

Melons

Quilt is 60" x 73".

Supplies

Melons: 12 assorted Fat Quarters*

Background & Border: 4½ yards

Binding: ⅝ yard

Backing: 4 yards

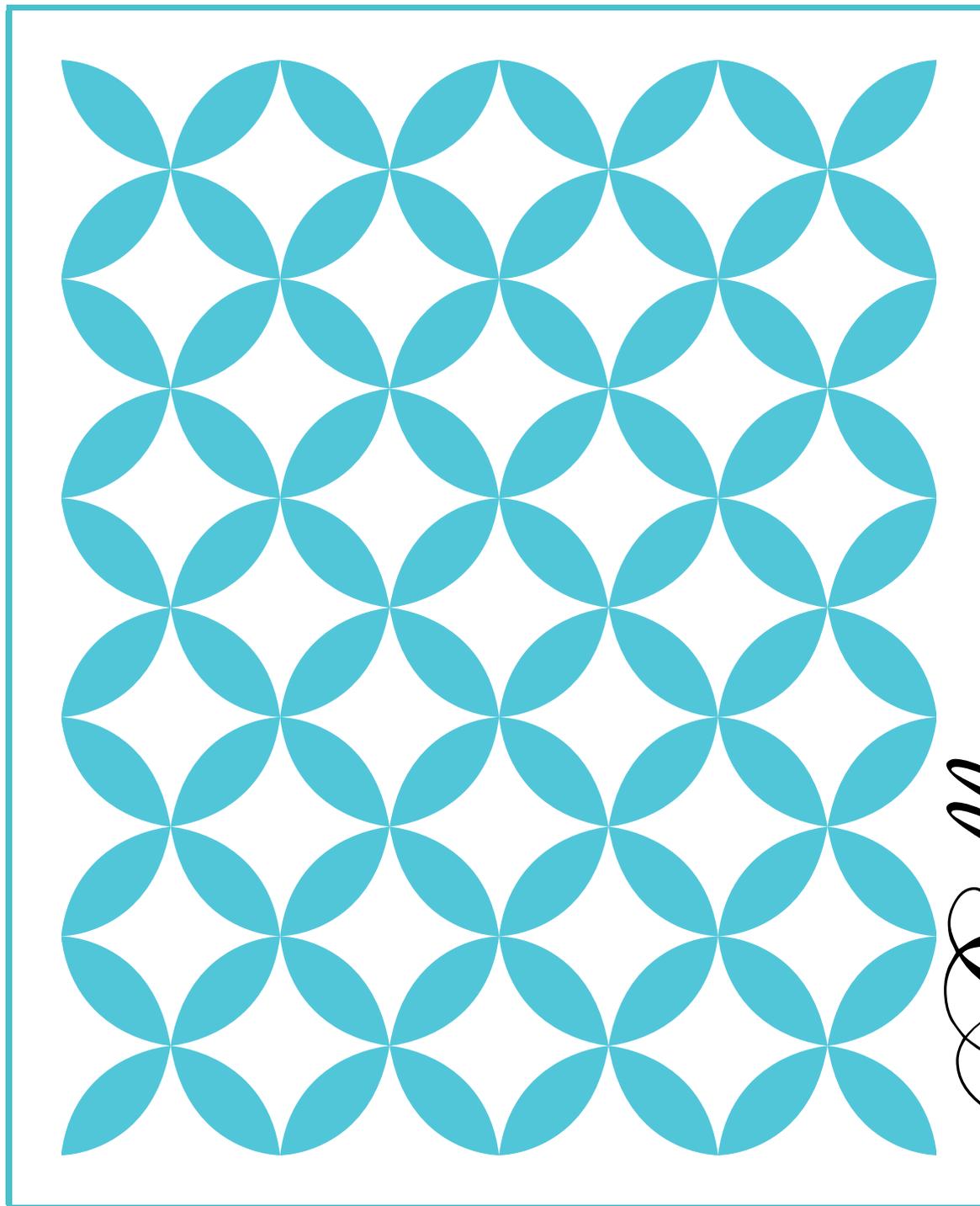
Freezer Paper for appliqué

Invisible Thread for appliqué

*Fat Quarters: 18" x 22"

***This quilt uses 31-10" x 10" squares for the Background. You could substitute 1-Layer Cake™ (42-10" x 10" squares) for the 10" Background squares.*

You will still need 2 yards of Background for the quarter square triangles and Border.



