

Block of the Month: May 2017

* Appliqué Circle *

Were you inspired to try out some appliqué after the humorous lecture by David Taylor in April? Well, we are not going to be appliquéing hundreds of pieces, only one or maybe two or three for this block. And this block only needs circles (no edges or tips to turn under). Use your favorite method of appliqué: whether it's needle turn, freezer paper or machine stitched. Instructions here will be for freezer paper.

FABRICS NEEDED

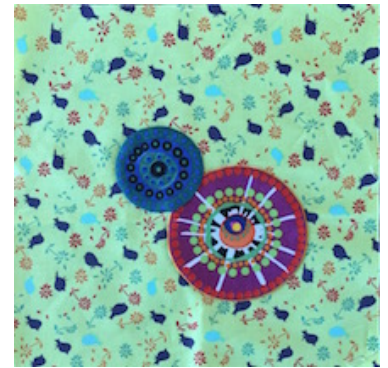
Background: Green fabric: 9"x9" square

Circle:

- Any fabric smaller than 9"x9" square to fit on the background.
- Perhaps find a flower or a circle fabric and fussy cut.
- Do you have an orphan block that you want to cut into a circle?
- Or make your own fabric, sewing snips and scraps of fabric and cut out the circle.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Take a piece of freezer paper to create a template. Draw a circle on the freezer paper using a plate, cup or other round shape - any size you want to fit onto the background square. And cut out on the drawn line.
- Iron the freezer paper template on the wrong side of circle fabric.
- Cut the fabric circle with a generous 1/4" seam allowance.
- Stitch around the very edge of the fabric with a large basting stitch leaving long beginning and ending tails. Carefully gather fabric and tie off threads.
- With hot iron press the seam allowance to the inside of the circle for a sharp folded edge.
- Snip gathering thread and carefully remove the freezer paper. Press seam allowance again using steam.
- If you are using multiple circles repeat the process.
- Pin circle/s onto your background.
- With a fine thread matching the circle fabric, stitch down the circle with slipstitches (Alternatively, if you prefer to machine appliqué the circles in place, use an invisible thread and your sewing machine's appliqué stitch.)



See these websites for more info:

<http://www.quiltingdaily.com/blog/tips-for-how-to-appliqu-circles>

<http://thecraftyquilter.com/2017/03/product-review-microquilter-a-new-thread-for-invisible-machine-applique/>

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Remember, we appreciate DIFFERENT blocks. So if you make multiple blocks, please use different fabrics. This BOM is due at the guild meeting on May 1, 2017. More info on the BOM on our [web site](http://www.mpgg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/) at www.mpgg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/