

Bellarine Sewing Centre

Picking Up the Pieces



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This quilt has been specifically designed for Lloyd Curzon Textiles for the purpose of fundraising for Catherine House, Adelaide and raising awareness of women's homelessness Australia wide.

Requirements

58 x 10" x 10" squares
45cm binding

Before You Start

Start by placing your fabric squares into groups of 2 in colours that work well together.

This quilt is made up of 2 sets of 4 rows. Some of the blocks when made will make 2 sets of each. Place one in the top group of 4 and one in the bottom group. This will evenly balance your fabrics.

There are 6 different blocks. There are 8 rows. Each row has one of each block. (6 across by 8 deep).

All blocks are made using a ¼" seam allowance.

Block 1 - Rails

You will make 2 sets from each group of 2 colours for this block. You need 4 sets of 2 fabrics.

To start with, select 2 fabrics.



From both colours cut 2 pieces 4 ½" x 8 ½".



Swap the pieces over so that you have one of each. Sew together to make 2 blocks.



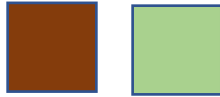
Repeat this process for the remaining 3 sets of 2 fabrics to give you a total of 8 blocks.

Place one block aside for the top 4 rows and one block for the bottom 4 rows.

Block 2 – Four Patch Block

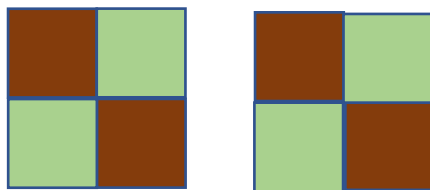
You will make 2 sets from each group of 2 colours for this block. You need 4 sets of 2 fabrics.

To start with, select 2 fabrics.



Cut 4 squares 4 ½" from each colour.

Place the squares as shown below.



Sew the squares together to form two rows. Press the seams underneath the dark fabric. Lay the top and bottom rows together with right sides touching and sew together. Make 2 blocks from each colour set.

Repeat this process for the remaining 3 sets of 2 fabrics to give you a total of 8 blocks.

Place one block aside for the top 4 rows and one block for the bottom 4 rows.

Block 3 – Half Square Triangles

You will make 2 sets from each group of 2 colours for this block. You need 4 sets of 2 fabrics.

To start with, select 2 fabrics.



From both colours cut 1 square 9" x 9"

Draw a line on the wrong side of the lightest fabric through one diagonal.



Place the two squares together with right sides touching.

Sew ¼" each side of the drawn line.

Rotary cut on the drawn line to give you two sets of half square triangles. Press light seams underneath the dark seams.



Place the 45 degree line of your ruler onto the centre seam and trim the half square triangles blocks to measure 8 ½" keeping the seam through the diagonal of the block.

Repeat this process for the remaining 3 sets of 2 fabrics to give you a total of 8 blocks.

Place one block aside for the top 4 rows and one block for the bottom 4 rows.

Block 4 – Square in a Square

You will make 2 sets from each group of 2 colours for this block. You need 4 sets of 2 fabrics.

To start with, select 2 fabrics.



You do not have much fabric to spare with this block so please cut carefully.

From each colour cut 2 strips 2" from the left side of the 10" square.

Cut these to measure 2" x 8 ½"

From each colour cut 2 strips 2" from the top right of the 10" square

Cut these to measure 2" x 5 ½"

From each colour cut 1 square 5 ½" x 5 ½" from the bottom right of the 10" square



Sew a 5 ½" colour 2 strip to each side of a colour 1 square

Sew an 8 ½" colour 2 strip to the top and bottom of a colour 2 square. Repeat for the reverse colour way.



Repeat this process for the remaining 3 sets of 2 fabrics to give you a total of 8 blocks.

Place one block aside for the top 4 rows and one block for the bottom 4 rows.

Block 5 – Quarter Square Triangles

You will make 2 sets from each group of 2 colours for this block. You need 4 sets of 2 fabrics.

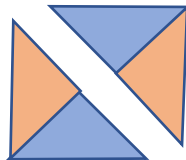
To start with, select 2 fabrics.



From each colour cut 1 square $9\frac{1}{4}'' \times 9\frac{1}{4}''$. Cut through both diagonals to give you quarter square triangles.



Reposition the colours so that you have 2 of each in each block



Sew the pieces together as shown above to make 2 halves. Press light seams underneath dark seams. Lay the two sides together with right sides touching and sew to make the block.

Repeat this process for the remaining 3 sets of 2 fabrics to give you a total of 8 blocks.

Place one block aside for the top 4 rows and one block for the bottom 4 rows.

Block 6 – Circle

You will only make 1 set from each group of 2 colours for this block. You need 8 sets of 2 fabrics.

