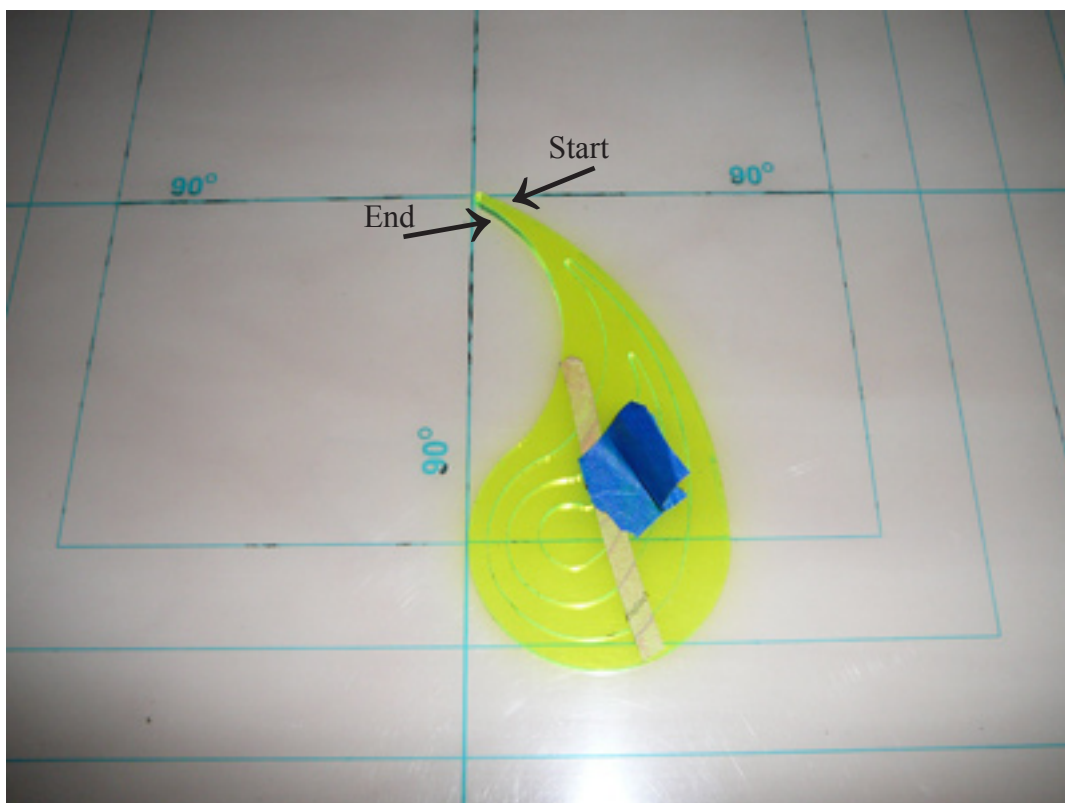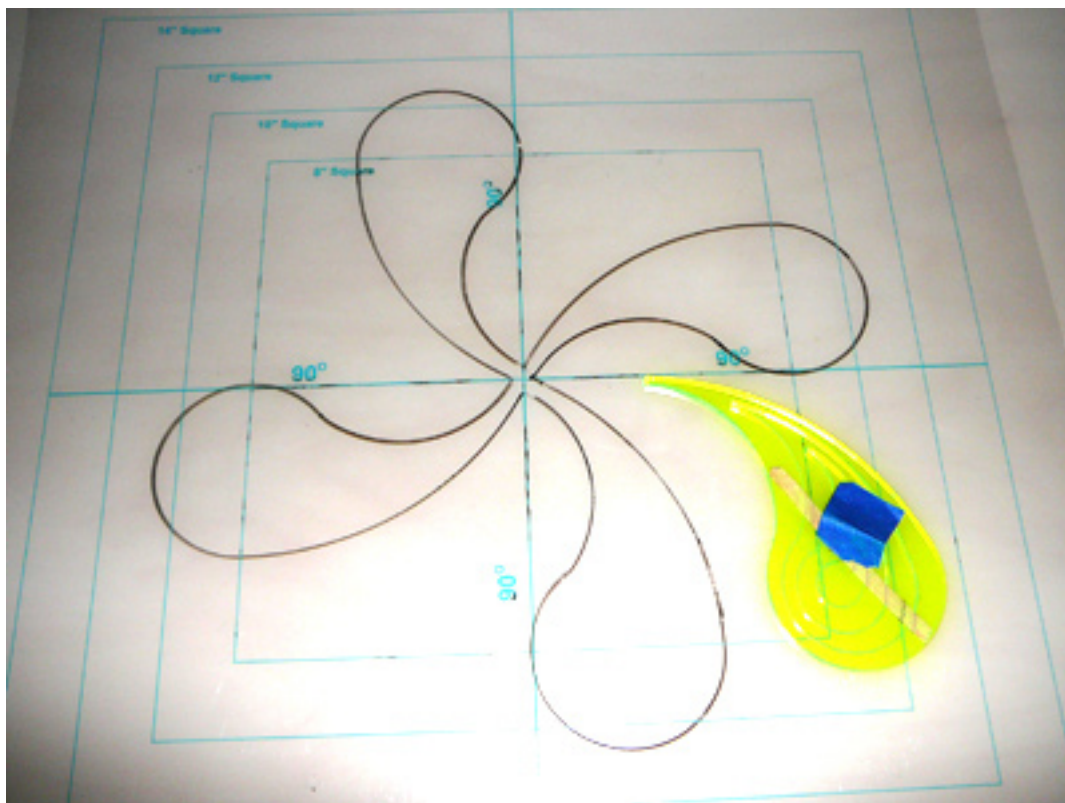
Following the 90° guide lines rotate template and repeat drawing.