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12 pack Melons

Which colors will you choose?

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Cutting

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Background & Border:

3-14 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x width of fabric strips

From the strips, cut 5-14 $\frac{3}{4}$ " squares- cut the squares twice on the diagonal to make quarter square triangles. You need 18 quarter square triangles-QST.

8-10" x width of fabric strips

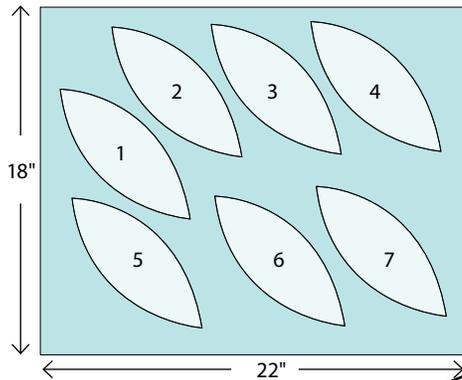
From the strips, cut 31-10" squares

7-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x width of fabric strips for the Border

Binding: 7-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x width of fabric strips

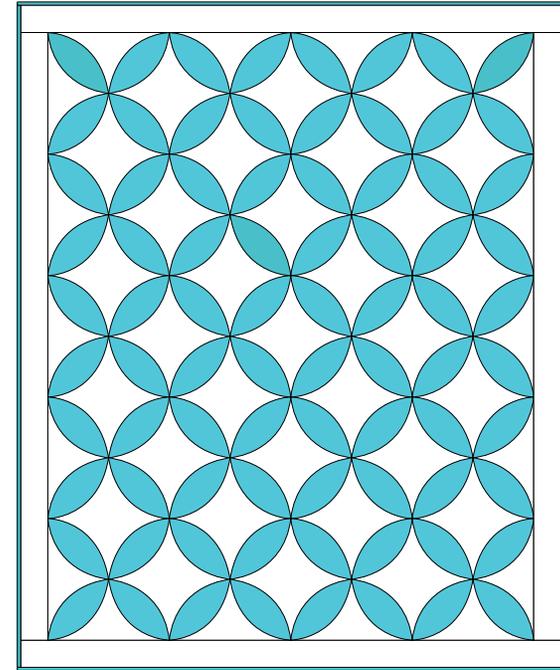
Sew the strips end to end to make the Binding.

Fat Quarter Freezer Paper Melon Layout



Be sure to leave room for a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam around the template.

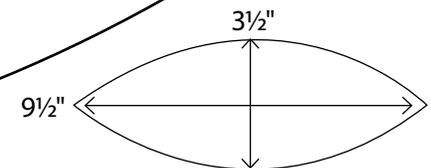
6 Layer, quilt and bind. ENJOY!