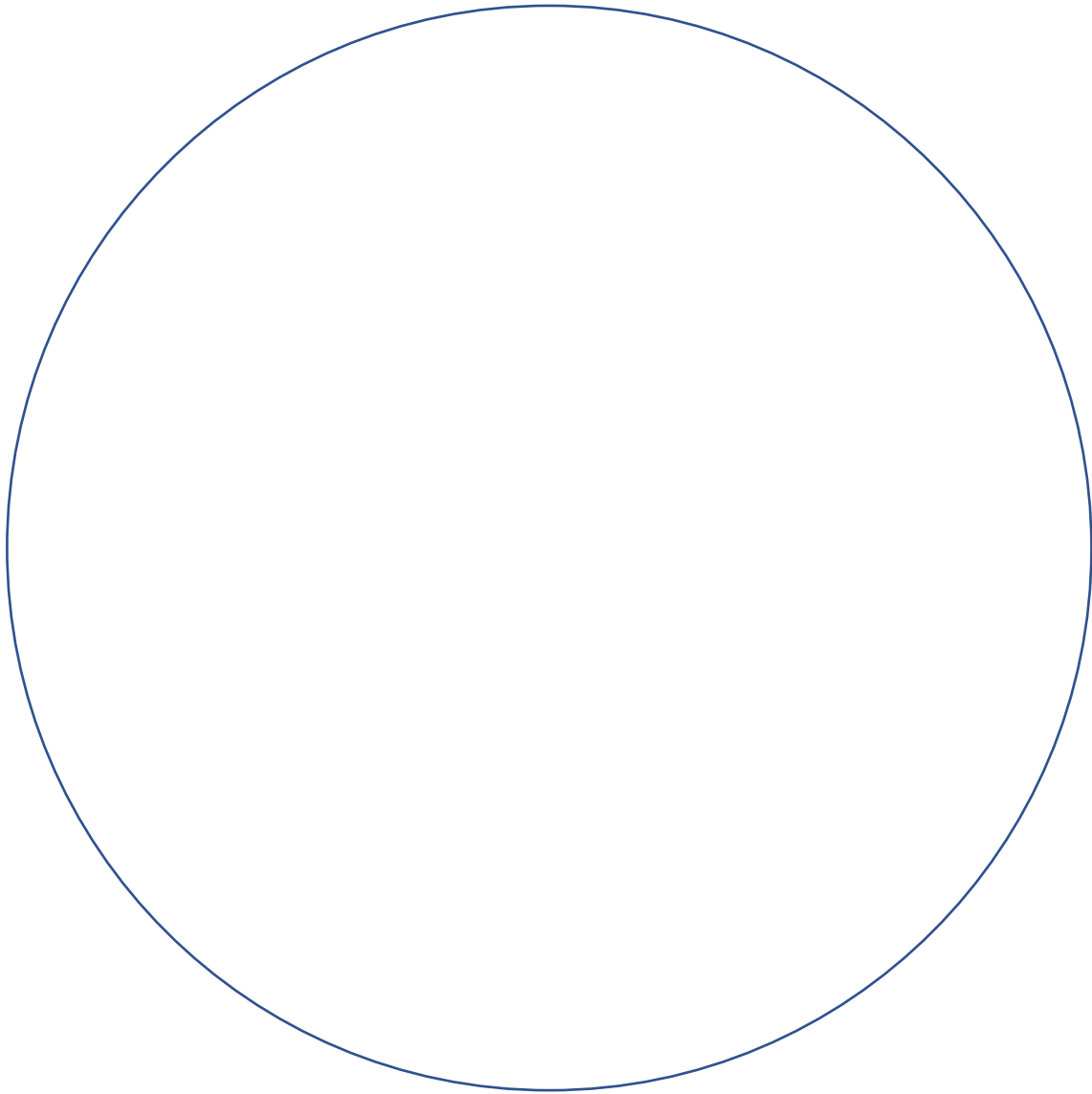
To start with, select 2 fabrics.



Trim one of the fabrics to measure $8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 8\frac{1}{2}''$.

Cut out the 6'' circle on the following page and glue to a piece of light card (a cereal box is perfect for this). Cut out exactly on the pencil line.

Lay the cardboard circle on top of the second colour and draw around the circle with a fabric marking pen. Cut out the circle **adding a $\frac{1}{2}''$ seam** outside the drawn circle line. The drawn line is the finished size of the circle.



Using a needle and thread, sew a running stitch all the way around the circle. Make sure you start with a good knot.

Lay the cardboard circle on top of the fabric circle and gently pull up the thread to gather the fabric. You will see that the fabric is folding itself over the circle. When you are happy that the fabric has covered the circle neatly all the way around, knot off the threads tightly.

Press the circle while the cardboard is still inside and then remove the cardboard and press again.

Centre the circle onto the background square.

Change your sewing machine stitch to a zig zag and reduce the width to around 1.4 and length to 1.4. Sew all the way around the circle to stitch it to the background square.

Repeat this process for the remaining 7 sets of 2 fabrics to give you a total of 8 blocks.

Place 4 blocks aside for the top 4 rows and 4 blocks for the bottom 4 rows.

Placement

There are 8 rows, each with 6 blocks. One of each style of block in each row.

You have placed your blocks into 2 groups, the top group of 4 rows and the bottom group of 4 rows.

Start by placing the blocks for the top 4 rows into place (you can follow the photograph if you need to). And then you will see that we have reversed the order for the bottom group of 4. For example the block that was in the top left on row one is now on the right side for row 5. This will help to balance the colours in the bottom section.

Sew the blocks together to form 8 rows.

Sew the rows together.

Binding

From the binding fabric cut 6 strips 2 ½" from the full width of the fabric. Join the strips together end to end using bias seams. Trim off the excess corner fabric, open up the seam and press flat.

Fold the strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides touching and press through the full length.

Sew to the quilted top using mitred corners. Fold over to the back of the quilt and hand sew into place.

Variation to Pattern

To make the version where all of the circle blocks are made with the same feature fabric on the same background fabric for each of the 8 blocks and using fat 1/8ths instead of 10" squares

Requirements

20 fat eighths 10" x 21"

50cm Background fabric for circle blocks

Note: As you are now working with fat eighths you have to work on row 1 and 2 colour placement first and then use the same fabrics in different colour groups for rows 3 and 4. Refer to the photograph if you are not sure.

Make all of the blocks the same as above until you get to the circle block. Follow these instructions for the 8 circle blocks.

Background fabric – cut 2 strips 8 ½" from the full width of the fabric.

Cut into 8 squares 8 ½" x 8 ½"

Use the main floral print and repeat the circle process in the main instructions but using the same background for each square.