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Orb Medallion Quilt

Finished Size: 60" x 60"

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Intro:

This quilt is a medallion of appliqued circles, or orbs, arranged in concentric circles, or orbits. Have fun with the arrangement of orbs. Don't worry about getting the perfect placement - your mind will correct any nuances naturally. Though I teach you my favorite applique technique within, feel free to use your favorite technique.

Materials

3 packs of 2.3" Wa! Pre Cut Circles (L's Modern)

3 packs of 3" Wa! Pre Cut Circles (L's Modern)

3 packs of 5" Wa! Pre Cut Circles (L's Modern)

4 yards of background fabric - Yarn Dyed Cloth, 31260 - 06 Natural

4 yards for backing - Yarn Dyed Cloth, 31260 - 05 Dark Night

1/2 yard for binding - White/Black Polkadots - Color Basic 4505-BK

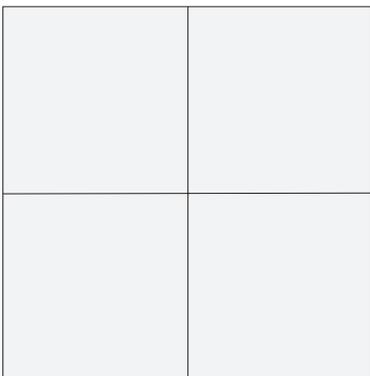
Cutting

From the linen background cut 2 rectangles 30 1/2" x 60 1/2"

From the Wa circle precuts choose 12 colors of circles. From each color you will need 3 of each size: 2 1/2", 3", and 5". You should have 108 circles as together.

