

Fabric to Create the Magic Circle Block

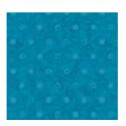
If you are buying fabric for each block on a monthly basis, you will need three fabrics for this block; a teal blue, a green, and the gray background fabric.

Please see more details about fabric requirements <u>here</u>. You will follow the *Alternate Cutting Instructions* below if you are cutting from a kit.

Please also download the **BERNINA Block Party Fabric Chart**.

If you are using the <u>Sun Print 2017</u> Andover fabric line by <u>Alison Glass</u>, the specific colors are listed in bold:

Fabric Requirements



Fabric A: Teal Blue A-8484-T 1/4 Yard



Fabric B: Green A-8483-V 3/8 Yard



Fabric C: Gray A-C-Black 1/4 Yard

Supplies

Patchwork Foot <u>#37</u>/<u>37D</u> or <u>#57</u>/<u>57D</u> or <u>#97</u>/<u>97D</u>

Adjustable Ruler Foot #72 (if using a BERNINA Domestic Sewing Machine)

Ruler Foot #96 (if using the Q20 Sit-down Model)

BERNINA Q-matic Longarm Quilting Automation System (optional)

<u>BERNINA Ruler Work Kit</u> (if using Q 24 the Q 20 Longarm Machine on a frame) includes Ruler base, Ruler foot #96 and Straight Ruler

Quilter's Groove ProEcho Rulers 6" and 9"

Cutting Instructions

The following cutting requirements are for three identical blocks.

Fabric A: 12 Rectangles 6 ½" X 3 ½"

Fabric B: 48 Squares 2 3/4"

Fabric C: 3 Squares 6 1/2"

12 Squares 3 1/2"

Alternate Cutting Instructions if Cutting from Kit

Fabric A: Cut two 3 1/2" strips, then cut 12 rectangles 6 ½" X 3 ½".

Fabric B: Cut four 2 3/4" strips, then cut strips into 48 squares 2 3/4". Set aside remainder of last strip.

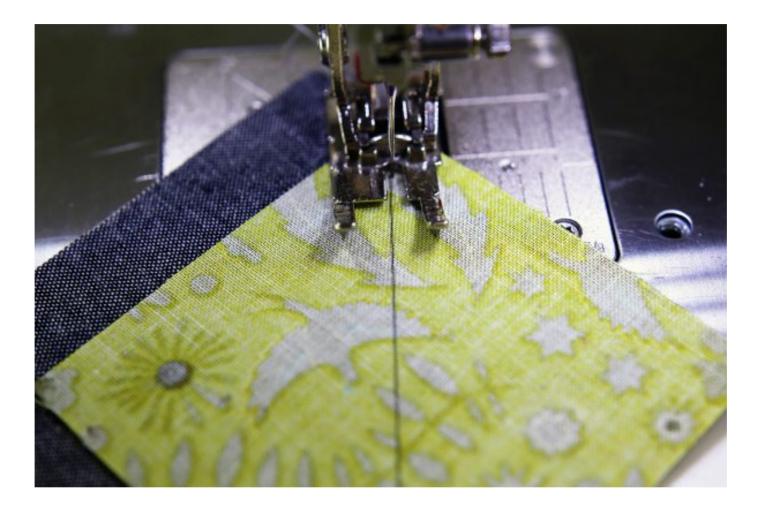
Fabric C: Cut one 3 1/2" strip, then cut 12 squares 3 1/2".

Cut three 6 1/2" squares from remainder of the 6 7/8" strip used in block 3

Piecing the blocks:

Begin by drawing a line diagonally across all the green squares.

With right sides together, place a green square on one corner of each of the 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " gray squares. Stitch on the drawn line.



Trim excess to 1/4". Press the seam toward the gray fabric. Make a total of 12 units.



Place a green square on the two upper corners of each Teal Rectangle. Stitch on the drawn line.



Trim excess to 1/4". Press seams toward the teal fabric. Make a total of 12 units



Repeat the same process, stitching a green square to each corner of the large gray background square and trimming the excess to 1/4". Press the seams toward the gray fabric. Make 3 units.



Seam together a teal/green rectangle unit with two small gray/green square units on each side. Make a total of 6 of these rectangle units.



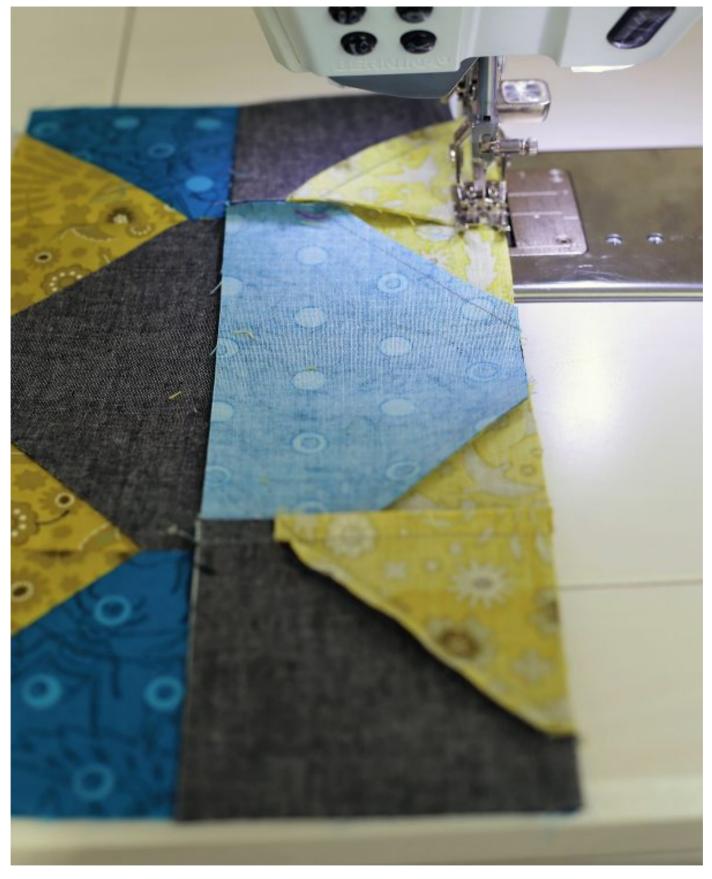
Seam together the large gray/green center square units with two teal/green rectangle units on each side.



Make a total of 3 of these seamed units.



Now seam two of the previously stitch rectangle units to one center unit to create the block. Each block is 12 ½" X 12 ½". Repeat to make a total of three blocks units.



Stitch the three block units together. The block should measure 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 36 $\frac{1}{2}$.



When you seam the three blocks together, notice that the teal rectangles now form alternating squares with the gray center squares. This makes the perfect places for some fabulous quilting!

Set aside this large block for now if you are going to make the entire quilt. The entire quilt top will be pieced together before the final quilting of the layers is done.

Each month, I will give you instructions for a different quilting technique. Experiment with the techniques, and later when it is time for you to quilt the entire quilt, you will have a better idea of what quilting technique or techniques you want to try!

Join Denise Jones this month for another wonderful project using this block and some of the techniques in the quilting lesson. Her next project will post on July 17, here on WeAllSew.

Ruler Work and Motif Quilting: A Quilting Lesson

This month we will continue with more ruler work, as well as explore motif quilting.