Continue rotating the template using the 90° guidelines to complete the block design. Transfer the design to any project by:
1. Tracing design directly onto project.
2. Print or copy design onto Foundation Paper, Stitch-Away-Paper, and /or Wash Away paper or film.
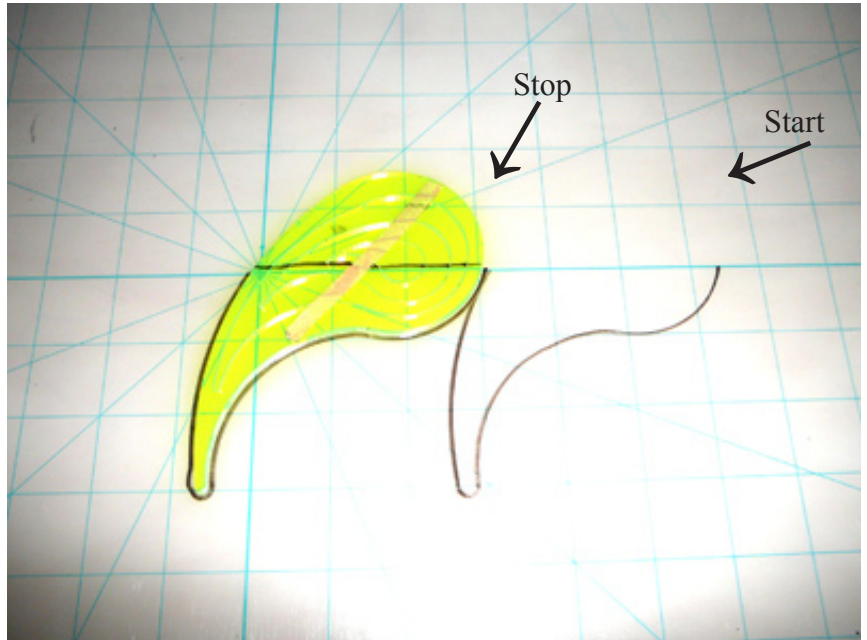

NOTE: If you would prefer to quilt directly on the quilt without marking, use our 1/4" Machine Quilting Tools. When using the Machine Quilting Tools allow a 1/4" of space to accommodate the hopping foot.

