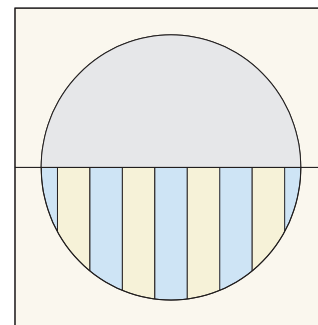


This block has multiple meanings for me. It's a reminder of the first quilt I made. When I found out my sister-in-law was pregnant in 2009, I knew it was time for me to make my first quilt! I had been reading lots of quilt blogs but hadn't had the courage to make my own yet. I had basically no knowledge of how to make a quilt, but of course, I was determined to come up with my own pattern. I decided I wanted to make a quilt with circles, so I sketched out a very simple design. I went to Joann's and spent forever picking out fabric (I still hadn't discovered designer fabrics at that point!). I spent the next few days sewing a bunch of colourful, appliqué circles onto white squares, and then sewing the squares together to make the quilt. I backed it in a cute polka dot flannel and appliquéd through all the layers to quilt them together. After stitching down the binding, I was so happy with the finished product that I immediately started planning my next quilt. I haven't stopped making quilts since! This block reminds me of that first circle quilt, the amazing feeling that came with finishing it and gifting it to my new nephew, and how far I've come since then. The block also is pieced together from smaller bits to make a whole circle, because to me, quilting, making, and being creative is what makes me feel whole, happy, and fulfilled.



Full Circle

for the Splendid Sampler™

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Finished Block Size 6" x 6"

Requirements

- ✂ Fabric A - 4" x 7"
- ✂ Fabric B - 7" x 8"
- ✂ Fabric C - 4" x 6 1/2"
- ✂ Fabric D - 4" x 5"

Cutting

From Fabric A cut:

- ✂ 1 piece from Template A. Mark alignment dots using a water soluble marker.

From Fabric B cut:

- ✂ 2 pieces from Template B. Mark alignment dots using a water soluble marker.

From Fabric C cut:

- ✂ 5 strips – 1 1/8" x 4"

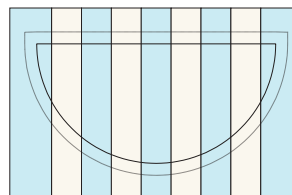
From Fabric D cut:

- ✂ 4 strips – 1 1/8" x 4"

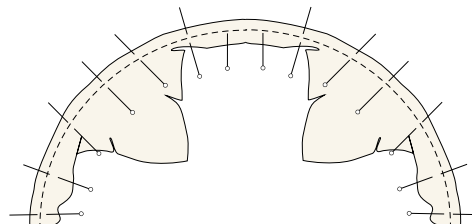
Block Assembly

1. Lay out Fabrics C & D in the following order: C, D, C, D, C, D, C, D, C. Sew strips together along the long edges using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams open.

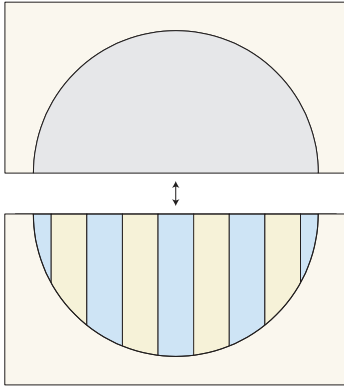
2. Place Template A over the rectangle you just made, making sure the fabric C in the center of the block is centered within the template. Trace around the template and cut along the line to make a Template A piece. Mark alignment dots using a water soluble marker. Baste 1/8" from the edge along the perimeter of the piece to ensure the seams don't open.



3. Place each Template A piece right sides together with a Template B piece, pinning along the curve and being careful to match the alignment dots and the edges of the pieces. Sew carefully around the curve using a 1/4" seam allowance, sewing slowly to ensure that the fabric doesn't bunch up along the curve. Press seams toward the Template B pieces.