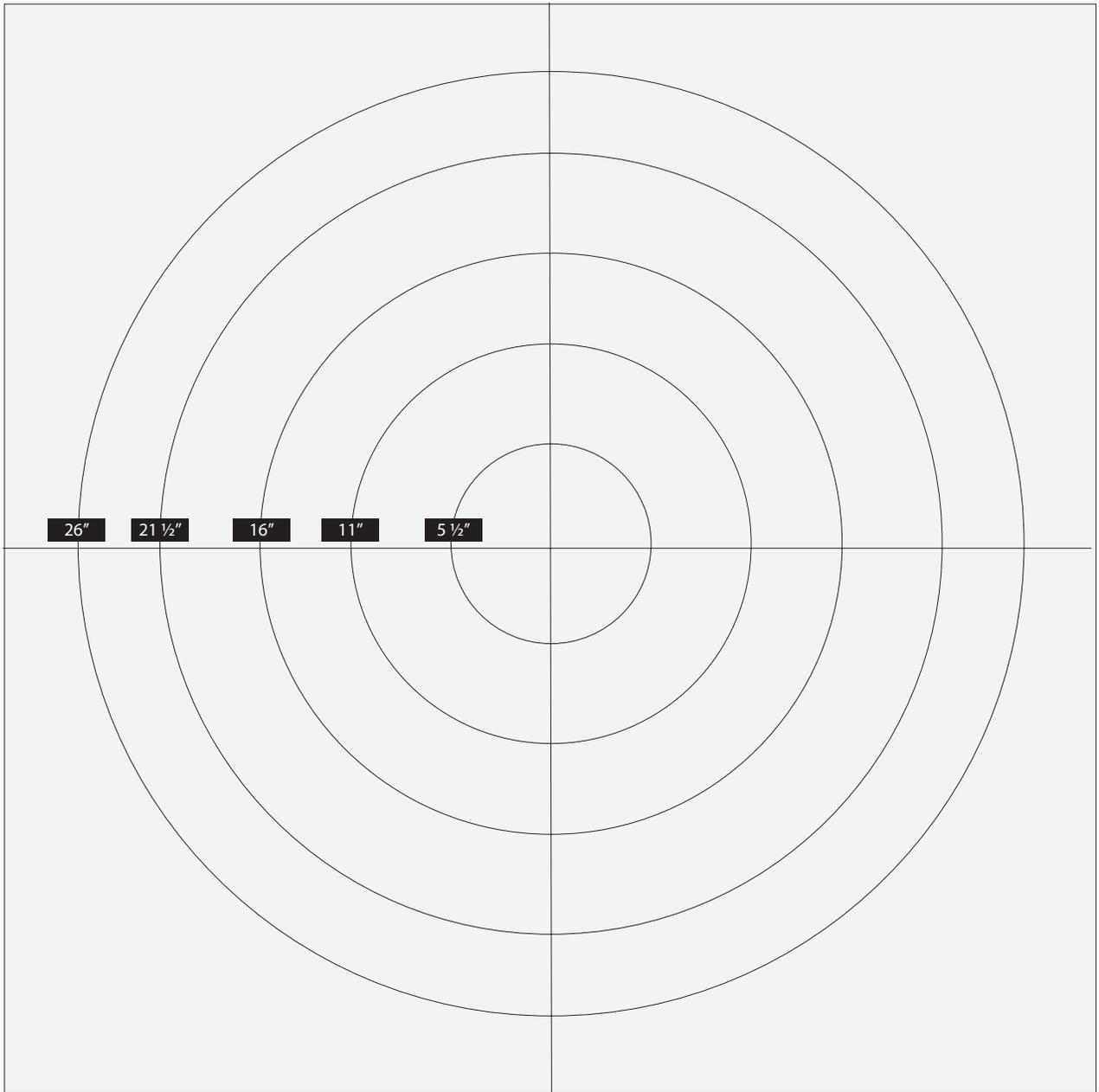
Piece and Prepare Background

1. Piece the linen background together to create a 60 1/2" x 60 1/2" square. and press the seam to the side.
2. Fold the background in half and press to create a line in the background.



3. (Optional) Consider using fabric marking pen on a string to created the concentric circles, or orbits, around the center point of the background. The orbits measure 5 1/2", 11", 16", 21 1/2", and 26" from the center of the background.

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Make the Orbs

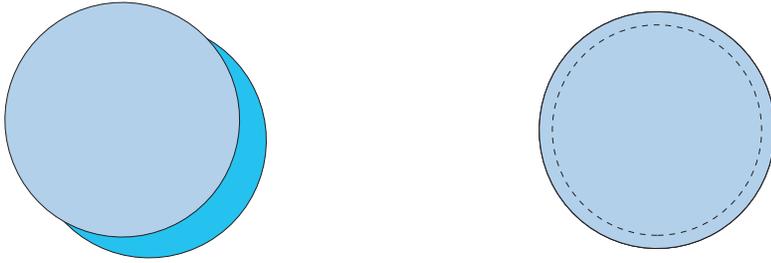
There are many ways to "make" these orbs. Any number of applique techniques will work. This is how I did it:

1. Pair your chosen circles with extra circles from the Wa precuts.

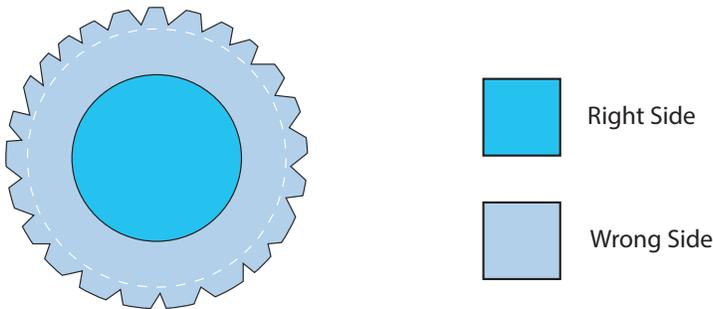
Hint: Choose like colored circles, just in case the extra circle shows.

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2. With right sides together, sew 1/4" seam all around the pair.



3. Cut a hole in the fabric you don't want to show. Clip and trim the outer curved seam all around the circle. Turn the circle right side out massaging the orb to create as perfect a circle as possible. Press.



4. Make 9 circles (3 of each size: 2 1/2", 3", and 5") from each of the 12 colors. You should have 108 circles all together.

