

Prepare Inkscape

- Set **Document Properties** to inches, document needs to be 12" x 12"

Import ROS 3

- Import ROS₃ into Inkscape
- We need to change the size of the document to fit in the 12" x 12" square: Select object (the little arrow at the top of the left side) → Object → Transform → Scale → Scale Proportionally → height = 12"
- ± (add a layer above), then move ROS₃ to layer 1 (PDF file) → opacity = 20% → lock
- Now choose layer 2 → name layer → center stem. Keep this layer at 100% opacity.
 - It's easy to do a bunch of work only to realize you've done it on the wrong layer: Locking finished layers helps you to not do this, but you can always move selections to a different layer if need be.

Draw new block: **Center Stem layer**

- Choose circle → control drag and draw (get it close enough) → select object then move the object → control then drag one of the arrows to size it correctly to the outer circle
 - If circle is black, Object → Fill and Stroke → Fill → No Paint → Stroke Paint (if invisible) → Flat Color
- Control keeps the x & y coordinates the same relative to each other
- Make inner circle then Group → Select object → Stroke Style → .025 in. Check the coordinates at the top to make sure stem is ¼". The outer circle needs to be ½" larger than the inner circle. Save. Lock layer.

Rose Bud Layer

- Draw rose buds and leaves → Group → Select object → Stroke Style → .025 in → Copy → Paste 3 times → Save
- If Inkscape won't let you change the stroke style, ungroup the objects, change the stroke style then regroup the objects. Then copy and paste 3 times.
- To perfect a rosebud unit, move it to a new document, make it symmetrical then move it back to the original document. When the grid view is on, you can select a node and move it around using the arrow keys to it doesn't snap to a grid line.

Rose layer

- Add a layer and name it (Rose layer), then hide the center stem layer
- Choose Bezier curves (the blue pencil on the left) and add nodes (be careful not to get the calligraphy pen. Put the nodes between curves – not at the center of a curve.
- Click the Node Edit tool to make curves. Demonstrate how to adjust curves, make nodes smooth and corner, makes nodes symmetric, use node handles
- Make inside circles → Group → Select object → Stroke Style → .025 in
- Select object → Object → Fill and Stroke → Fill → Flat color (first box) → HSL → Move L from black to white.
- Copy and paste the remaining 3 roses → Save → Lock layer

Design a quilt: **Block and Border lines**

- Open up new document → doc. properties → change to 56" x 56" (This will be 1" bigger than the quilt all of the way around)
- New layer (block and border lines) → Square tool → draw a 54" square, then make a 36" square → Group → Select object → Stroke Style → .025 → Save
- Bezier → draw block lines (blocks are 12" x 12") → Save
- Group all lines → Select object → Stroke Style → .025 in → Copy → Paste 3 times → Save

Registration lines

- New layer below (registration lines) → draw all registration lines 1" bigger than outside border (work on enough of this to give people the gist.) **This can be frustrating because it's really easy to get off by a little bit. If you are having a hard time or if this feels tedious to you, make a new layer (new registration lines) → open the registration lines layer I emailed you in new document → copy and paste into the new registration lines layer → delete the old registration lines layer → Save**
- Select biggest diagonal → Edit → resize page to fit selection → lock layer

Insert Rose Blocks

- On block, delete original layer (PDF file) → Unlock all layers → Select everything → Group → Object → Transform → Scale → Scale Proportionally → width = 11" → Apply → Save
- Copy block → Paste in quilt and center (on new layer) → repeat for remaining 4 blocks

Construct Irish Chain

- **You can make 4 blocks (like the ROS blocks) or 4 long diagonal pieces. If we do 4 blocks, we'll need to join the chain together at the intersection of the blocks but if we do 4 pieces, there will be no joining. Joining is important if you are going to digitally color the quilt.**
- New Layer (Irish Chain) → Bezier start at 9:00, go up 1.5" then over 3" then up 3" etc. until you get to 12:00 then turn around keep going back to 9:00. This should make one object with no breaks → Save
- Copy and Paste other 3 Irish Chain units → Save

Design the border: Irish Chain extension

- Bezier connect 12:00 and 3:00 through the border – **this is tricky:** → Save
- Hide registration line layer and block and border layer
- Node Edit tool → separate border chain from quilt chain at overlapping node → Break Path at Selected Node tool (from 1 to 2) on both exposed nodes → separate lines for both → Shift and click on north and south nodes to select both → Join Selected Nodes (from 2 to 1) → repeat for east and west nodes → move nodes to proper positions → repeat for all intersections → Save
- Repeat process for the 6:00 to 9:00 connection → Save
- Delete the two remaining chains → Select large connected chain → Copy → Paste → flip Horizontal → Move into place → Save

Inkscape manual: inkscape.org/learn/books/