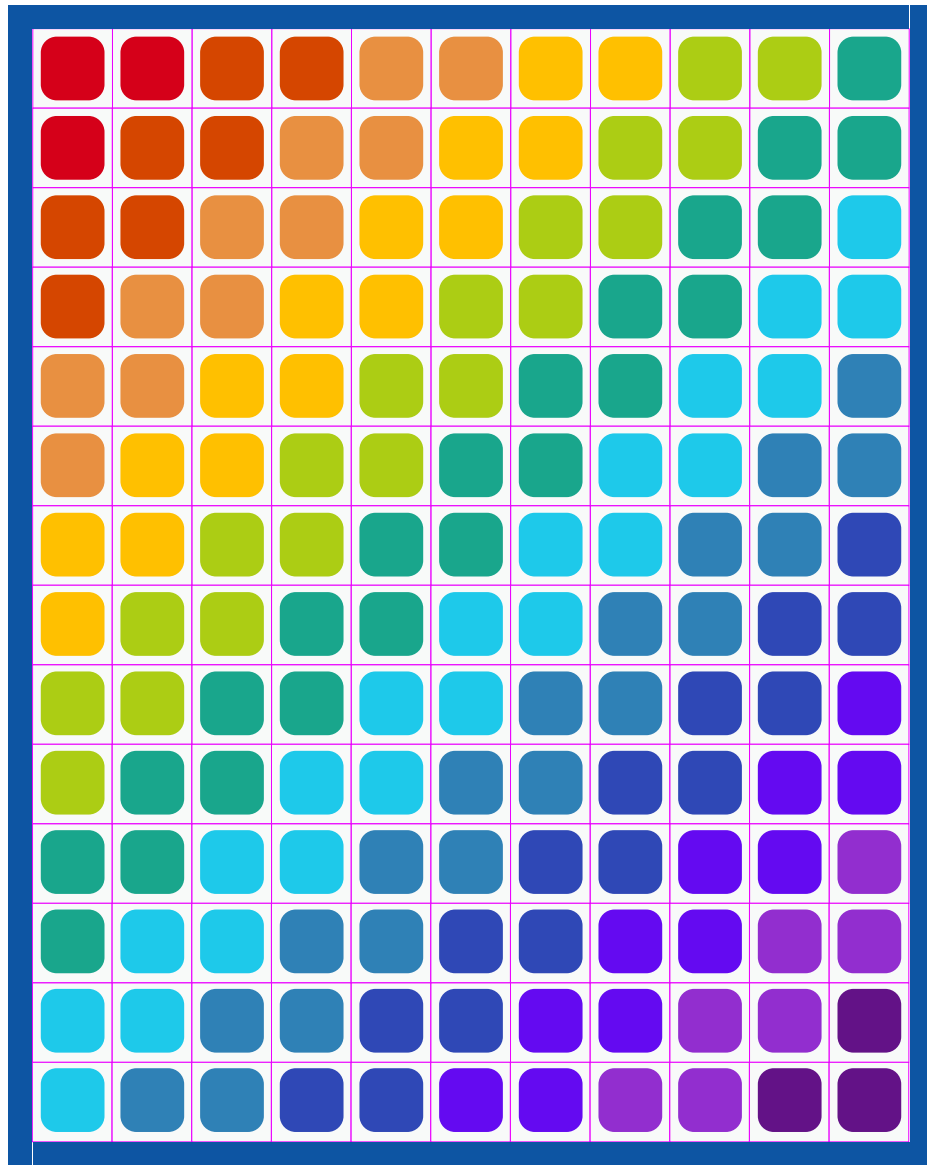




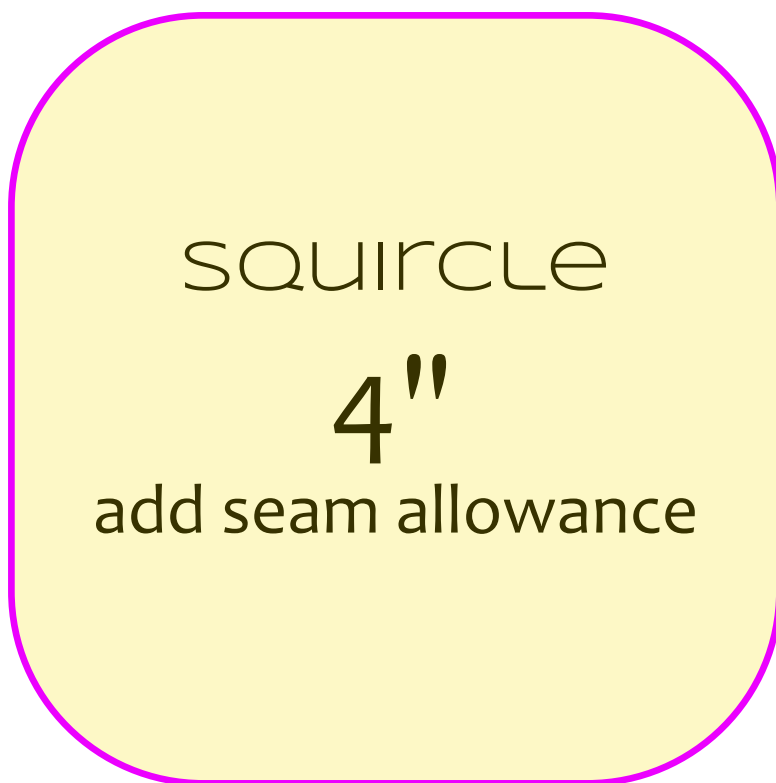
# SQUIRCLE

## CIRCLING THE SQUARE



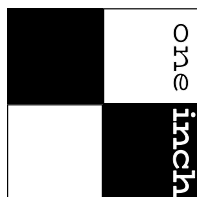
a squircle quilt challenge  
from Lisa Johnson &  
Elizabeth Eastmond

two sizes of blocks • two sizes of lap quilts



Yes, I know that technically this shape may be considered a “rounded square” as the sides are a bit too straight. But I’m counting on the charm of hand-appliqué to make something less rigid and more organic. (See the last page.)

Trace this shape onto the matte side of freezer paper, cut out.



I like to layer my freezer paper by folding it, then put a staple in the middle of it to hold things steady while I cut out.

Press the freezer paper, shiny side down onto your fabric. Trace around shape with marking pencil, marking pen, or chalk. Or, use a mylar sheet to create your own template.

Cut out the squircle, but remember to...

### ADD YOUR ¼” SEAM ALLOWANCE!

Remove the freezer paper (which can be used again). Using the needle-turn technique, appliqué the shape to the background.

— **OR—** Make a template out of cardboard or thin plastic. Lay this on your fabric, and trace with marking pencil or pen (or just eyeball it). Cut out, **leaving a ¼” seam allowance** for turning under while you appliqué.

— **OR—** Back with fusible material, press to adhere. Trace and cut exactly on the line. Peel off paper, and fuse to center of Squircle Background. Using a variety of machine stitches (or just the blanket stitch), sew the Squircle to the background.