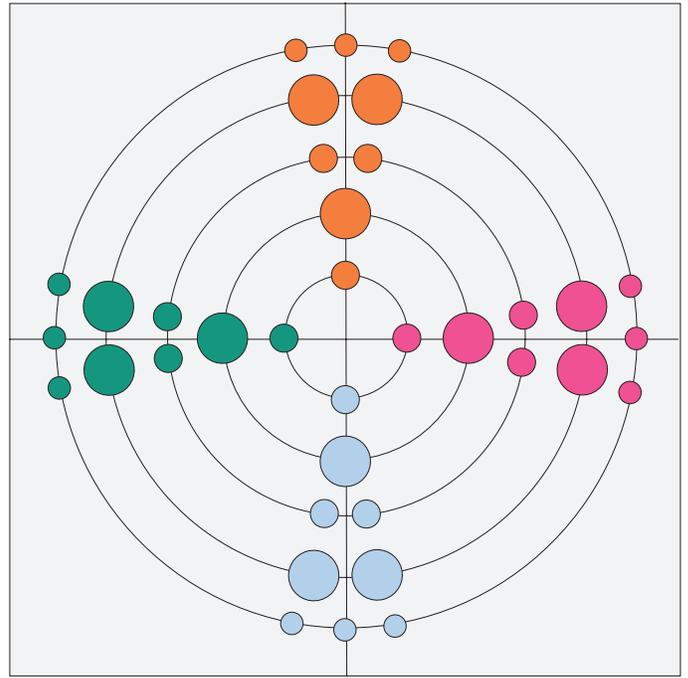
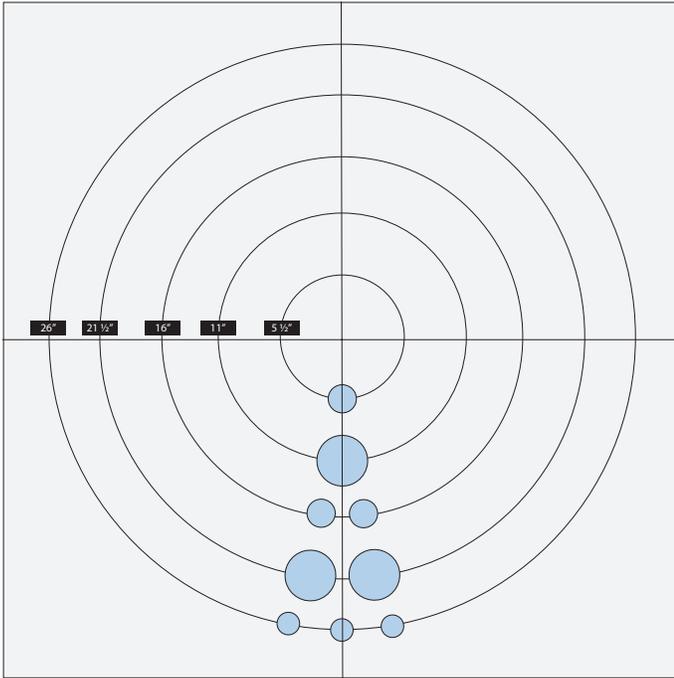
Assemble the Quilt Top

The orbs will be arranged in concentric circles, orbits, around the center of the quilt top. The orbits measure 5 1/2", 11", 16", 21 1/2", and 26" from the center of the background. Each orb's approximate center will be on the orbit.

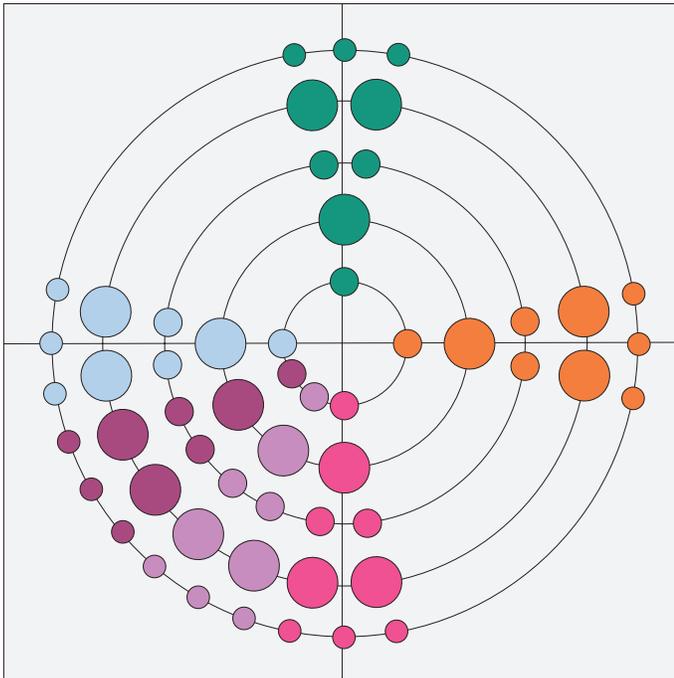
Tip: Your mind will correct any positional nuances naturally. Therefore it is not necessary to obsess over the perfect alignment. In fact, even if you were to perfectly position the orbs, they most likely will shift during top-stitching or quilting. So instead, just enjoy playing with the orbs and have fun.