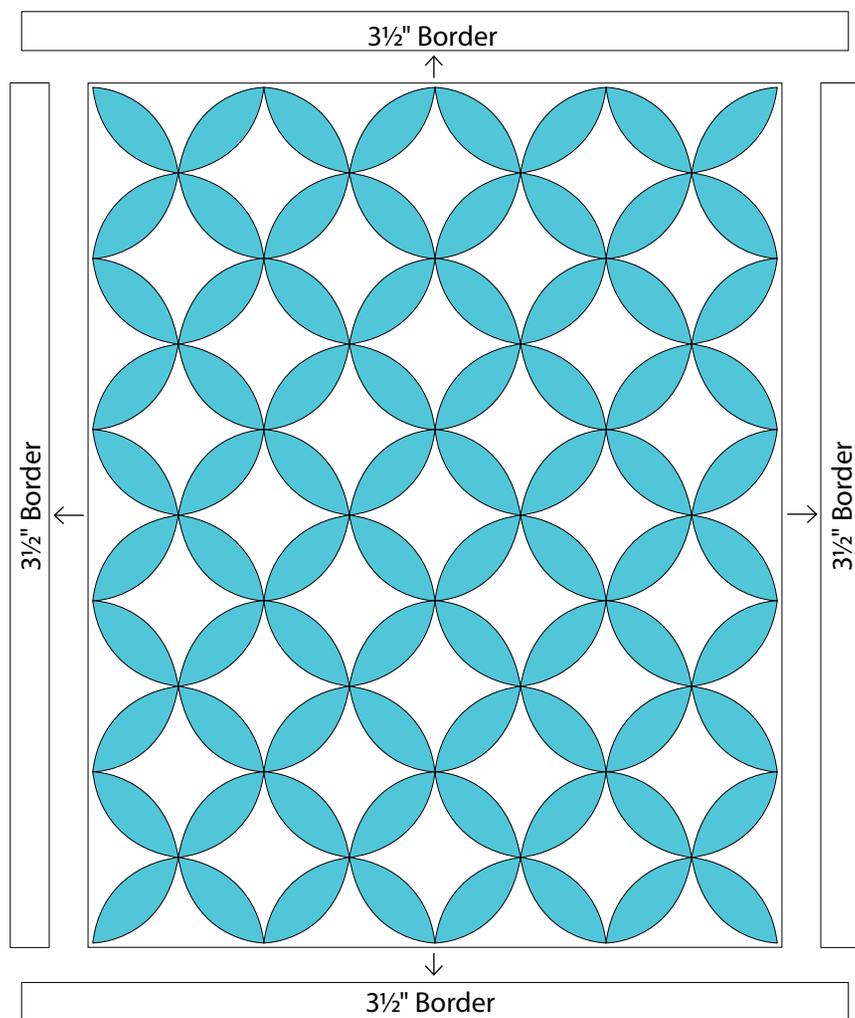
Melons is 60" x 73" finished.

Melon Template
Actual size.
Seam allowances are not included.
cut 80

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- 5 Sew the 7-3½" Border strips end to end. Add the Borders to the sides of the quilt then to the top and bottom. *Measure across the center of the quilt for the best measurements for the lengths of the Borders.*

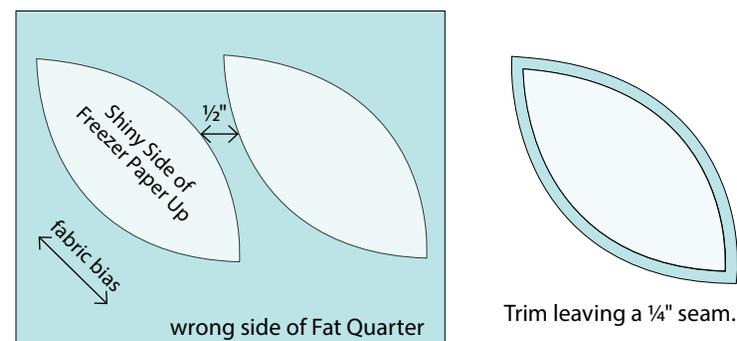


Construction (Use ¼" seams. Press in the direction of the arrows.)