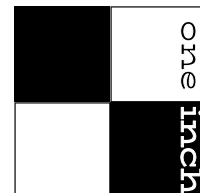


Cut **154** squares for the 5 ½" (unfinished) background.

Cut **154** squircley-squares. You can either use the shape on page 4, OR cut a 4" square and with a sharp pair of scissors, round off the corners. Wobbliness is part of the charm.

Quilt finishes at 58" wide x 72" long.

You can add more squares to suit you, or use fewer squares for a wallhanging or baby quilt.



## SQUIRCLE BACKGROUND

# 5 1/2"

seam allowance included

Write if you have any questions–

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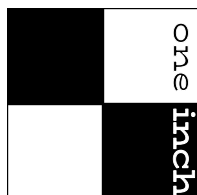


SQUIRCLE  
4"  
add seam allowance

So, I worked on this a little more and now you can see the roundness in the edges, all the way around. I think it's not going to matter in the end, but choose your favorite squircle!

If you are clever, you can print out the templates onto freezer paper, cut them out and press them on.

Lisa likes heat-resistance mylar sheets for making her templates.



SQUIRCLE  
4"  
add seam allowance



squircle

3 1/2"

add seam allowance

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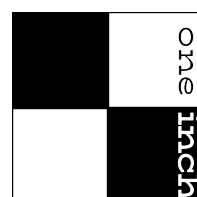
squircle

3 1/2"

add seam allowance

NOTE: If you have a stack of 5-inch charm square precuts for the backgrounds, use this size squircle and make **180** blocks.

If you use a 1" narrow border around the quilt's edge (as shown on the front), the quilt will measure **57" x 70 1/2"**.





