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Double Wedding Ring Quilt History: From Yesterday to Today

By **Alyce Blyth** on February 7, 2015

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The double wedding ring quilt history has many stories to tell. First published in 1928, the double wedding quilt pattern has ever since has been a source of accomplishment for quilters as they tackle the pieced curves and quilt construction, with the quilts becoming treasured family heirlooms.

The double wedding ring quilt is a **traditional quilt** design with a rich history of romance and love stories to tell but that continues to inspire quilters today.



Double Wedding Ring Quilt via Craftsy member nancyelizabeth

The interlocking rings are a beautiful symbol of the marriage – two people joining together to become one story – but also have historically been considered lucky for a couple, with designs found as early as 4th Century Roman cups. The traditional Double Wedding Ring quilt was historically made by mothers and grandmothers for their children to be given on their wedding day or anniversaries, and treasured for many years to follow.

Traditionally, the Double Wedding Ring quilt was made using a white background, with many different pieces of fabric to make the arcs and having the appearance of continuity like this **Antique Wedding Ring Quilt**.

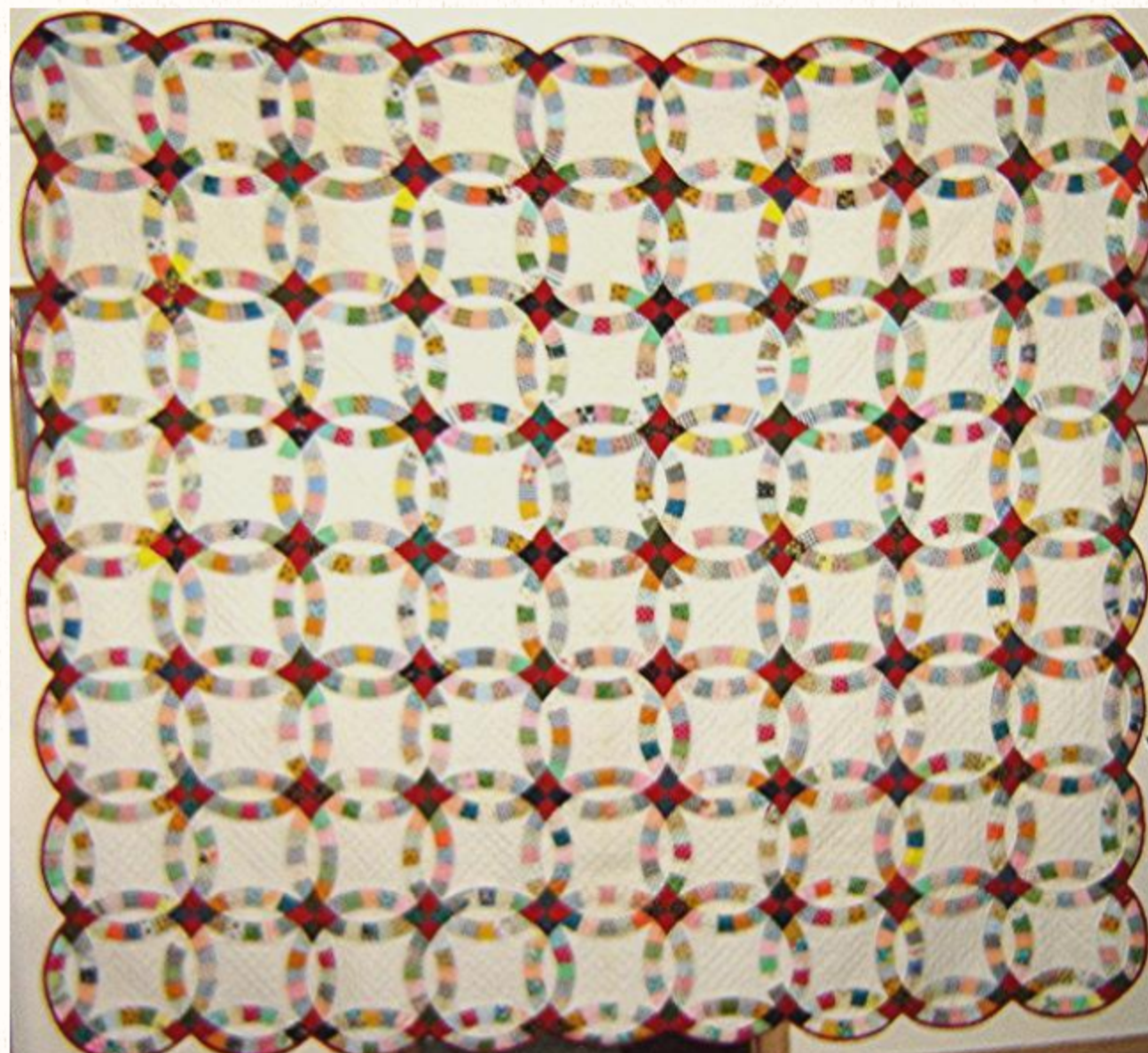


Photo via Craftsy member linpiration

Including scraps from clothing or other bedding was a popular way to both be thrifty, particularly during the Depression and World War II, but to also literally embed sentimentality into the quilt.

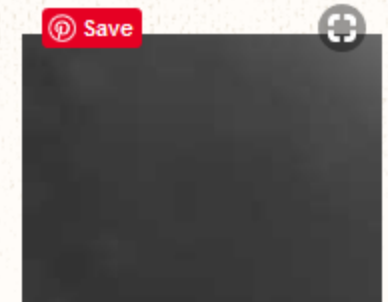
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The double wedding quilt pattern was and still is, a great option to use up those small scraps of fabric that collect in every quilter's sewing space.

But as quilters are prone to doing, creative interpretations of the classic design have birthed many modern uses of the wedding ring quilt include focusing on fabric placement to create secondary designs.



Colorful Double Wedding Ring quilt via Craftsy member L.K

L.K has used clever fabric placement along the arcs to create a quilt that looks almost like individual ombre blocks. The black background also goes against tradition and helps emphasize the ombre colors.



Double Wedding Ring Quilt via Craftsy member Groovyiaia

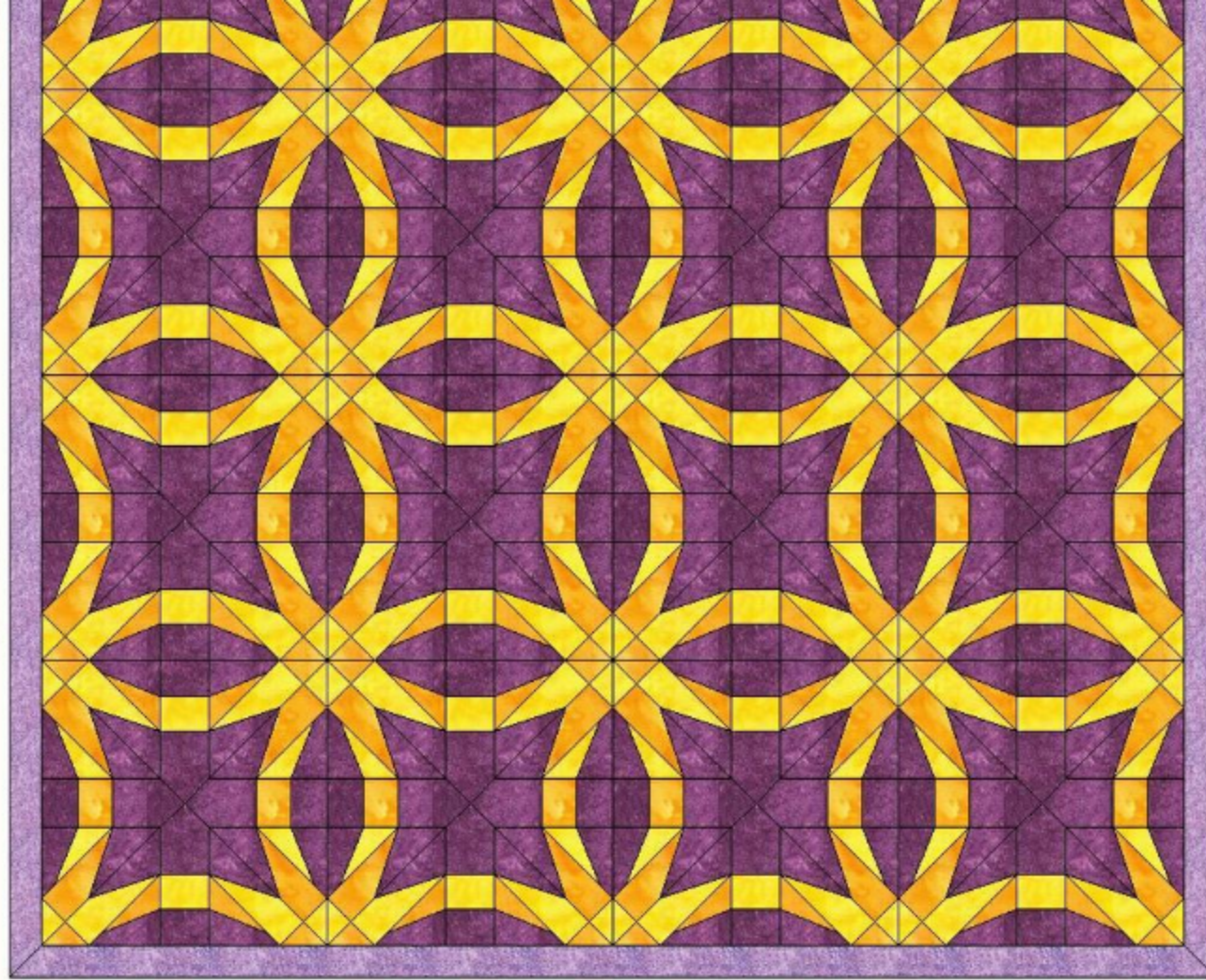
Traditionally, the double wedding ring quilt pattern keeps the curved edge, using bias binding to finish the quilt. A popular option is to add borders to increase the total size of the quilt, or to frame the design, or even to make it easier to bind.



