

Square Peg in a Round Hole

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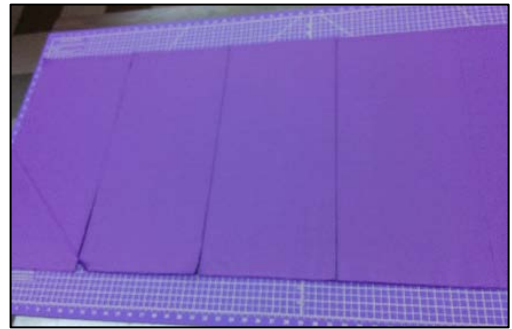
Finished Size 70" x 90"

Material Needed:

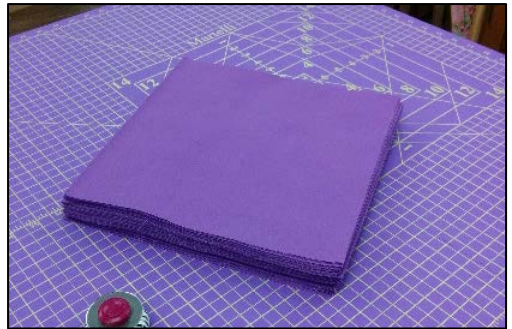
- 4.7 yards (4.25 m) background fabric
- 1 Jelly Roll **OR** Forty (40) – 2.5" x WOF Strips of assorted colors
- ½ yard (.5 m) of binding fabric
- Backing 88" x 100"
- Batting 88" x 100"
- Wright's Easy Circle Cut™ Template **OR** 8-inch diameter circle template (see pattern instructions)

NOTE: Use ¼" seam allowance for piecing.

Step 1: Cut the background fabric into 16 - 10.5" x WOF strips.



Step 2: Sub-cut the background strips into 10.5" x 10.5" Squares. You will get 4 squares from each strip for a total of 64 squares.



Step 3: Separate your Jelly Roll (or your cut strips) into lights and darks.



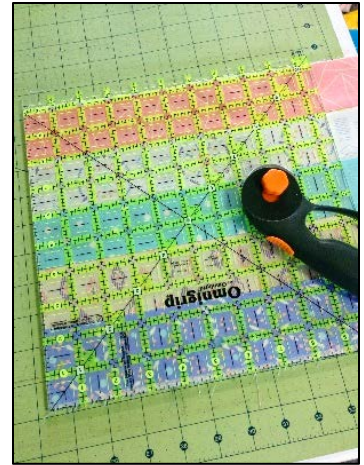
Step 4: Sew 5 strips together down the long edge, alternating light and dark strips.

Repeat step until you have 8 units that measure 10.5" x 44".



Step 5: Sub-cut the 8 units into 10.5" x 10.5" squares.

You will end up with 40 squares.



Step 6: (*Wright's Easy Circle Cut™ Template Method*)

Fold each of the 40 striped squares in half (*near left*). Align the Easy Circle Cut template with the fabric fold as shown at far right, centering the circle's center point on the middle fabric strip. Cut an 8" circle out of the center of each square. **Save both pieces as you will need both for your quilt.**



Alternate Step 6: (*Freezer Paper Template Method*)

Trace the half-circle template on to the paper side of freezer paper and cut out on the lines. (*NOTE: You may need to make several templates since the wax paper side will lose its ability to stick to your fabric after several applications.*) Fold each of the 40 striped squares in half. Align the flat part of the template along the folded edge of the square. Press in place with a warm dry iron. Use a rotary cutter and matt and carefully cut out the circle along the curved edge. **Save both pieces as you will need both for your quilt.**



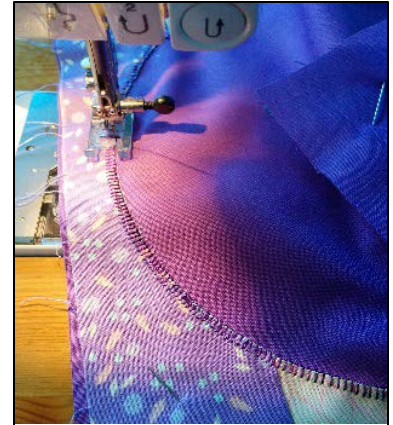
If you prefer to use scissors, place a few straight pins in the corners of the folded fabric to keep it together and then cut out the circle along the curved edge.

Step 7: Take 2 of your background 10.5" x 10.5" fabric squares and lay them out. Next center the circle in the middle of 1 background square and pin in place. Take the other outer cut piece and place it on the other background block as shown at right.

NOTE: You may choose to use temporary spray baste such as "505 Spray" for this step or you could use a fusible web as well for added stability. (*On this purple quilt I only pinned and it saved me time. —Jenny Root*)



Step 8: Appliqué around the circle in each block using your favorite appliqué method. Square each block to 10" x 10" and press each block when finished and separate into 2 piles.



Step 9: Sew into 7 rows of 9 blocks alternating between the 2 different blocks while also alternating the direction of the strips in each block as seen at right and on full quilt photo below.



10. Sew the 7 rows together, alternating the rows to stagger the circles as shown. Quilt with your favorite design and bind.

At far right is another example with borders. This is also perfect for that layer cake you love but don't want to cut up smaller. Have solid circles instead of the strips!



Pattern provided to APQS for free download courtesy of Jenny Root, © 2106.

8-inch Circle Template

Trace 6-8 patterns on to paper side of freezer paper. Cut out on solid line. Place waxy side down on fabric, aligning straight edge with fabric fold. Use a warm dry iron and press the template in place. Cut out circles according to pattern directions using a rotary cutter or scissors.

Place on fabric fold

