

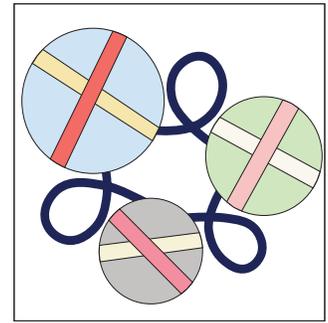
My most splendid days are spent doing a little of everything I love. Often that means juggling my family, work and hobbies so everything gets done. Ideally this would look like a little calm gardening in the morning, some stitching with friends and cooking wholesome meals for my family in the evening. Sometimes there is frantic lunch box packing, ferrying instruments around town and scrambling to meet class times and deadlines, at the end of those days I can feel a bit loopy. That's when I really enjoy some appliqué or handwork, it soothes my busy brain and I feel like I've reclaimed the day. It's amazing that a little bit of fabric and thread can do that, how splendid!

Juggling

for the Splendid Sampler™

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Finished Block Size 6" x 6"

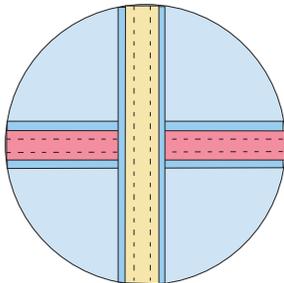


Requirements

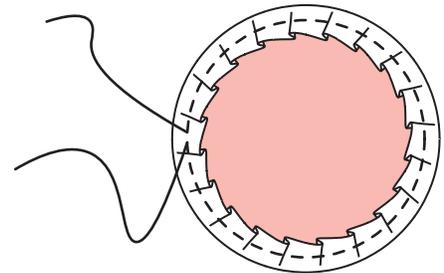
- ✦ 1- 7 ½" x 7 ½" square of background fabric
- ✦ 3 - 4 ½" x 4 ½" squares of fabric for balls
- ✦ 6 - ¾" x 5" strips for the intersecting stripes on balls
- ✦ 3 - 8" x ¾" bias strips for loops
- ✦ ⅛" bias bar (or make your own with a strip of template plastic)
- ✦ 3 circle templates - 2", 2 ¼", 2 ¾" across

Block Assembly

1. Cut across each 4 ½" square of fabric and insert a ¾" strip.
2. Cut across again on the diagonal and insert second ¾" strip.
3. Press seams flat and trim one seam shorter.



4. Place a circle template in each square and cut around leaving a generous ¼" seam allowance.
5. Sew a running stitch around your template and draw up the thread to pull your circle tight. Starch, press and allow to cool.

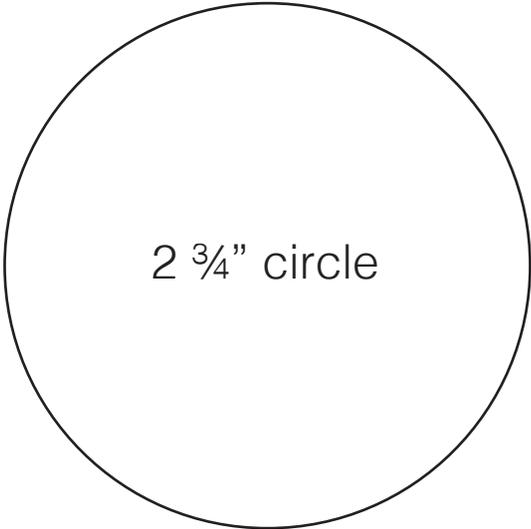
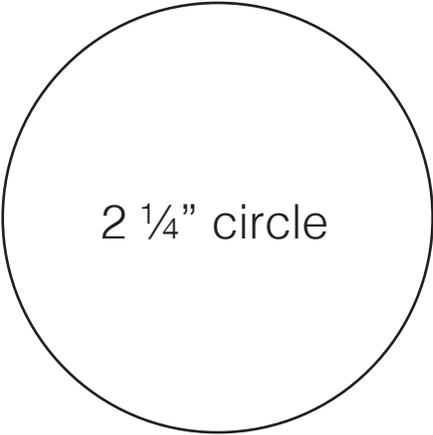
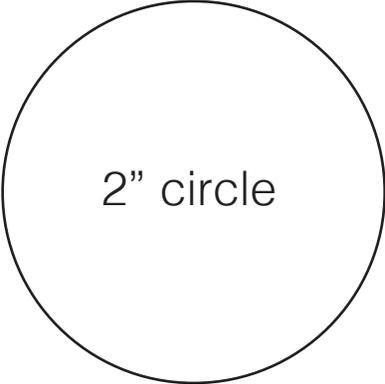


6. To make the bias loops, fold the three 8" x ¾" strips wrong sides together and press. Stitch on the raw edge using an 1/8" seam allowance.



