

Block of the Month by Karen G. Fisher

50/50 Block B: Circle in a Square



50/50 Block B: Circle in a Square is made of a circle that is half the area of the square around it. Except, you cut up the circle any way you like and rearrange the pieces. **AS LONG AS YOU USE ALL THE PIECES, AND APPLIQUE THEM TO THE BACKGROUND, THE BACKGROUND & FOREGROUND WILL BE IN EQUAL AMOUNTS!**

Because it's December, I used Christmas fabrics, but this can be fun in any colors, black & white fabrics, even scrappy. And it could make a great I Spy design for a child's quilt.

SO, the basic measurements and patterns. No math required! (these proportions are not QUITE perfect, but we're doing quilting, not engineering!)

For a 6" block: background square—cut 6 ½" x 6 ½"

For an 8" block: background square—cut 8 ½" x 8 ½"

See patterns on next page for circles for different size blocks.

My favorite applique method:

Cut fusible interfacing the size of your circle. Do not use a product that fuses the two pieces of fabric to each other—you are making your applique fabric more stable. If you are using a variety of fabrics, cut the number of circles you need for the blocks you are making.

Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of your circle fabric. **MAKE SURE** the whole surface is securely fused so that it does not peel apart as you cut it apart.

Trim your fabric to the exact size of your circle, so that as you cut it apart, each piece will have a fused, ready-to-stitch edge. Find an arrangement of the pieces that you like, and pin in place.

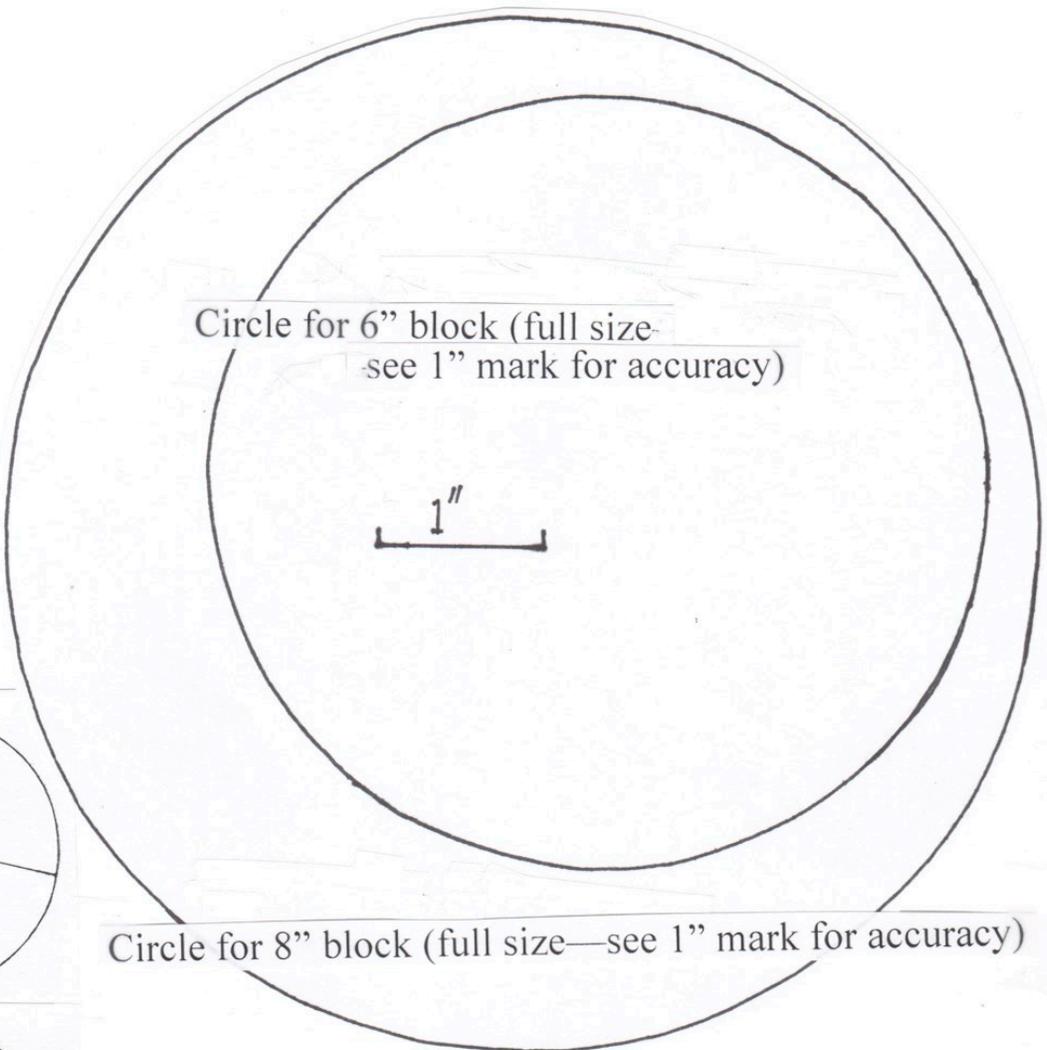
Stitch down. A small zigzag or blanket stitch gives a sturdy finish and adds a bit of detail.