SIMPLE BORDER DESIGN

Where you chose the start and stop points will affect how close you can draw each repetition. Some start and stop points will meet precisely (as shown below), others will cause an overlap or leave a gap. An overlap will create a "Loop" effect. A gap can be filled with straight lines (as shown on the next page), create a dip beyond the baseline, or add your preferred embellishment to join the two drawings.

Start border by marking template with a start, stop and baseline guide line. Begin by aligning marked template baseline with a straight line on the grid. Draw around template as shown on the right.

Continue drawing and "Sliding" template using the illustration below as your guide and until you reach the desired length for border.
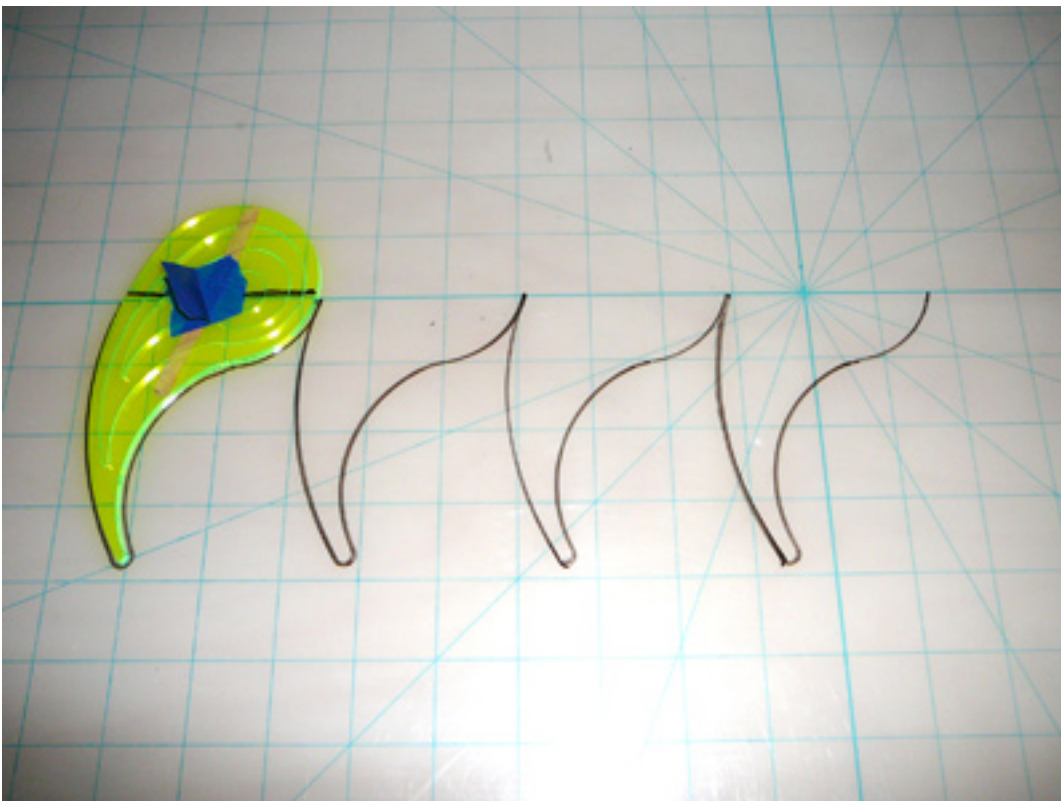
If there are gaps, simply fill in with a straight stitch to join, create a dip beyond the baseline, or add your preferred embellishment to join the two drawings.

