

Pieces of Sunshine

Heirloom Quilt

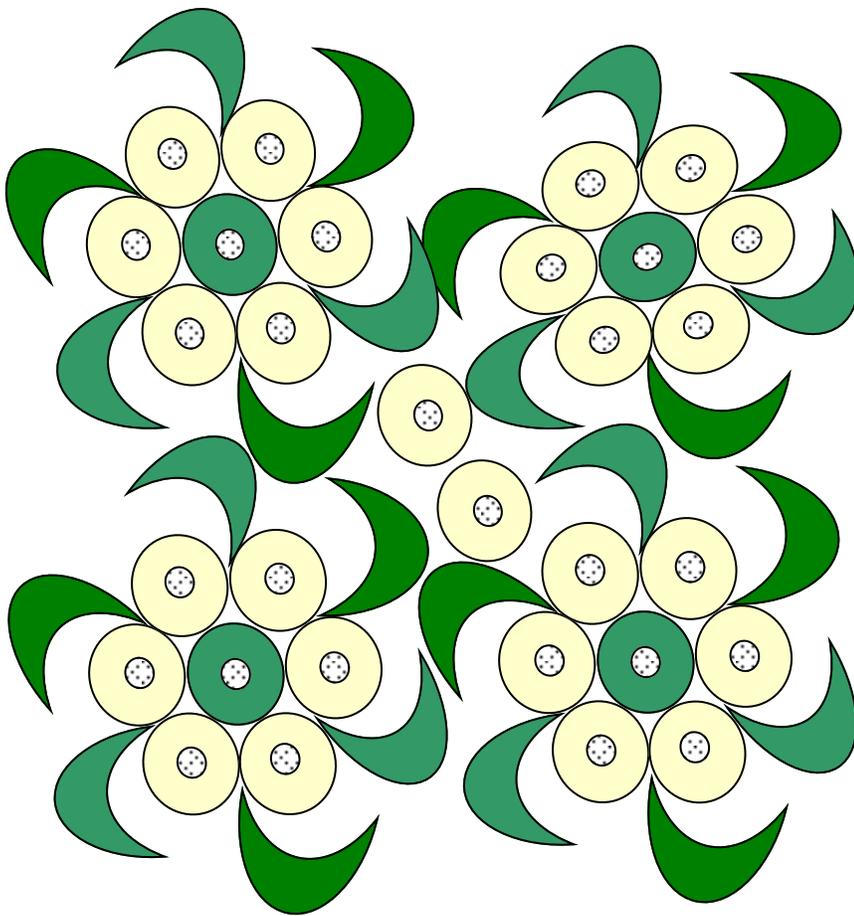
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Inspired by the desire to upcycle my wedding dress, I created this quilt pattern for my own use but was so excited at how it is turning out that I wanted to share it with you! The colors are based on my wedding colors (Pale Yellow, Greens and Ambers).

Of course, the leaves will need to be from another fabric—maybe you are lucky enough to find something that will work as upcycled.

Notes, directions and other information are on the next pages of this pattern.

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Pieces of Sunshine Heirloom Quilt—No backing or quilting required. The pieces are quilted as you go. This is largely a hand stitched project.

Per Block:

Half Moons (Leaves): 3 Neutral Color 3 Darker (will need to cut 2 each)