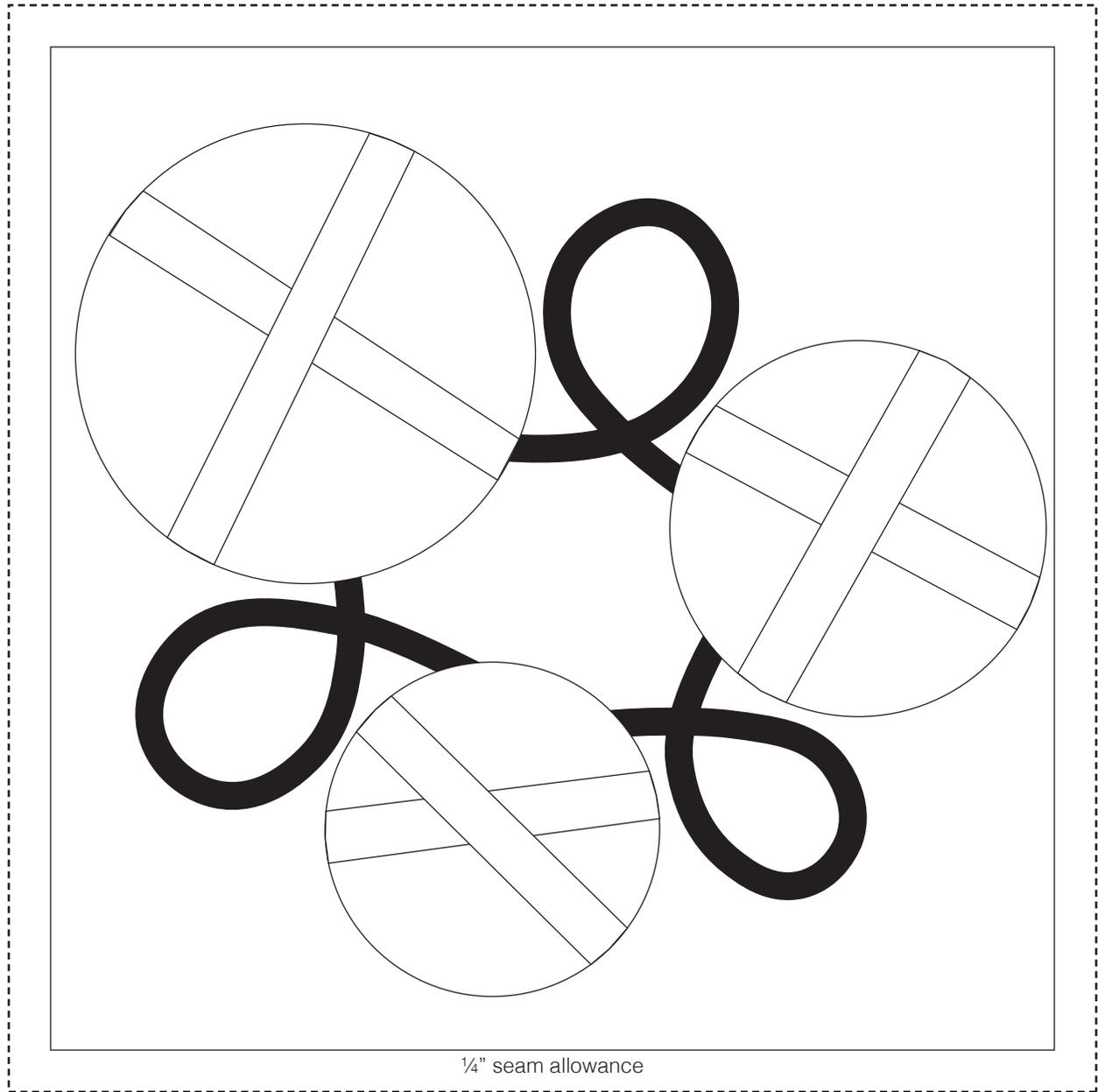
7. Insert bias bar and twist seam to the back, starch, press and allow to cool.
8. Repeat for the two remaining bias loops.
9. Twist bias tape around a pencil or wooden dowelling to get a smaller loop.
10. Trace the pattern lightly onto your background fabrics.
11. Arrange and appliqué loops first.
12. Then arrange and appliqué circles.
13. Starch lightly and press block to finish.
14. Trim block to 6 ½" x 6 ½".

Seam allowance not included



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1 inch

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