

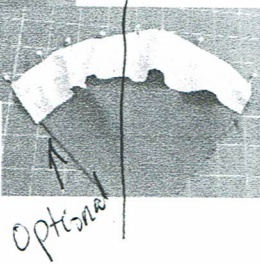
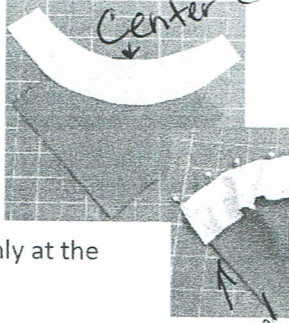
August Watermelon

Due: August meeting
8in finished

Fabrics

<u>Red (Core)</u>	<u>Green (Rind)</u>	<u>Background</u>
6 ½ in Square	7 ½ in Square	8 ½ in square

Directions

- Using the templates provided, cut out the fabric shapes. Stay as close to the outline as possible, but ignore the arrows. This block will be oversized and trimmed later.
- With the template still on top, use a pencil to mark the arrows. Make a tiny (less than ¼ in) cut in the place you just marked. I hold my rotary cutter like a pencil and use that to make the cut.
- Lay the core and rind pieces face up in front of you, match the center cuts. Flip the Green (Rind) so that the right side is face down on top of the Red (Core). The center cuts should match, be right sides together and now be facing away from you.
- Pin the middle cut first and then go down one side of the arc, pinning only at the marks and at the edge. The edges should comfortably align.
 - Optional:** Add extra pins to even the spacing between the ruffles.
 - You'll find that one of the pieces will lay flatter than the other side. If needed, flip the pieces so that the flat side is on the table.
 - Don't fight it and trust the process.**
- Pin the opposite side the same way.
- Take the pieces to your machine and use a ¼ in seam. Go slowly and gently match the edges as you sew around the arc.
 - Try to smooth out any fabric folds as you go.
 - Put flatter piece of fabric on the bottom.
- Once completed, finger press gently and then iron the seam towards the larger arc.
- Repeat the process (steps 3 -7) with the pieced core/rind and the background.
- Once ironed, trim to size.