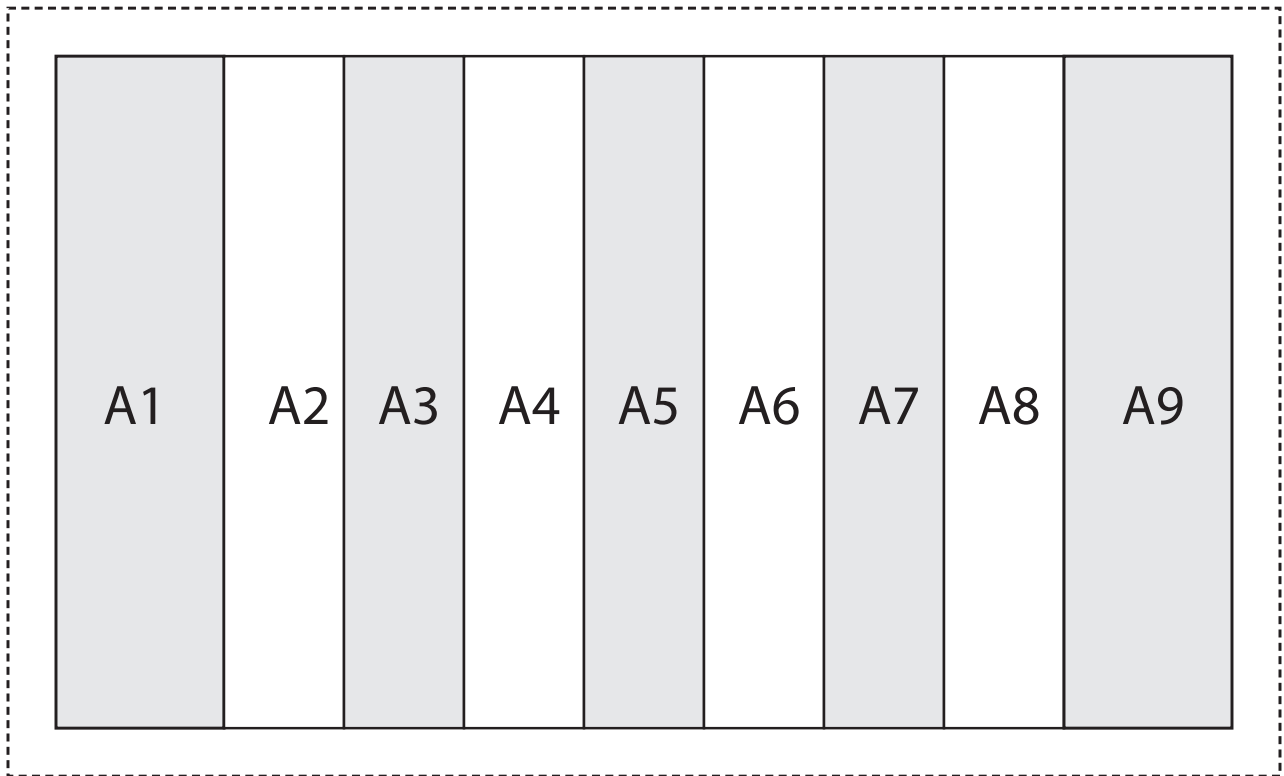


4. Place the two semicircle blocks right sides together and sew together using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seam open.



