



Clamshell Quilt

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Finished Size: 57 ½" x 72"

Fabric requirements:

Clamshells: 12- ½ yd cuts or 24- Fat quarters

Backing: 3 ½ yards

Binding: ½ yard

Tools:

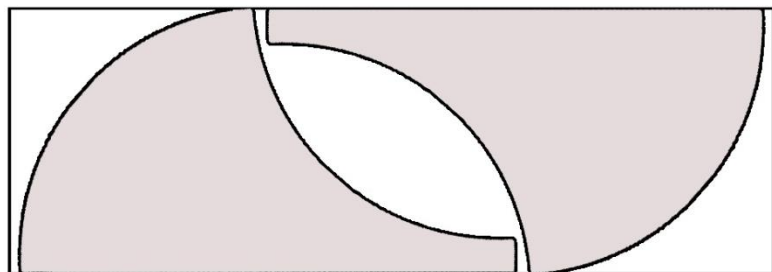
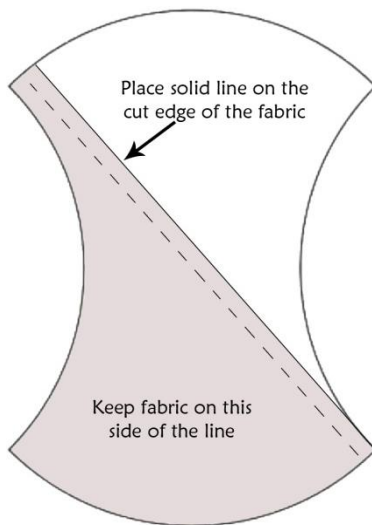
Apple Core & More Ruler

Rotary cutter

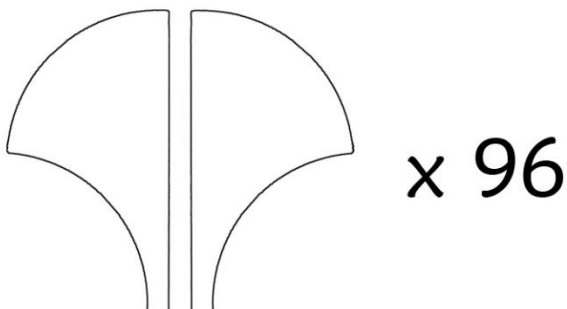
Rotating cutting mat

Instructions:

1. From each ½ yard; cut 8- 5 ¼" x 16" rectangles (if using fat quarters, cut 4 rectangles from each).
2. Line up 2 rectangles of the same fabric, **WRONG SIDES TOGETHER**, on the rotating cutting mat. Then, cut according to the diagram, being very careful to line up the fabric on the correct side of the solid (cut edge) line on the ruler. Glow tape or another ruler marking tool can be very helpful for this.



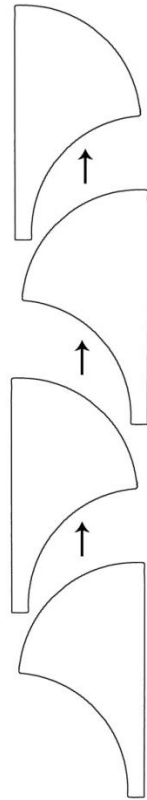
3. Repeat step 2, matching up pairs of matching rectangles & cutting until you have used up all your fabric. You should get 2 complete clamshells (4 halves) from each rectangle set, for a total of 96 clamshells.