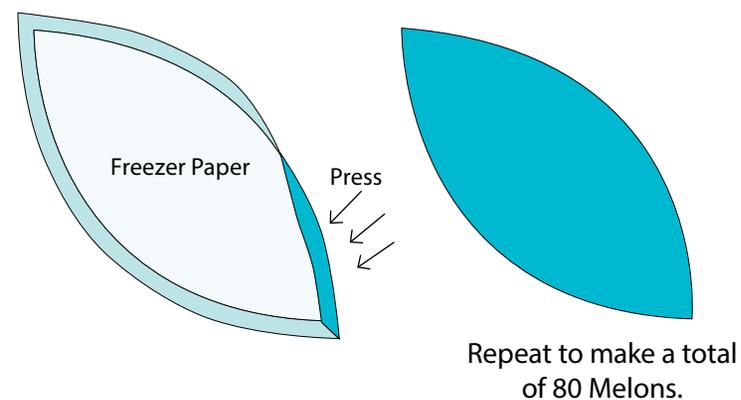
The instructions that follow are for invisible machine appliqué using freezer paper.

- 1 Trace the Melon design on the dull side of plastic coated freezer paper. Trace and cut 80 Melon freezer paper patterns.

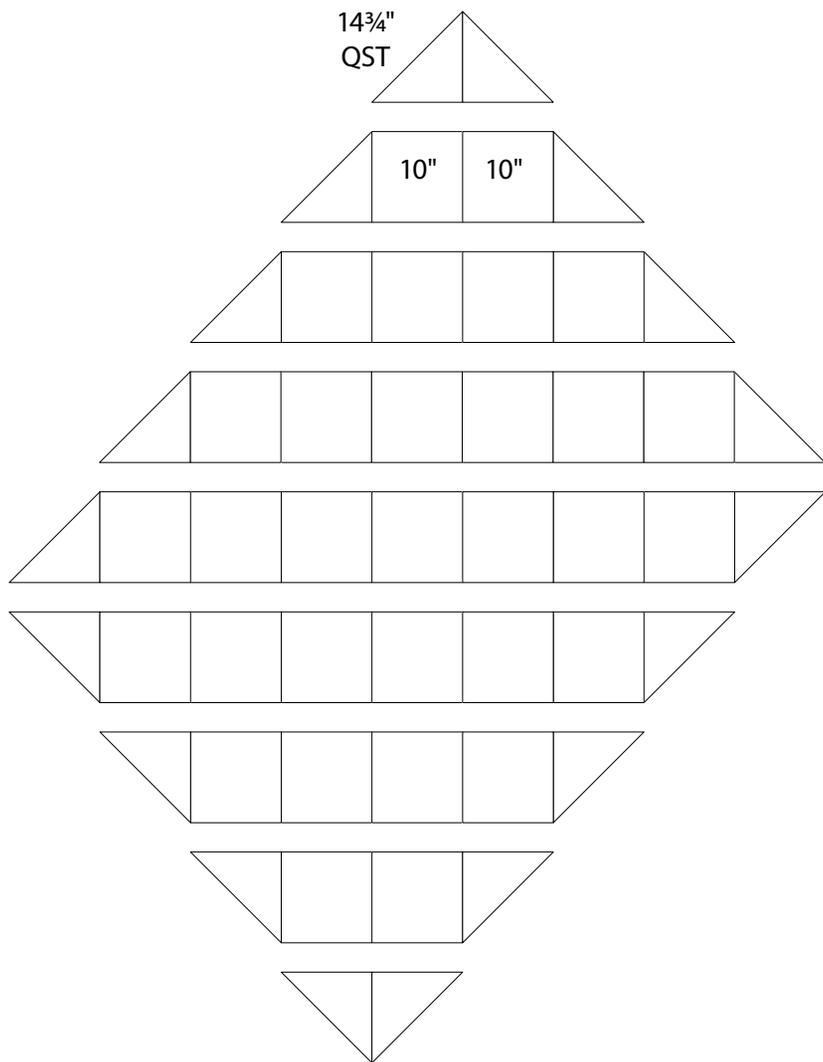
Place a Fat Quarter wrong side up on your ironing board. Apply a small amount of glue from a fabric glue stick on the *non-waxy* side of the each pattern piece and affix the pattern *shiny side up*, on the bias, to the wrong side of the Fat Quarter. Leave ½" between each pattern for seam allowances. *See layout under the cutting instructions.* Trim the excess fabric, leaving ¼" around the each pattern.