See drawn examples on the next page for some possible ways to cut your square apart, and some finished pieces as well. I discovered that the easiest way to start was by opening up the "seams" between the pieces to let the background show. Then it can be fun to completely rearrange your shapes however you like. **JUST MAKE SURE TO USE EVERY PIECE!**

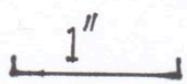
For an 8" block: background square—cut 8 ½" x 8 ½"; inner square cut 5 ¼" x 5 ¼"

For a 12" block: background square—cut 12 ½" x 12 ½"; inner square cut 8 ½" x 8 ½"

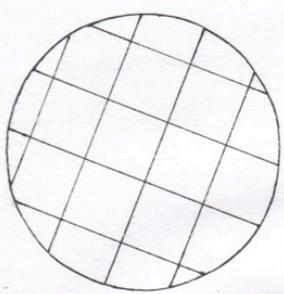
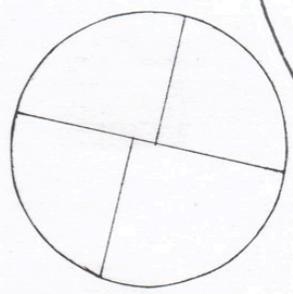
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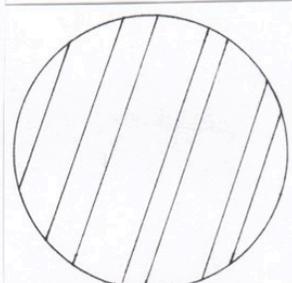
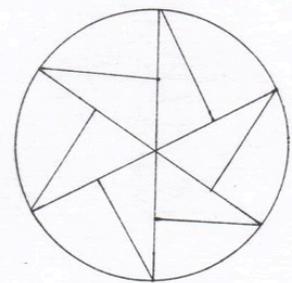
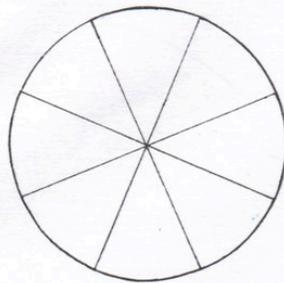
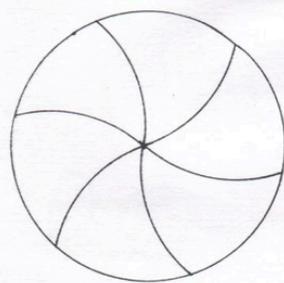
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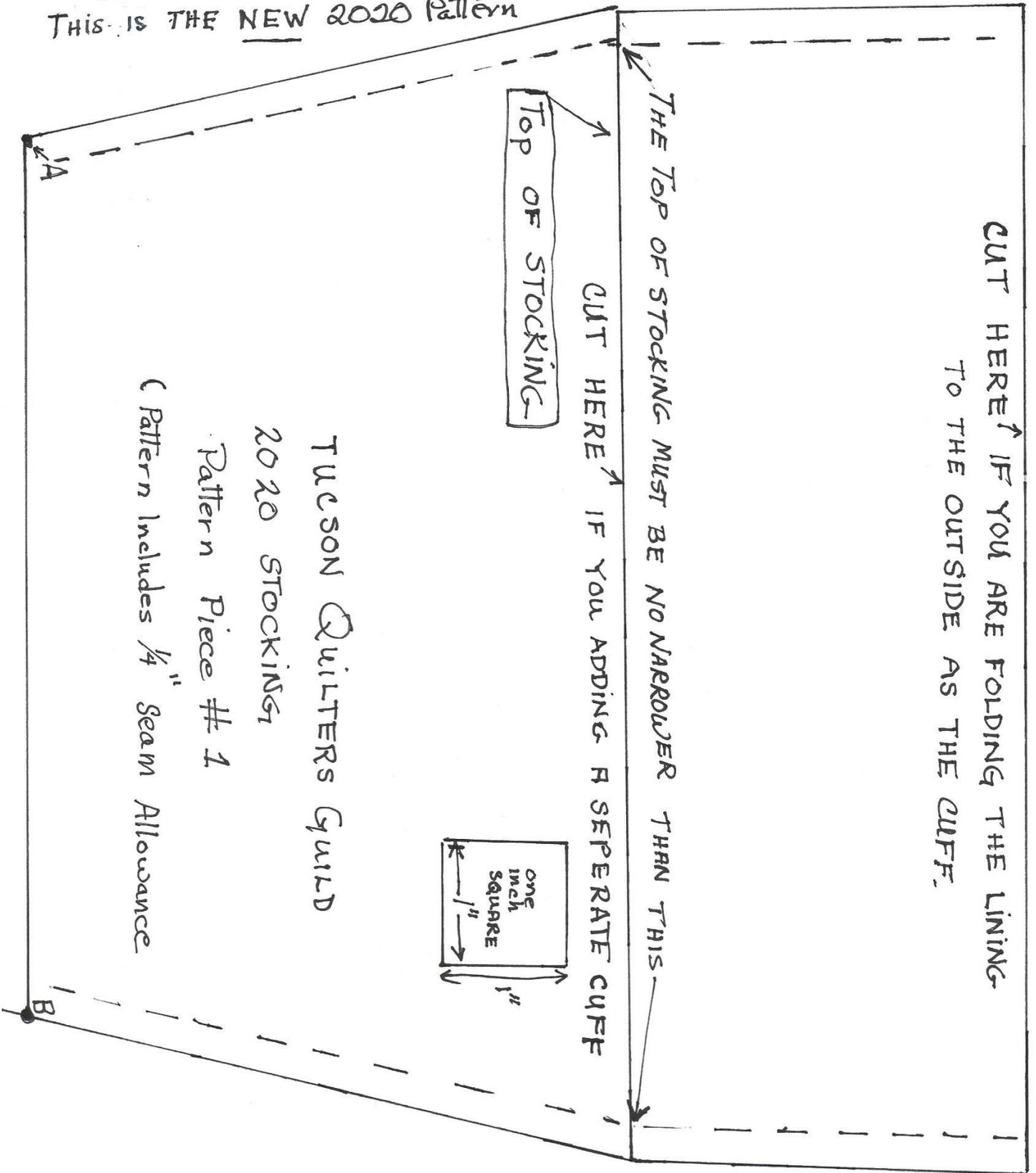
