

Circle Play

Supply list

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Book required: Circle Play by Reynola Pakusich, C & T Publishing

Fabrics for this quilt can be some of the wonderful fabrics you have purchased and just can't cut into! For your first quilt in this style, it may be easier to cut all your circles from the same fabric. Please purchase the book and read at least the beginning section on fabric selection to help you in your fabric choices. The construction techniques are simple, but the final results are stunning because of your choice of fabrics with their different characteristics. For circles with one fabric only, choose a fabric with these guidelines in mind.

1. Scale – are there both small and large motifs?
2. Density – are there areas of more and less space between the motifs?
3. Shapes – are they flowing or geometric?
4. Texture – is the background plain or printed?
5. Value – are there light, medium and dark areas in your fabric?

It will take ½ yard of fabric to make 9 circles. Purchase more fabric for a larger quilt.

Background fabrics: Choose fabrics with colors that **blend** with your circle fabric. These colors do not have to be exact matches to the colors in your focus fabric. Choose fabrics that encompass a full range of values from light to dark. The value change in your supporting fabric should not be as great as the value change in your focus fabric. Choose fabrics with different textures – shapes and lines. Don't be afraid to include ethnic or animal prints. My second quilt contains a fabric with lighthouses, and they are turned sideways! Fat quarters or smaller pieces will work for the backgrounds. Bring lots!

Rotary cutter, mat and rulers – turntable mats are useful, if you have one

Paper scissors or rotary cutter for paper

Several sheets of computer paper, or similar paper

One sheet template plastic with grid lines

One manila folder

Spray sizing, Q-tips and small jar lid

Basic sewing supplies

Machine with ¼" foot

Thread to blend with fabrics, invisible thread if you plan to machine appliqué circles (.004 weight – not from JoAnn's) or matching thread for hand appliqué

Design wall – piece of flannel or fleece