



December 2019 Aurifil Designer Block of the Month

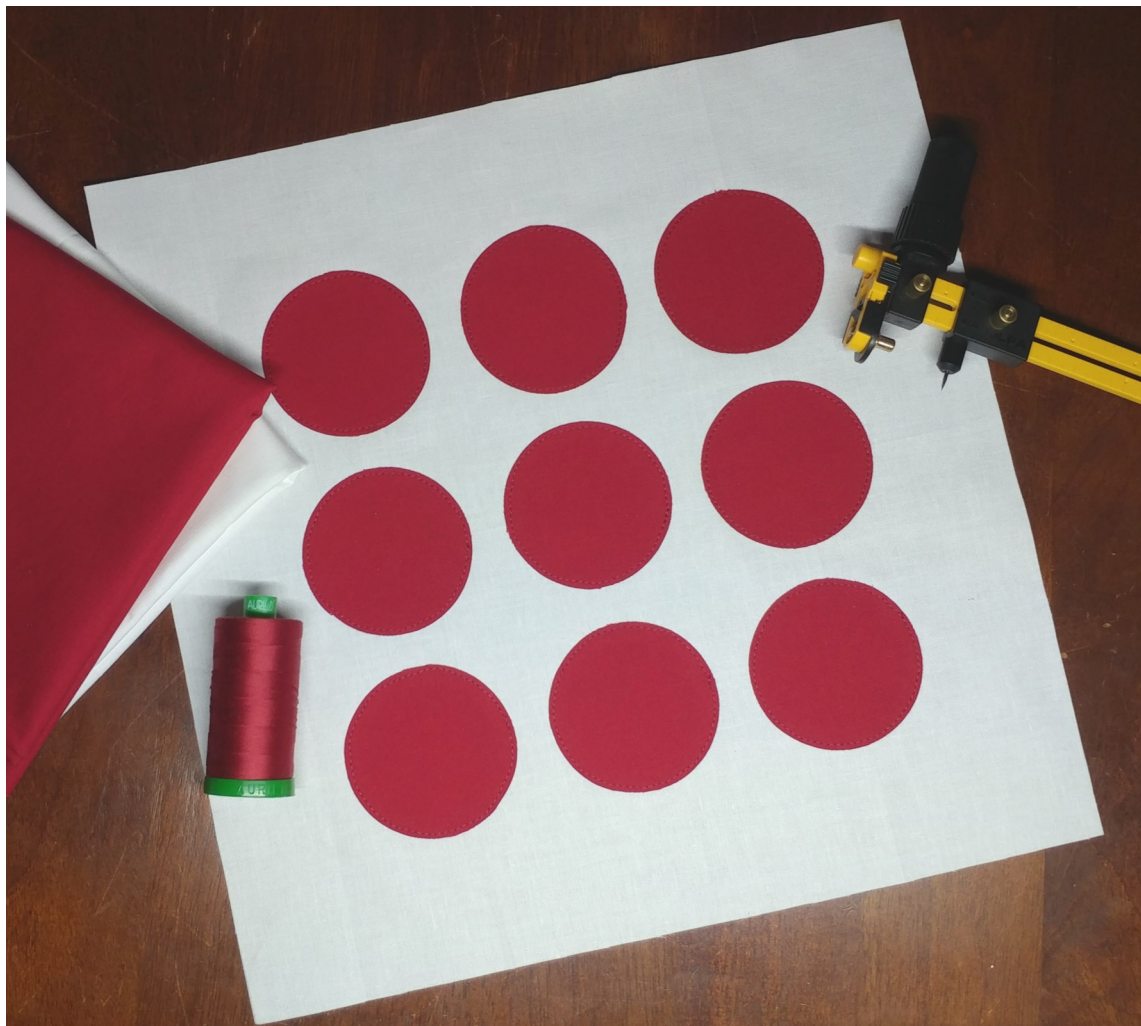
"Pi Day Games" Quilt Block

Designed and created by Laura Piland of Slice of Pi Quilts



I'm Laura! I'm a quilter, pattern designer, and homeschooling mom of three boys. I'm also an ex-math teacher - and with a last name like Piland - there's a strong love of pi in our house!

Our family has turned Pi Day (March 14th) into a holiday full of fun traditions! We eat round foods for every meal (which always include pancakes and pizza), and of course there's PIE! We make cardboard box airplanes and pretend to be pilots, and we play pirates in the bathtub before bed. We always do circle art and a few circle math activities too. It's a whole day to celebrate pi!



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Unfinished block size: 12 ½”

Finished block size: 12” x 12”

“Pi Day Games” uses fusible web and raw edge applique for a quick and easy finish (that’s my kind of quilt block!), but the pattern is easily adaptable to other types of applique too!

Use your favorite method to make the block!

For a modern look, use one red fabric to make all the circles.

Or use nine different red fabrics to make a scrappy version!

Supplies:

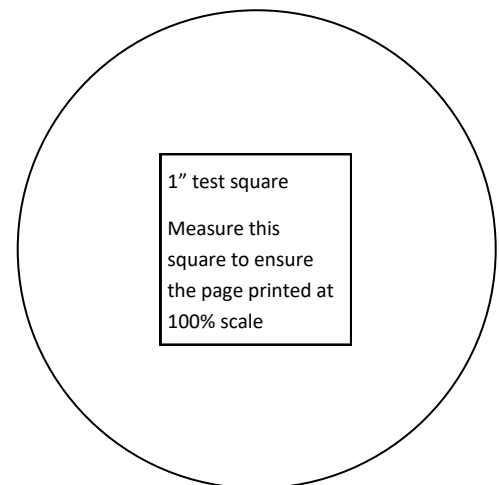
12 ½” square background fabric

10” square red fabric (or nine 3” red squares)

10” square fusible web like *Lite Steam-A-Seam 2*

Aurifil 40wt or 50wt thread (I used 40wt #1103 Burgundy)

Optional: *Olfa Rotary Circle Cutter*



Directions:

Fold the background square in half and finger press. Repeat in the other direction.

Press fusible web onto the wrong side of the red fabric according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

Cut out and trace the circle template from this page onto the paper side of the fusible web.

Cut out the circle with scissors. Repeat to make nine circles. (Or use an Olfa Rotary Circle Cutter to cut nine 2 ½” diameter circles.)

Remove the paper backing from the circles.



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Directions, continued:

Place one circle in the center of the background square, centering it with the vertical and horizontal lines you finger pressed into the fabric.

Place circles to the left and right of the center circle, leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ ” space between and using the horizontal pressed line as a guide.

Place circles directly above and below the center circle, leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ ” space between and using the vertical pressed line as a guide.

Use an acrylic ruler to help you line up the remaining four circles so that they are in line with the previously placed circles. All circles should be $\frac{1}{2}$ ” away from each other.

Press block to secure circles.

Using Aurifil 40wt or 50wt thread, use a straight stitch to stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ ” inside the raw edge of each circle. Backstitch at the beginning/end to secure the stitches. Trim away threads and repeat for all nine circles. (A zig zag or blanket stitch could also be used around the raw edge. Use what you like!)



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