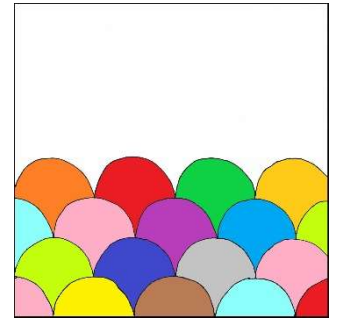


Since this is our 30th anniversary year... we need to start with this!
Our **October block is the Clamshell Quilt Block!** 12 1/2" (12" finished size)

Fabric needed: white background with assorted/scrappy colors of your choice for the clamshells



Cut one 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" square of background fabric
(or you can cut it larger, then square up after you finish the applique')

Tip: Pellon SF-101 is a nice light, soft fusible stabilizer... you could fuse it to the wrong side of your background fabric to help prevent your machine applique' stitches from puckering.

Trace 18 of the clamshell template part onto a lightweight fusible (Heat n' Bond lite, Steam-a-Seam lite, or a similar product).

Fuse to the wrong side of fabric pieces then cut on the traced lines. The template includes a seam allowance on the bottom edge so you can overlap the pieces when you line them up.

For our block, we will include 4 rows of clamshells with a blank area in the top half. You may choose to embellish the area above the clamshells. (We are thinking of embroidering "Clamshell Quilt Guild" in this space for the birthday quilt).

Layout Instructions:

Press the 12 1/2" background square in quarters.

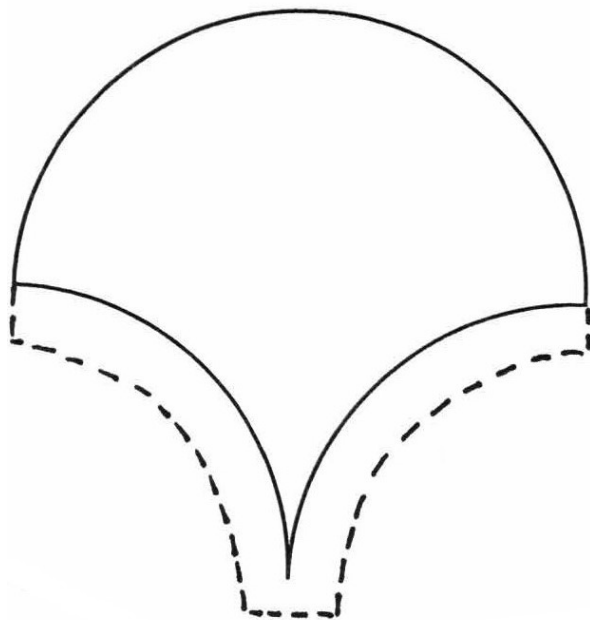
Center the first row of clamshells with the top of the shell touching the pressed horizontal line, and the 2 middle shells touching at the vertical mid-point of the background.

Line up the remaining 3 rows of clamshells overlapping by 1/4".

There will be clamshells that hang over the side and bottom edges. Fuse the clamshells to the background, and then trim away the excess clamshells on sides and bottom.

Use matching or variegated thread to blanket stitch or zig-zag stitch around the pieces.

Note: template should be 3" across the width of the clamshell and 3" from point of clamshell (without seam allowance) to top



1" square to
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