

Simple Orange-Peel 9-Patch by Rita Fishel

This pattern uses the Creative Grids® Circle Set Rulers. You may cut your circles from the size of your choice. For simplicity we will make this pattern as a simple 9-patch block using the 5½ circle. As a project this could be done for a table runner, wall-hanging, candle-mat, etc.

- Cut a total of 18 circles from the 5½" Creative Grids® Circle. You have the option of using the placement marks that divide the circles to fussy-cut your fabrics.
- Place your cut circles in pairs, right sides together, and sew around each pair ¼" in from the raw edge. Clip curve all the way around the circles.



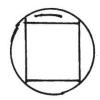
 Decide which fabric in each pair will be the <u>right side</u>, (or top) of your finished project. Refer to the illustration below and slit the fabric enough to turn your circle right-sides-out.



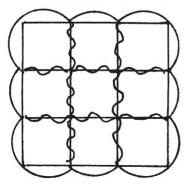
4. Use a point-turner, or something to smooth the seam edge around the circle, and press flat.



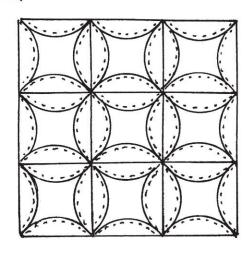
5. Lay a Creative Grids® 3½" square ruler on your completed circles, and with a marking pencil draw an outline of the ruler. *HINT: Be sure the slit that was used to turn your circle right-sides-out is centered above the line of the 3½" square ruler (see illust.)



Matching these drawn markings, sew the circles together to form a 9-patch. The seam allowances will be on the <u>right side</u> of your 9-patch.



7. Fold back the seam allowances and top-stitch near the edge of the circle. You might consider using a decorative machine stitch to do this. You may want to place a photo-transfer under these curved edges for a quick Memory Project. Let your imagination develop this idea even farther!



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