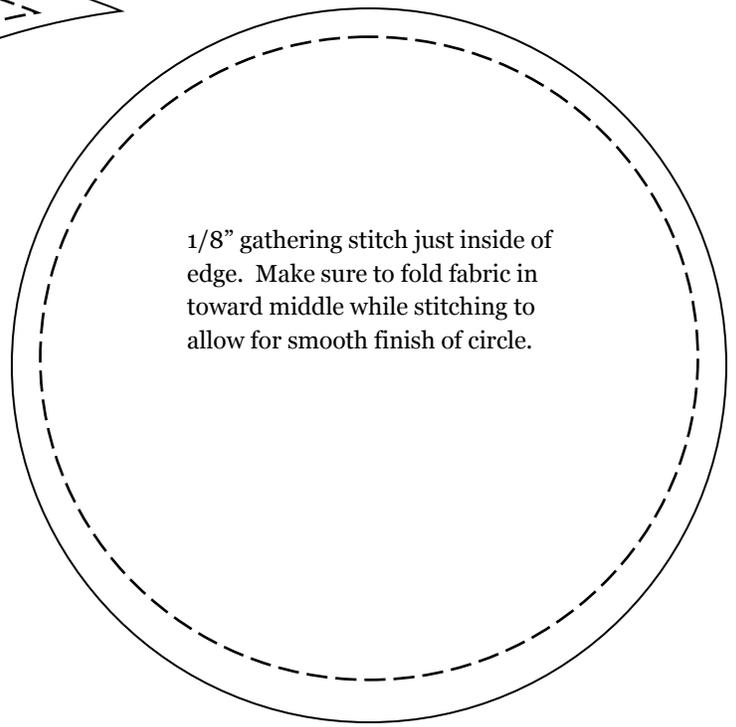
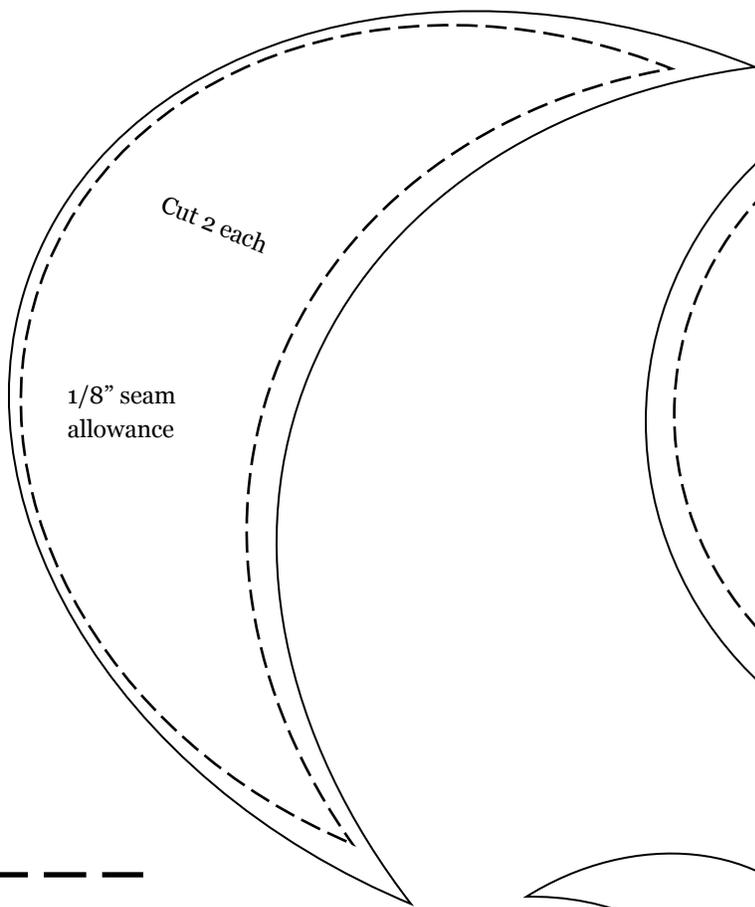
Puff Circles: 6 petal color 1 center color

Notes & Directions:

- Use Templates attached for leaves and puff circles.
- Make circles first then leaves so you know how many circles you will have.
- I suggest to keep in theme with the quilt that if you need more circles, use fabric from other apparel that is no longer needed, being worn or you were saving.
- Leaves will be stitched to puff circles. Each block is 6 petals, 1 center 6 leaves.
- If you prefer to fill in gaps, use puff circles or more leaves.
- When stitching leaves, keep enough opening to stuff as you go.
- Make all blocks before you attempt to piece together.