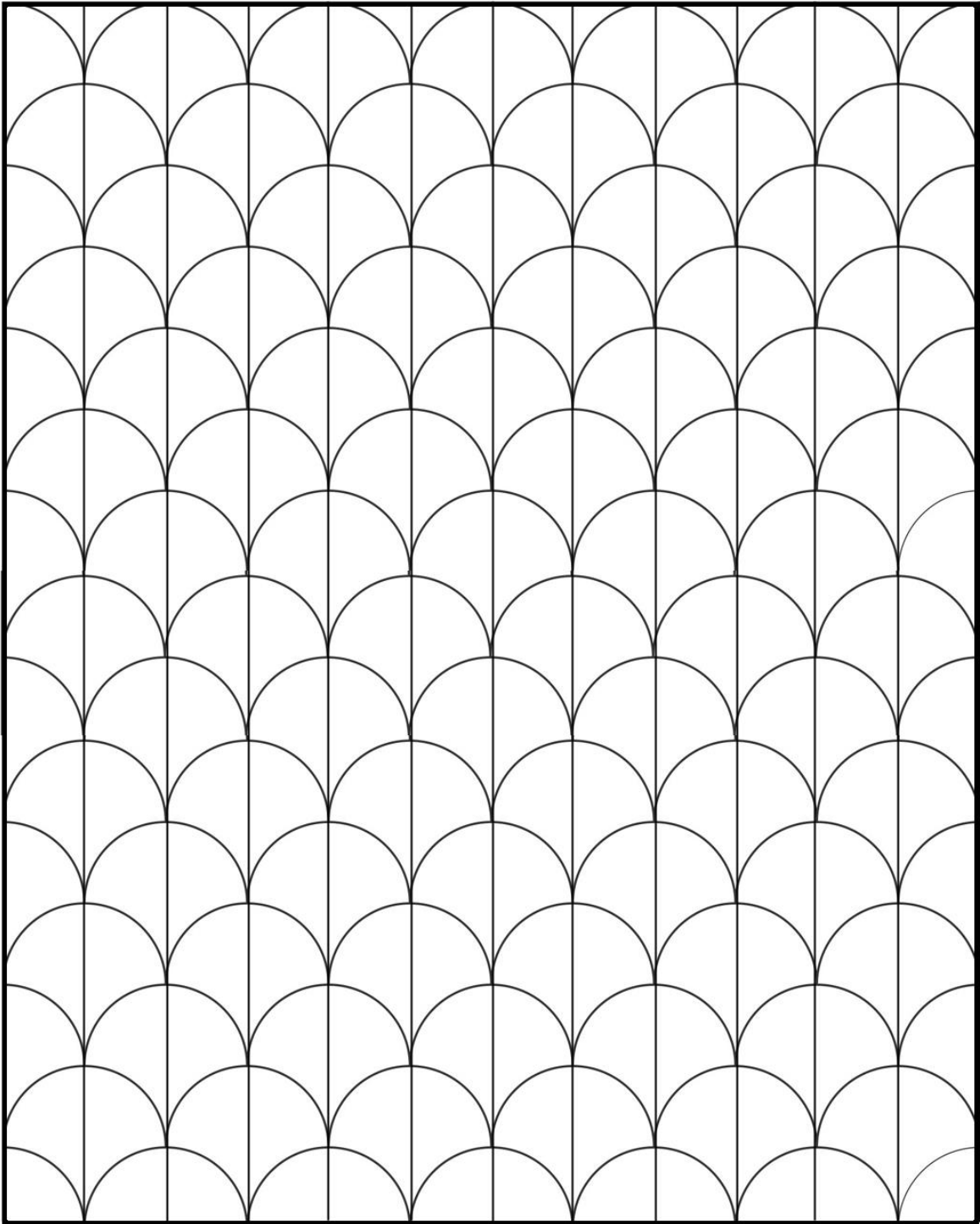


4. Lay out your clamshells how you would like them to go. There is a diagram on the next page to help with this. You will be assembling the quilt in rows. There are 12 rows of 16 half-shells each.
5. Starting from the top of each row, sew the half-shells onto the row one at a time.

***Note: do not try to save time by sewing the shells in pairs, then sewing the pairs together. You have to sew them onto the row one at a time starting at the TOP of the row, or the tail won't have a place to go.

6. Clip the curves on each row & press the seams down, towards the bottom of the row.
7. Sew the rows together.
8. Quilt & Bind.





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