- 2 Using a hot iron with no steam, move the tip of the iron around the edge of the Melon pattern bonding the fabric to the shiny side of the freezer paper.

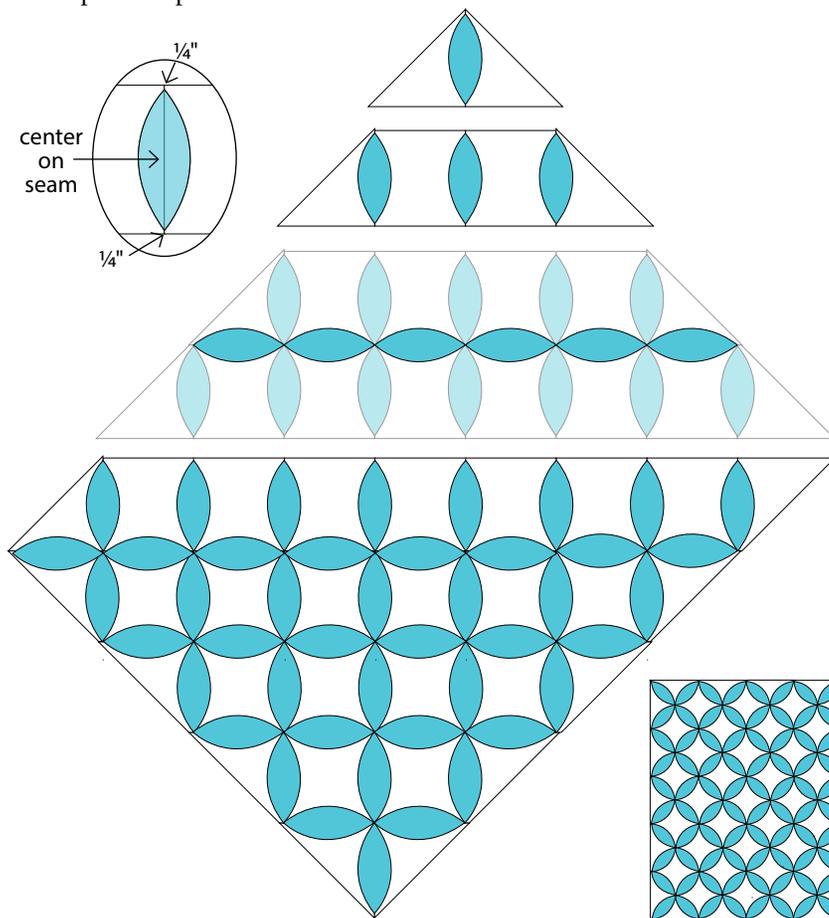


- 3 Assemble the 31-10" x 10" Background squares and 18-14³/₄" quarter square triangles in rows as shown. *See diagram for placement.* Press the rows in opposite directions. *Hint: Staystitch along both long sides of the rows to keep the seams from coming unsewn while you are appliquéing the Melons.*



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- 4 In the remaining steps, you be adding the Melons to the quilt top. Since the freezer paper is shiny side up, the area that is not covered by the fabric edge is still sticky and exposed. Lay Melons on the row, *shiny side down*, centering the Melon on the seam line. *Make sure the Melon stays inside the 1/4" seam line.* Iron the Melons in place to hold them while sewing.* When you are finished adding the Melons to the rows, sew the rows together. Add the Melons to the seam between the rows. Keep adding Melons then sewing rows together until the quilt top is complete.



***Invisible machine appliqué:**

Use Invisible Thread (100% clear nylon) with 0 tension on top, beige cotton thread on the bobbin, a quilting needle #90, and a very small zigzag stitch. As you zigzag make sure that the needle grabs the appliqué and the background fabric alternately. Zigzag around edge of appliqué with only 1 needle width onto appliqué. With very sharp scissors, make a small slit in your background fabric under the appliqué pieces and remove the freezer paper.