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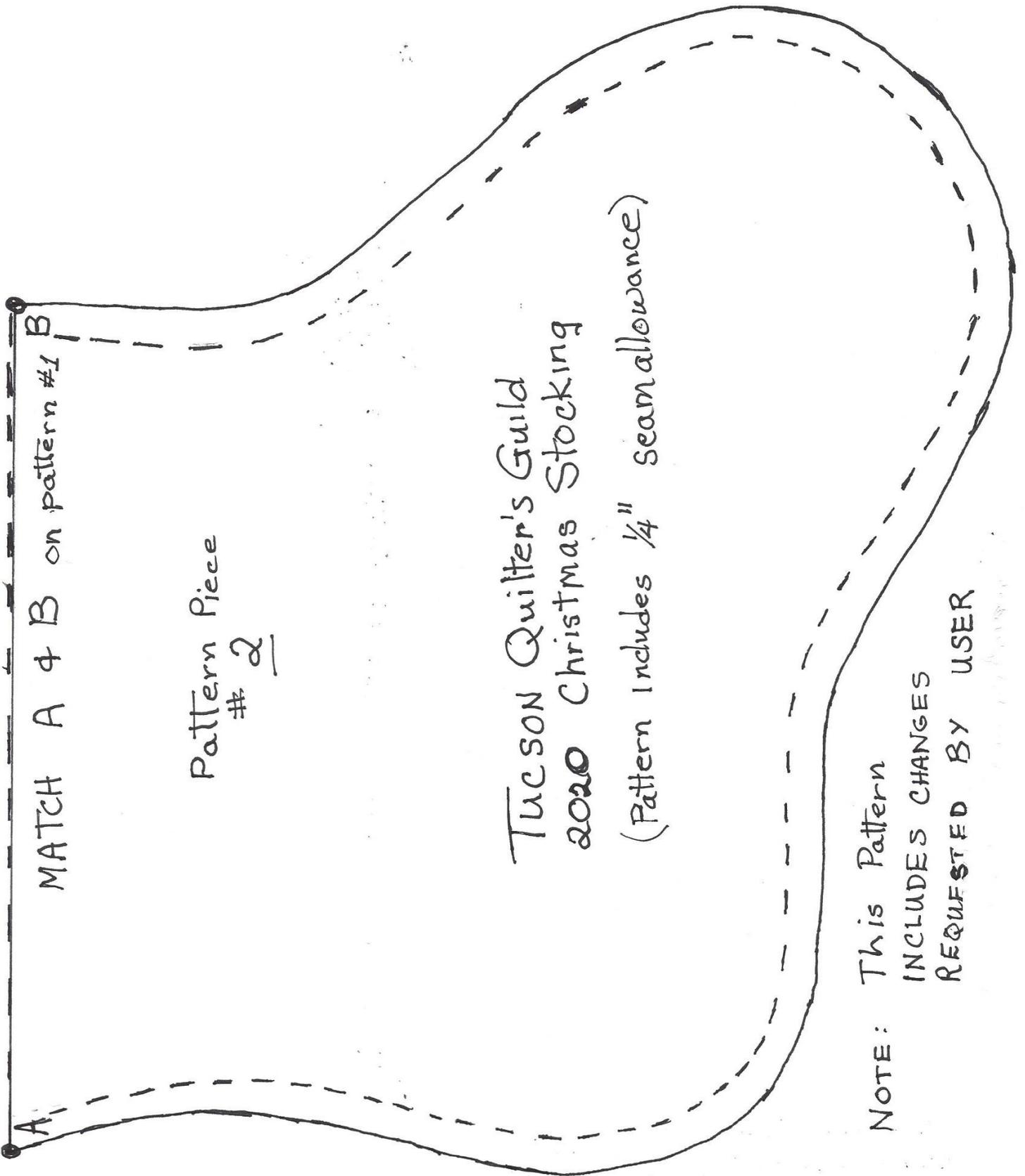


Some ways to cut apart your circle before applique



Please discard previous patterns.
THIS IS THE NEW 2020 Pattern





MATCH A & B on pattern #1

Pattern Piece
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Tucson Quilter's Guild
2020 Christmas Stocking
(Pattern includes 1/4" seam allowance)

NOTE: This Pattern
INCLUDES CHANGES
REQUESTED BY USER