# Plans

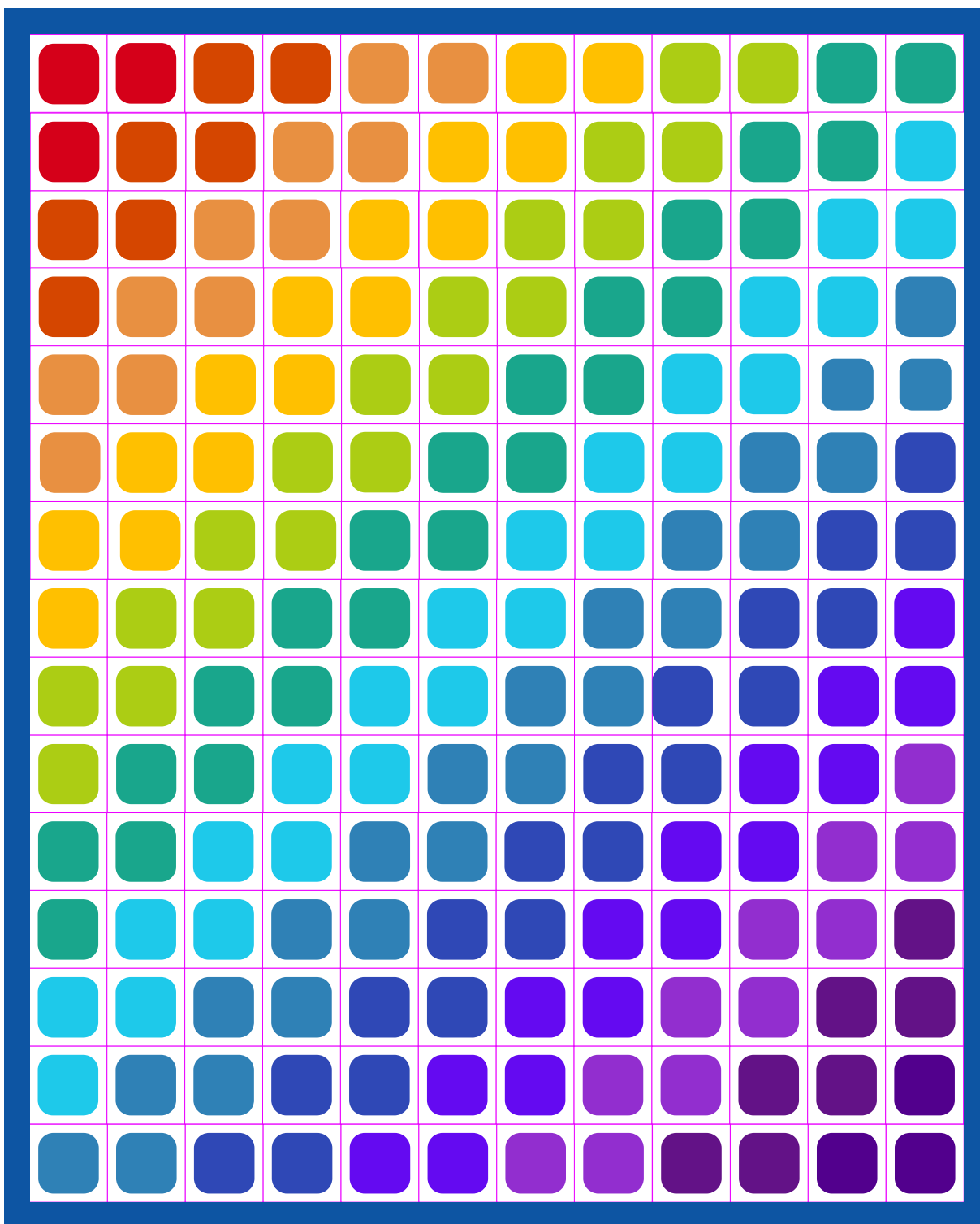
hashtag for socials: **#backtosquircle**

August	<i>prep &amp; gather</i>
September	20 squircles
October	20
November	20
December	20
January	20
February	20
March	20
April	20
May	20 (finish up whatever you need for your size of quilt)
June	Sew it all together!

We were brainstorming, talking about the schedule and realized it fit neatly with all that's going on, this **Back to School** routine which is practically in our collective DNA.

Our hashtag is **#backtosquircle**, and we'll be making the whole school-year long. When you finish a batch, throw it up on Instagram or your favorite social.

More info is on Elizabeth's website, [OPQuilt.com](http://OPQuilt.com).  
(Keyword search: squircles)



Block Size: 4 ½" finished  
 Squircle Size: 3 ½" finished  
 Number of blocks: 180 (12 x 15)

Size of finished quilt,  
 with 1 ½" borders:  
 57" x 70 ½"