Modern Double Wedding Ring Quilt via Craftsy member Betsy0

Reinterpreting the arcs to use straight piecing is a great way to make the double wedding ring quilt your own. By increasing and decreasing the sizes of the print pieces, as well as the background pieces, Betsy0 has maintained the appearance of the curved rings.





Foundation Pieced Wedding Ring Block pattern via Craftsy member QuiltingSupport

Another reinterpretation for piecing the arcs is using **foundation paper piecing**. Still maintaining the appearance of curves but with the ease of straight piecing, foundation paper piecing also creates a much more accurate quilt top.



Single Ladies - Single Ring quilt block pattern via Craftsy member elegantitus

One popular option that completely breaks the wedding ring quilt history is to rebel against the original idea and celebrate single girls with single, non-interlocking rings. Still maintaining the technical skills of pieced arcs and the beauty of the rings, this pattern also makes a strong artistic statement.

Whether you honor the double wedding ring quilt history and faithfully recreate the traditional pattern, or think outside the square and make the pattern your own, your quilt will have a story to tell too.



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ruby satterfield
February 8th, 2015

I'm interested in anything along the sewing line. thank you,

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Linda
March 2nd, 2015

I made the double wedding ring quilt for a friends daughter and although it was a ton of work, I would do it again. It was so rewarding to know that I could accomplish something so beautiful.

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Judy Berry
March 2nd, 2015

I have been making quilts off and on for probably 25-35 years. I have always wanted to make a double wedding ring quilt but I never could talk my quilt lady at our shop to start such a huge task. This article has made me decide to give it one more shot after... I finish a throw quilt for a precious niece for Christmas 2014; I finish my king size quilt for my bed for the color I have my walls now; I finish the king size quilt for a very special niece who got married maybe over 4 years ago and this quilt was to be her wedding gift; I finish an amazing 30-40 other various projects that I do not have time in my life to finish. I truly am going to try to get those projects that I mentioned finished. I am 66 and I will give it till I am 70 and the rest I will quit fretting over all this material. Thank you.

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Kay Ridley
June 4th, 2015

I made one a few years ago for my son and his wedding. Not sure I would ever made another one. I hand quilted it. Was a very big chore.

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Genoveva
June 9th, 2015

i love your patterns and i enjoy quilting

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KennaJean
June 9th, 2015

Another modern way to do the wedding ring quilt is to use "The Rings that bind" technique. This is a quilt as you go pattern.

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Susan Griffen
June 10th, 2015

A double-wedding ring quilt top was found in my Grandmother's belongings after she passed. No one knows where it came from and Grandma did not quilt. The top was dated around 1937. I finished it and am making 3 more for my cousins and sister.

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Anne Carter Francis
June 17th, 2015

I have one that is probably over 75 years old. I remember growing up with it. Mother hand quilted it, of course.

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