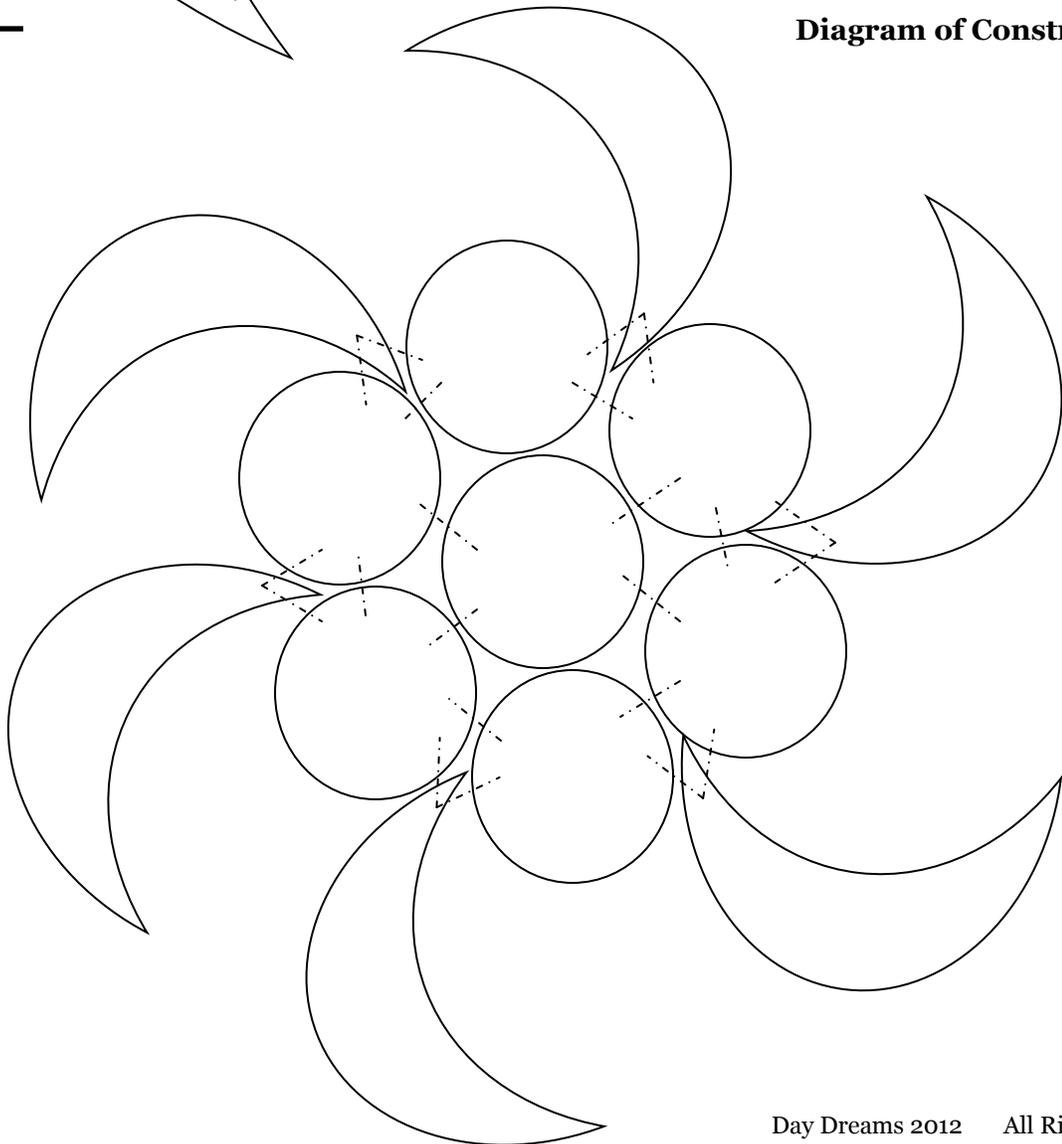
To Make Puff Circle: Cut circle from template. *As you hand sew*, hand fold over the edge of a circle about 1/8" and with needle and thread make a gathering stitch. When you are at the end, do not tie off but pull gently on thread to gather circle leaving a small opening. Tie off securely. *See pictures last page.

