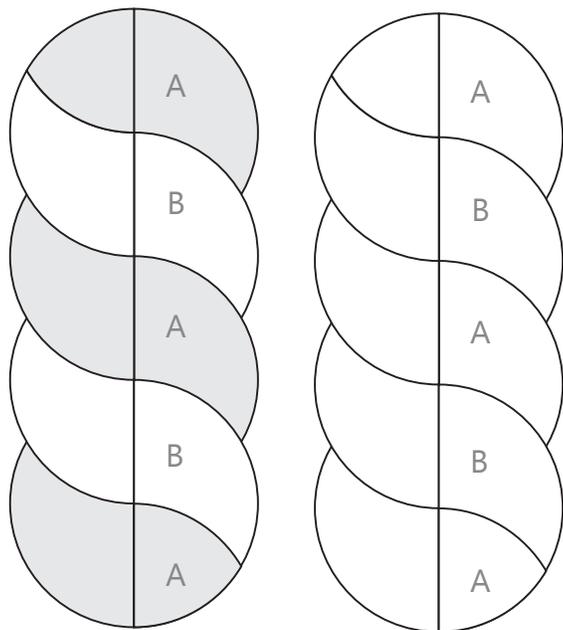


Basic Twist



Need a supply list?

We have one ready for you! Just go to the FAQ page, Braided Twist and go to the third question down.

or go directly there by typing in this link:

<https://www.phillipsfiberart.com/faq---braided-twist.htm>

Pressing

Pressing fleece in a classroom requires a lot of irons. Be sure to keep that in mind because that uses a lot of electricity. If your students prefer the small palm type irons, be sure to suggest they repress their runners once they've returned home.

Use the pressing step to remind them that the fleece should not extend beyond the stitching.

Clipping

Show them how to do this step and stress how they have to make that cut exactly $\frac{1}{4}$ " deep. Too big and the fabric will ravel, too shallow and it won't twist correctly.

Assembly

I suggest you make the students wait to sew the endcaps and half circles together until you can check their placement. It's the place a lot of people make mistakes.

One quick thing that will help is looking for the same color across from each other. That is never right.

Finishing

Have a sample to show how to add the fusible web. Be prepared to show a stitched alternative. It's a great place to use decorative stitches.

Twisted Tips for Teachers

Cutting

I've suggested cutting the rectangles on the **lengthwise grain** in order to get the most from your fabric pieces. This is a helpful hint for your students too.

I suggest they press their rectangles to **preshrink** before the fusing. If it isn't preshrunk, when you fuse it, the surface will ripple.

When cutting the A and B pieces for the endcaps, have your students only cut one layer at a time. They must be **right side up!** Also remind them there are only two endcaps regardless of the runner length.

Cut the pieced rectangle from the back. Check your students **placement** before they cut. Make sure they have both stitching on the line and the tool tips on the straight edge of the rectangle.

When cutting the half circles of fleece be sure they've carefully cut the rectangles the correct size or the half circles will not be correct.

Sewing

When the students fold the quarter circle in half, notice the fold does not extend to the corner. You're just folding the curved edge in half.

Every class I've taught so far, someone sews the wrong half seam together! Be sure to check each person's seam to be sure they're **sewing A side to A side.**