1. Beginning with the bottom, lay out the circles as shown in the diagram. Repeat to add the sides and top. Tip: I used a tape measure to guide each orb's placement.

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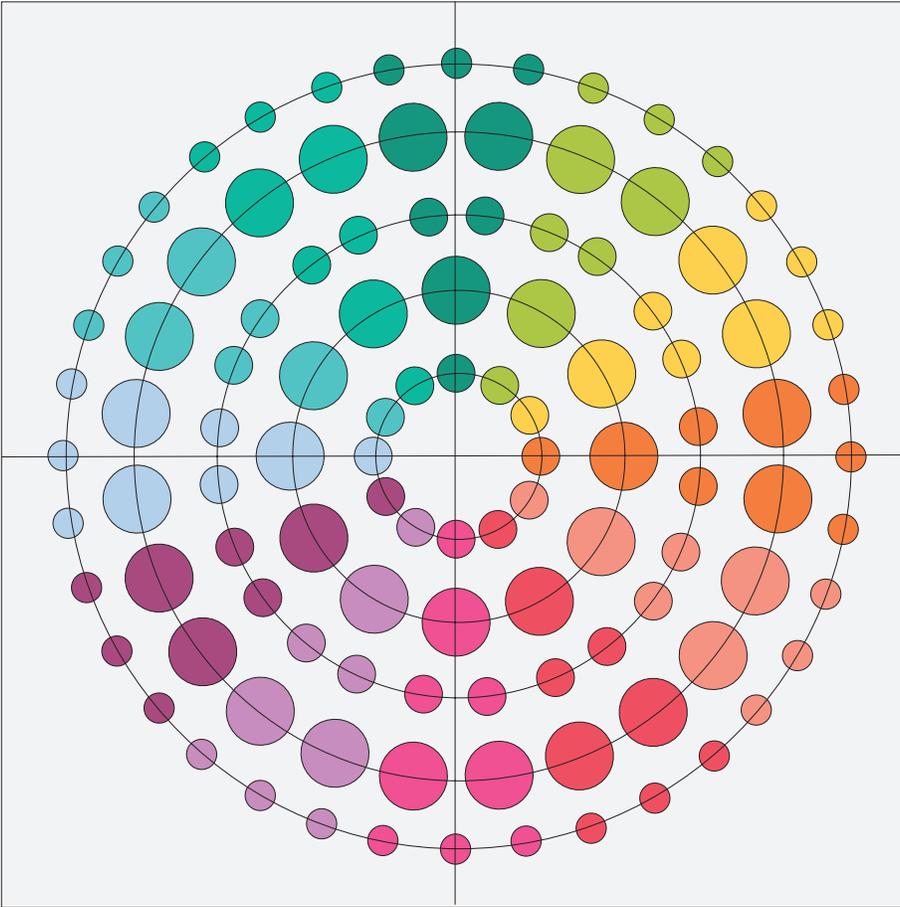


2. Once the top, bottom, left and right sides are laid out. Fill in the colors between, working within quarters, as shown in the diagram.



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3. Once all the orbs are laid out, look at the quilt top as a whole and adjust the orbs' positions as needed.



4. Once you are satisfied with the positioning, baste the circles in place using your preferred method, such as glue or pins.

5. Top stitch the orbs in place by stitching about 1/8" away from the perimeter of each orb. Tip: I was able to top stitch while I quilted the quilt on my long arm quilting machine.

Finish

1. Make a 68" x 68" quilt backing.
2. Baste and quilt as desired.
3. Bind using your preferred method and enjoy!