To Make Leaves: Cut 2 of each leaf used (one block you should have 12 leaves). With right sides together, machine or hand stitch 1/8" from edge of leaves, leaving opening for stuffing. Turn right side out carefully. Finger press seams. Stuff lightly (not too full) with polyfill or if you prefer, you can use scrap batting. Hand stitch closed.



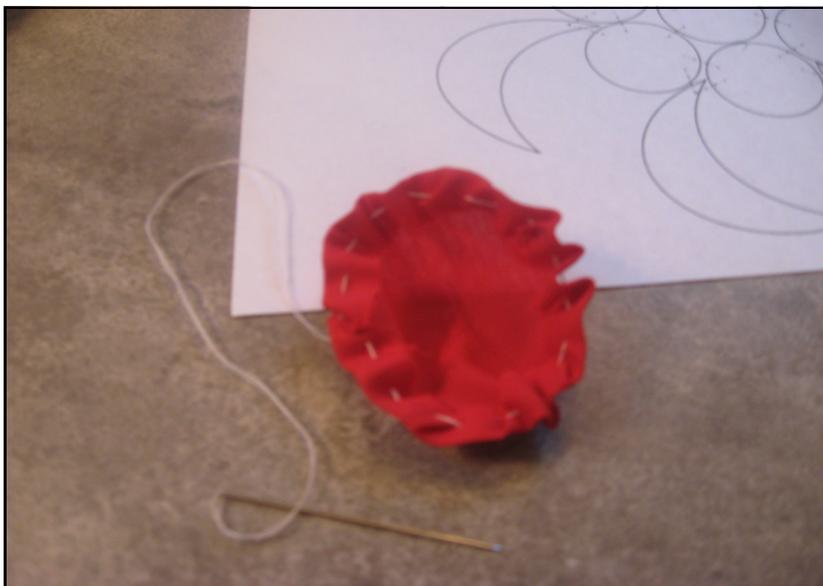
Tacking/Stitching Line

Diagram of Construction



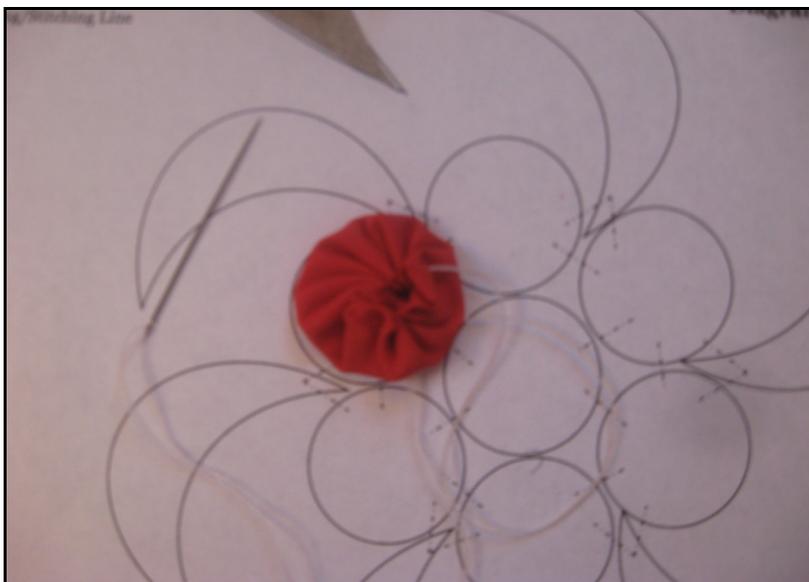


1. I used the back of an old soft drink box for my templates. Saves money and you know...it's green.
2. Trace your pattern from the page and cut out.



White thread for color contrast to show you what you will be doing.

3. Fold the edges into toward the middle slightly while you make a basting stitch around. Do not tie off yet.
4. Adjust your gathers as you work the circle into a small circle or "puff".
5. Before you pull threads to gather completely, place a bit of stuffing in the center.



6. Continue to adjust your gathers until you are happy with the puff of the circle and it's appearance.
7. *Tie off thread, continue to next puff.*

It takes a little practice on the first few.

You can make these as large or small as you want.