

# 2023 Ben Franklin Saturday Sampler

## Traverse Tutorial March

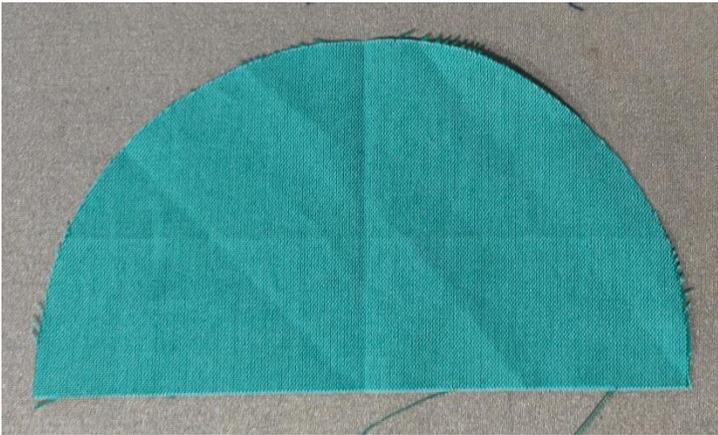
### Half Circles



Backtracking to Row 3 this month. I debated on this one....I really didn't want to do it, but I really like it! It's not as hard as you think it will be. Just go slow and your circles will just fall into place.

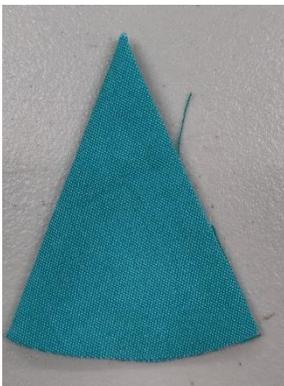
#### Step 1

Trace your template pieces onto a piece of template plastic or cut out the template from the book. Trace these onto the fabrics indicated on your pattern. I used a white pencil to trace my shapes onto my fabrics. Cut the traced shapes out. You will have pieces that look like this.



#### Step 2

Fold your pieces into quarters. Your half circle will look like a pie shape, the dark blue is a little trickier.



I folded the piece in half and then the legs up to the center line. You want to press when you fold. The creases will be the lines to position your pieces.

### Step 3

Ok....here we go! I found it easiest to position my half circle this way.



Place your dark blue so the legs are facing up and the center lines match. The top point of the circle should match with the low point of the dark blue piece. (circled)



Pin!

Now, swing one of the legs around so it matches with the bottom of the circle....do the same for the other leg.



I know it looks crazy, but it will work!



Match up the other creases and pin at the crease. I pinned along the crease line.

your fabrics are not going to look like they fit together. That is ok...when they are sewn together they will even out.



#### Step 4.

I don't have pics of the actual sewing...but once you do it you will understand how it works....

I found it most successful sewing with the dark blue facing up. Start at one leg and sew towards the first pinned quarter easing the fabric as you go using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Watch that the fabrics are smooth as they go under your needle. You might have to remove the pin as you get closer to it. Once you get to your first quarter mark, take a deep breath, reposition, and keep going. Go slowly. Use the quarter marks to re-assess as you are sewing.

When you finish your half circle press towards the circle.



Trim your blocks to 4" x 5.5"



#### Step 5

Sew your blocks in the order pictured in the book. Add the pieces at the end to finish off your row.

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