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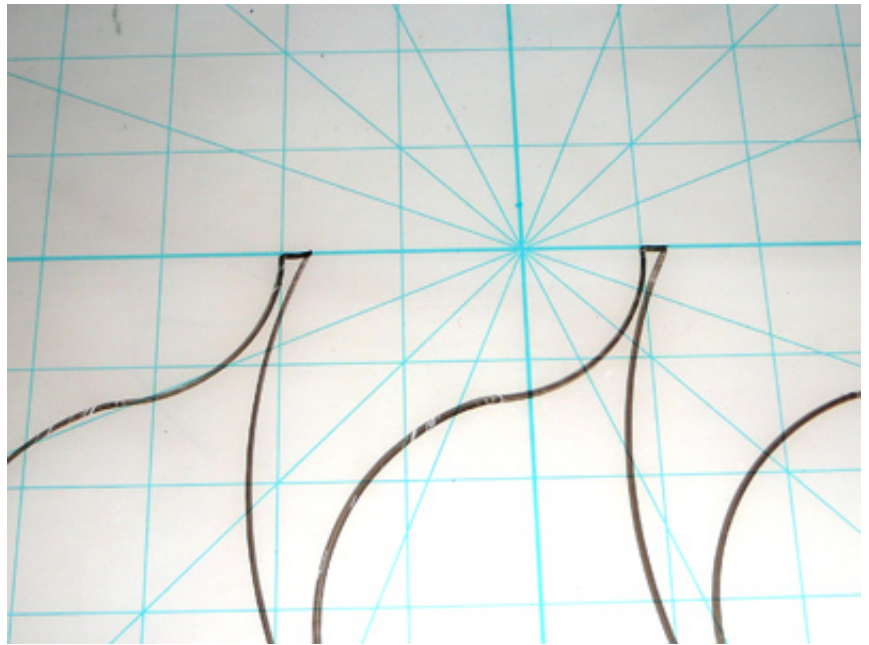
## *PRODUCTS USED FOR CREATING YOUR OWN DESIGNS*

TEAR DROP TEMPLATE

SF-DT04
Nested set of 4 Templates
1/8" thick acrylic

Dry or Wet erase pens can be used on all of our printed vinyl templates to test your quilt designs. Once you complete your design simply transfer onto the Stitch-Away-Paper or use whatever transfer technique with which you are comfortable.
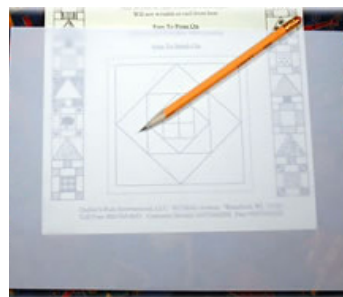
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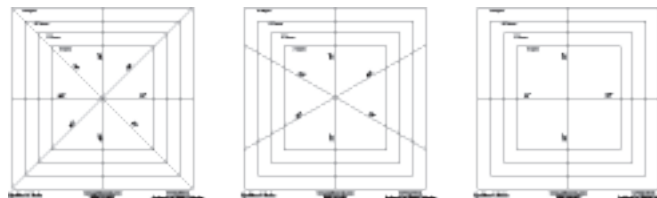
Block Grids -
Overall Size - 16" x 16" Grid Size - 14" x 14"
Block Sizes: 8", 10", 12", and 14"
Set of 3 printed grids: 4-point, 6-point, and 8-point
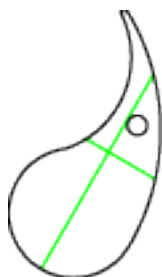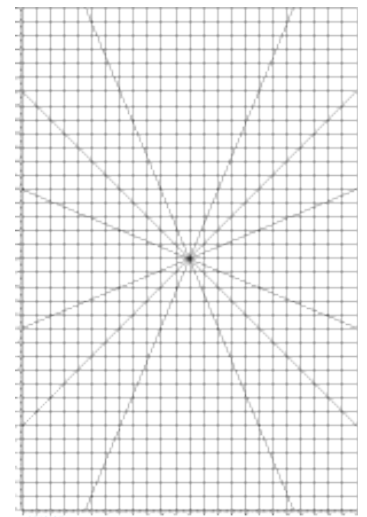
Stitch-Away-Paper

MQT-SM04 & MQT-MN04
1/4" thick acrylic
Perfect for quilting directly on your quilt.

Stitch-Away-Paper can be used for tracing patterns/ designs onto your project or for foundation piecing. Use alone or with the Whole Cloth and Block Grids. Available in two sizes: 25"x36" and 8½"x11".

Whole Cloth Grid -
Overall Size - 25" x 38"
Grid Size - 24" x 36"
Measurement - 1" grid in 1/8" increments.
Guide Lines -
        22½°, 45° & 90°