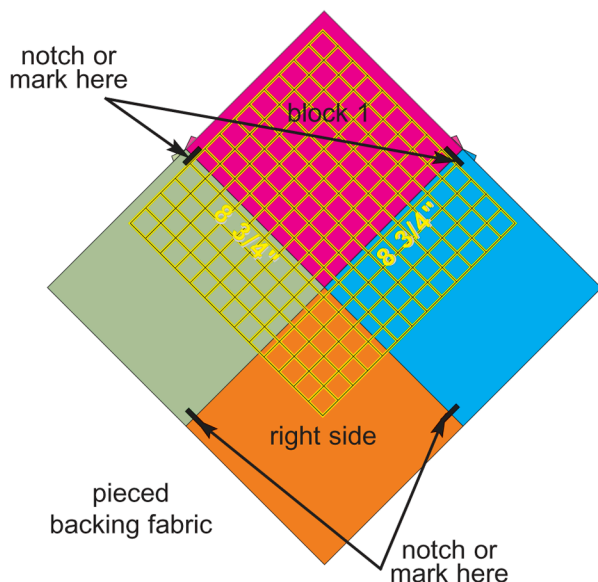
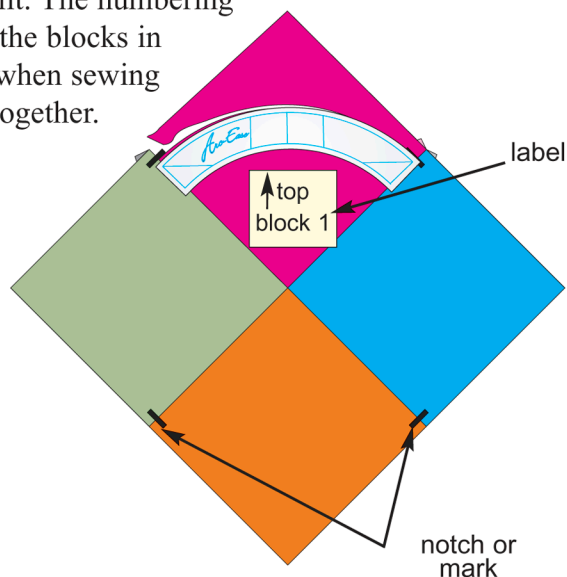


Creative Options for Pieced Backing

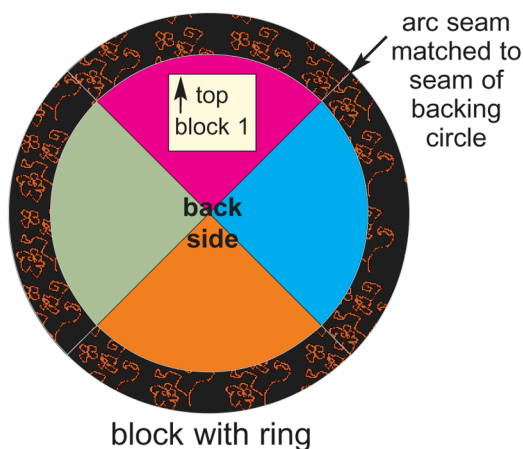
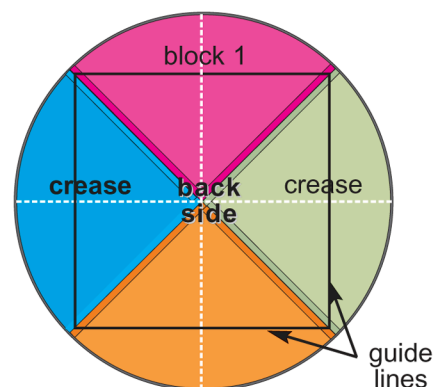
- Place a square ruler on the right side of the pieced backing, with the 8 3/4" measurement aligned to the seams.
- Cut little notches or mark carefully to establish both 8 3/4" points.
- Rotate the square and repeat this step.



- Place the Arc-Ease tool onto one quadrant of the backing square, carefully aligning the tool to both 8 3/4" notches.
- Cut along the outside of the arc in each quadrant, cutting out the circle.
- Label each backing circle with its assigned number noting the portion which is the top of the quilt. The numbering keeps the blocks in order when sewing them together.



- Measure the circle to be sure the diameter is exactly 17 1/2".
- Fold the circle diagonally to establish precise 1/8 sections.
- Press the folds into creases. The creases will be used later for placement.
- Mark the 12" guide line onto the backing circle, aligning corners of the guide line to the seams.



