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# JUICY WATERMELON

Nothing says Summer better than watermelon. Perhaps make a set of cool place mats. Here's an opportunity to play with improv. Or if you are short for time, feature a piece of flashy fabric for the fruit center. Be sure to make a block to keep for yourself as well as for the drawing! The quilt layout with all the blocks will be posted after the May meeting! ~Robin Engelman & Joy West

## Fabrics & Cutting

Pieced Watermelon- 10 1/2" by 16 1/2"

### Colors:

**Watermelon-** pinks, reds (scrappy)

**Rind -** green, may be striped

**Background-** neutral

### Cutting Instructions:

**Watermelon- Size** 8 1/2" by 12 1/2" whole

or improve pieced/ charm pieced

or cut 24, 2 1/2" squares

or cut 12, 3 1/2" squares

or cut 6, 4 1/2" squares

**Rind-** cut strips 2 1/2" wide

one 2 1/2" W x 6" L

four 2 1/2" W x 9 1/2" L

**Background-** cut one 6 1/2" square AND

cut it in half along the diagonal

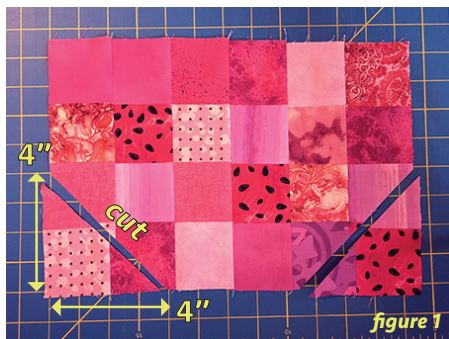
from one corner to corner resulting in two triangles.)

## Sewing Instructions

Seam allowances are a scant 1/4" seam.

### STEP 1: Watermelon Fruit

- Create the center fruit of your watermelon to be a 8 1/2" H by 12 1/2"W piece – be creative!
- Have fun with improv piecing, stripes or scrappy patchwork squares. Just make sure that the final melon center measures 8 1/2" H by 12 1/2"W.
- Cut off the two lower corners. Measure and make a mark 4" up from the lower corners and across 4". Make a diagonal between the marks and cut along the line. (See figure 1.)



### STEP 2: Watermelon Rind

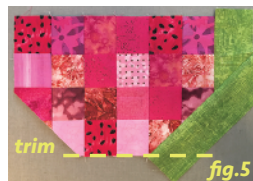
- Starting on either left or right side, sew on the 6" long green rind piece. (fig.2) Press open and trim to match the angle. (fig.3)



- Center and stitch one of the 9 1/2" long strips along that diagonal. (fig.4) Press open and trim even with the bottom. (fig.5)



- Continue sewing the remaining three strips around the edge in the same fashion.



### STEP 3: Finish

- Sew the two background triangles to the corners of the block to finish piecing.
- Press and trim the Watermelon slice to 10 1/2" H by 16 1/2" W to complete the block!

## Post your block to our Facebook page!



Join our BQG Block of the Month Facebook Group <https://tinyurl.com/y99wbfgy>

Share your block to enter the on-line lottery and win that month's collection of blocks! To enter the drawing, post your completed BOM by 10 am before our Guild Meeting, held the third Saturday of the month. Each completed block gives you a chance to win the drawing whether you are present at the meeting or not. Blocks will be collected from those attending the meeting in person. Everyone else will privately mail their blocks to the winner. **Please post your block even if you wish to keep it! Just note that it is not for the contest.**

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Your finished block should measure about 10 1/2" high by 16 1/2" wide. (a 10"H by 16"W block with 1/4" seam allowance all the way around.)