5. Unfinished block size 6 1/2" x 6 1/2".

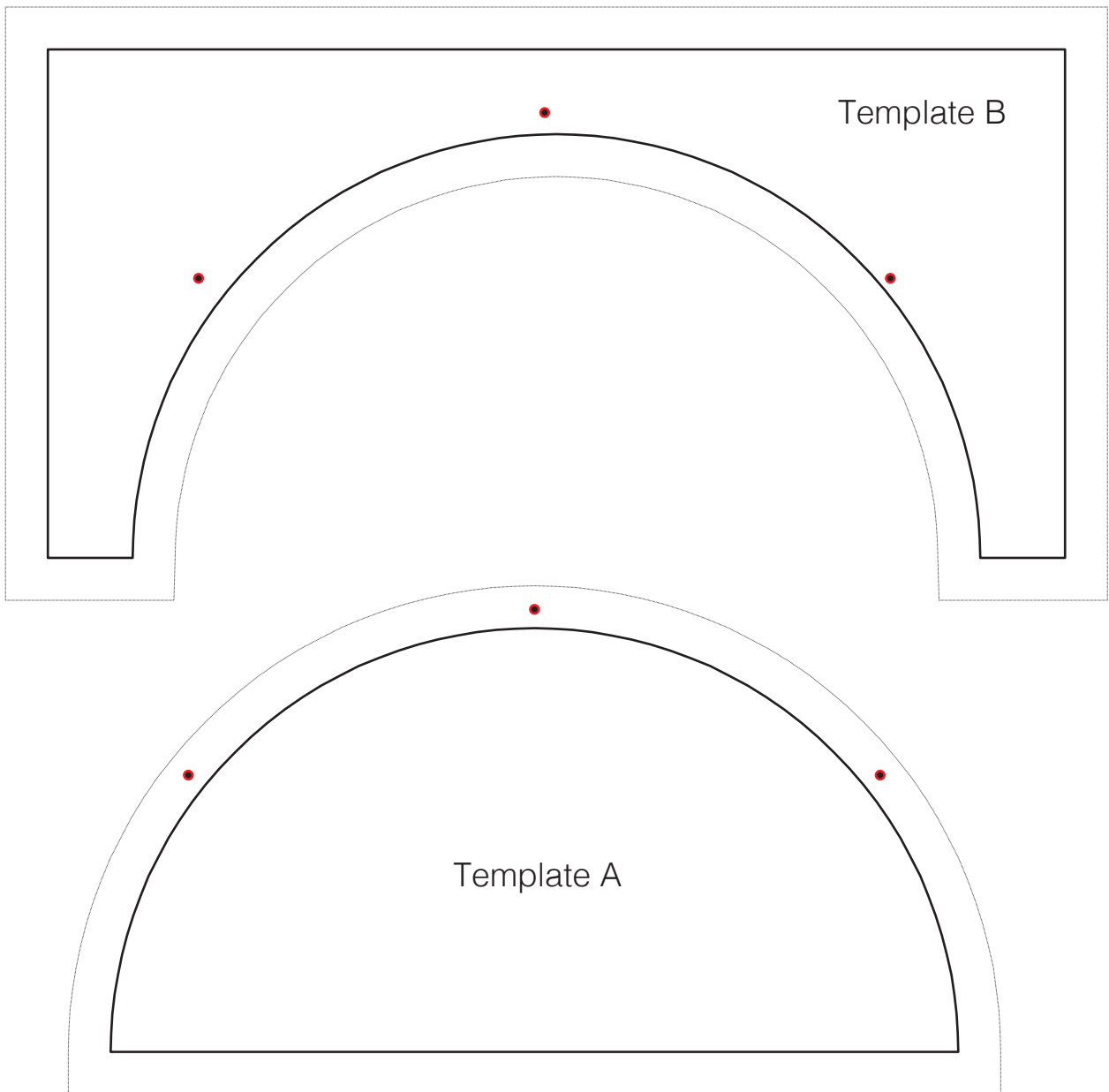
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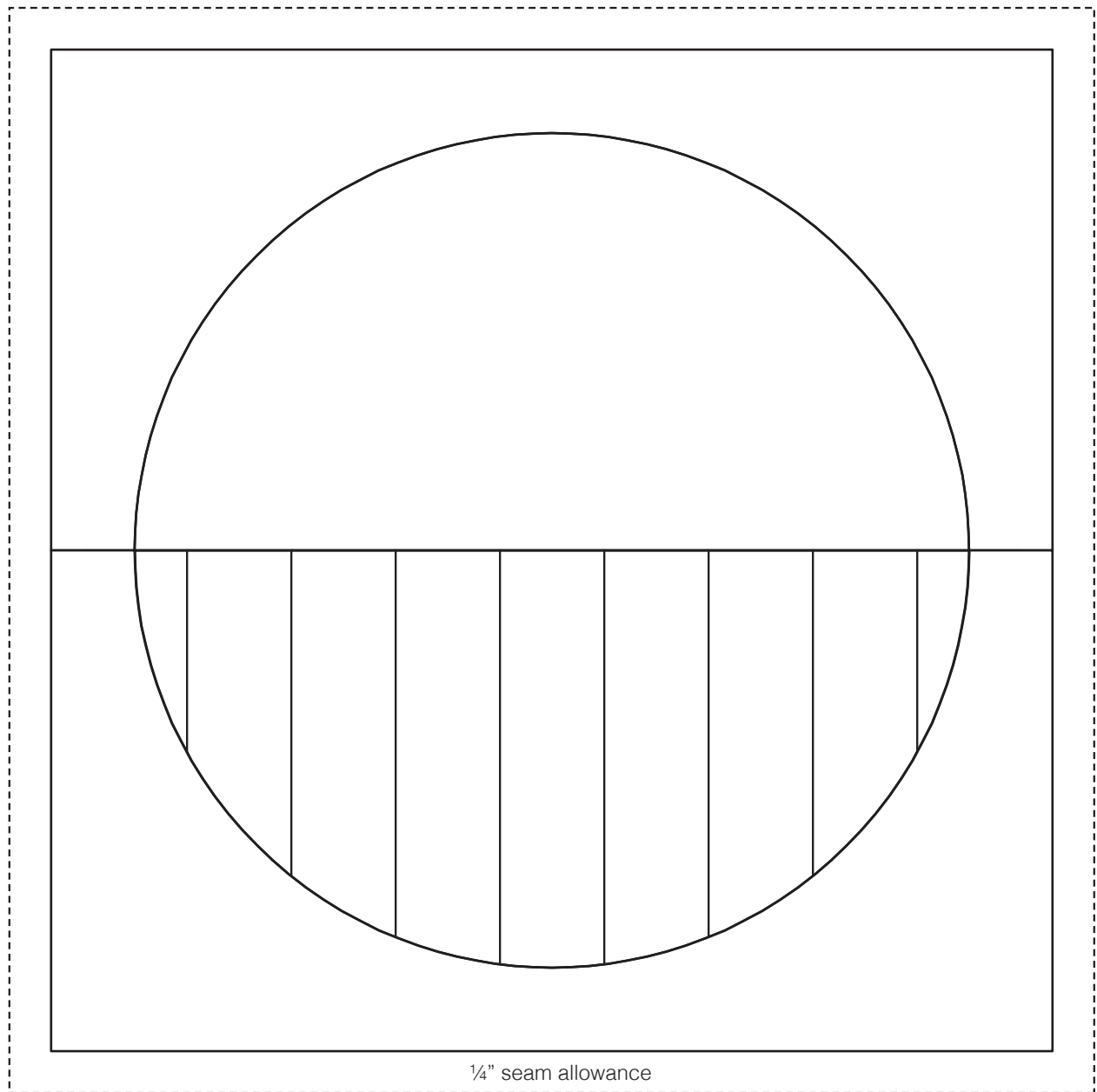
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Templates



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