Completing a Pieced Back Quilt

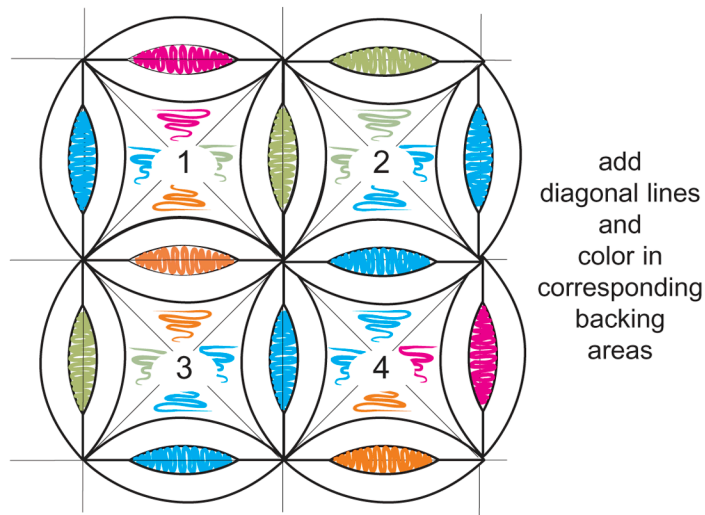
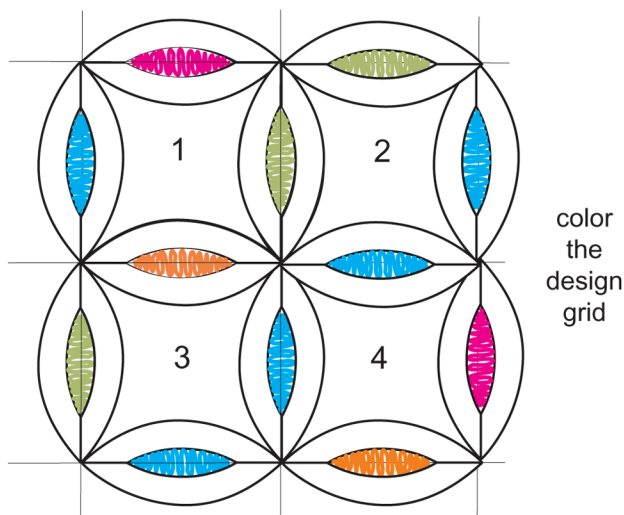
- Go to page 37 to complete your project.
- Follow the design grid numbers when assembling the blocks.
- When placing blocks together, check to see that the backgrounds match before sewing.

Creative Options for Pieced Backing

When the football areas are different colors within the same block, you add a secondary design element. Examples are the *Salsa* quilt and the *Imperial Wedding* quilt. Piecing the backing circles is the secret to this design option. As an added bonus, the back of the quilt is a wonderful surprise.

Designing

Plan your pieced backed *Rings That Bind* quilt by copying and coloring the grid found on page 53. Assign each block a number. Now you're ready to translate your design to the pieced backing.

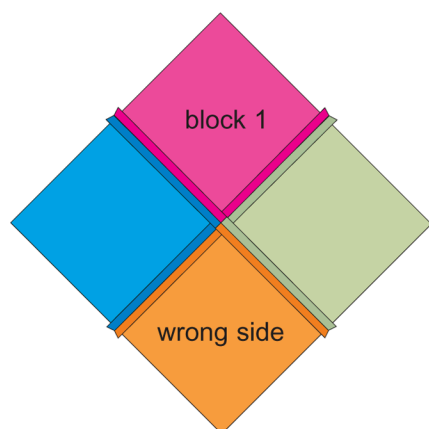


Making the Pieced Backing

- Approach each block individually.
- For each block, cut **four** 9 1/2" squares of backing fabric.
- Place squares of backing on point, **wrong** side up, to match your colored design.
- Sew the four 9 1/2" squares together to make one 18 1/2" pieced backing square.
- Press the seam allowances open, as you go.

Cutting the Scallop Pieces

- For each scallop, cut a 6" x 13" strip of fabric of the color matching the coordinating block.
- Fold the rectangle in half lengthwise and press a crease.
- Place the Arc-Ease tool on the crease and cut each scallop piece.
- For the example shown, cut three blue, two green, two rose and one orange scallop.



piece the backing square



cut the scallops using the Arc-Ease tool

