

The Case of the

secret garden

COTSG



About Accuracy with Inklingo

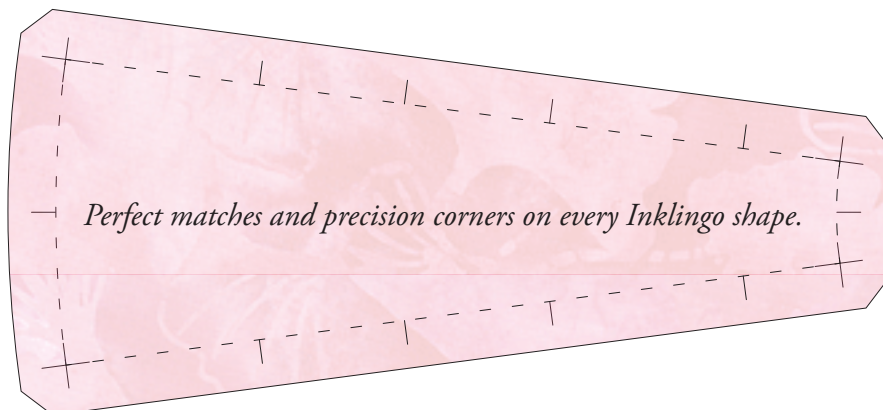
The COTSG mystery is designed to teach some great Inklingo techniques.

One cool Inklingo tool is the accuracy check like the one on page 31 of the **New York Wheel shape collection**. You can be sure everything will fit together whether you sew by hand OR by machine OR combine both in one quilt for a "hybrid."

When every patch is exactly the right size with correct straight grain and precision corners, the results are perfect. There's nothing mysterious about that.

There are Inklingoists in their 70s and 80s who have told me they would not be quilting if not for Inklingo, and that is fabulous! All quilters can realize their full potential with Inklingo.

Unusual designs like New York Wheel would be too tedious or difficult with other methods, but we can let the good times roll with Inklingo New York Wheel!



Clue #4



You've sewn lots of curved seams now. Your mission this week is to go straight to the heart of the mystery—without swerves or curves!

For this clue, you will print and cut more curves, but all of the sewing is straight seams.

Summary of the objectives to pursue this week (next pages):

1. Print more of the light and dark fabrics.
All of the accent and medium fabrics have been printed already. There is a little more printing and cutting in the next clues too.
2. Sew 24 partial blocks.
Every seam is straight. Even if you sewed the curves in Clue # 3 by hand, you will probably want to sew these seams by machine. It goes fast if you chain piece.
3. Catch up on printing and cutting from Clue # 3, if necessary.
4. Cut out all of the shapes that have been printed so far.
If you haven't already, watch the surveillance [video on YouTube](#). It makes it easy to rotary cut the curves on the shapes printed for this clue too.

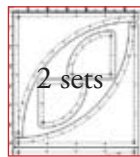
All of the shapes are printed from the [New York Wheel shape collection](#), which is still on sale for a limited time. When you buy the shape collection, you also receive the [Sunflower Quilt Design Book](#) (PDF download, \$20 value).

Clue # 4

Light Fabric

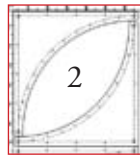


COMBO 4

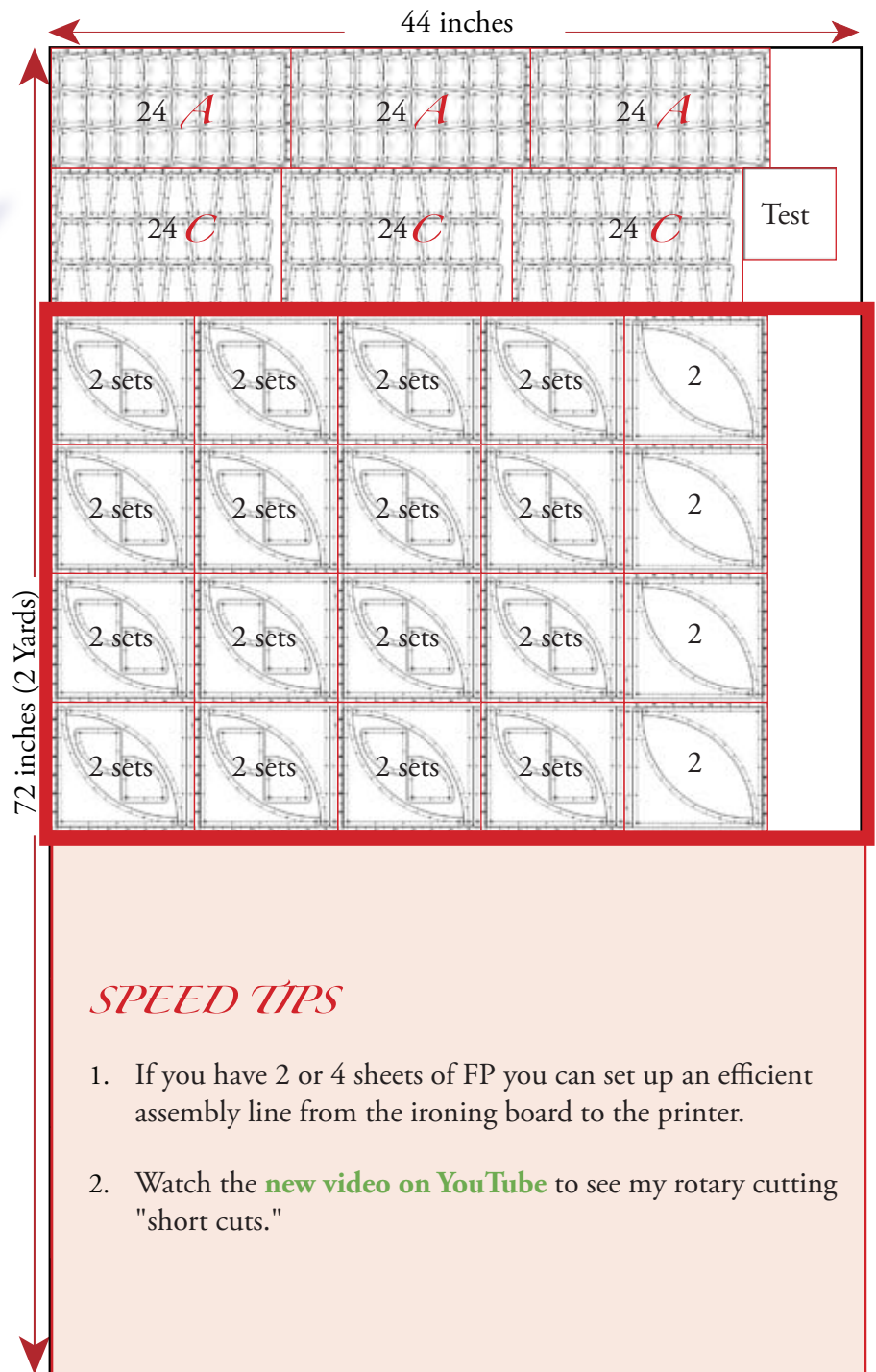


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Portrait

CORNERS



7 x 7.75
Portrait



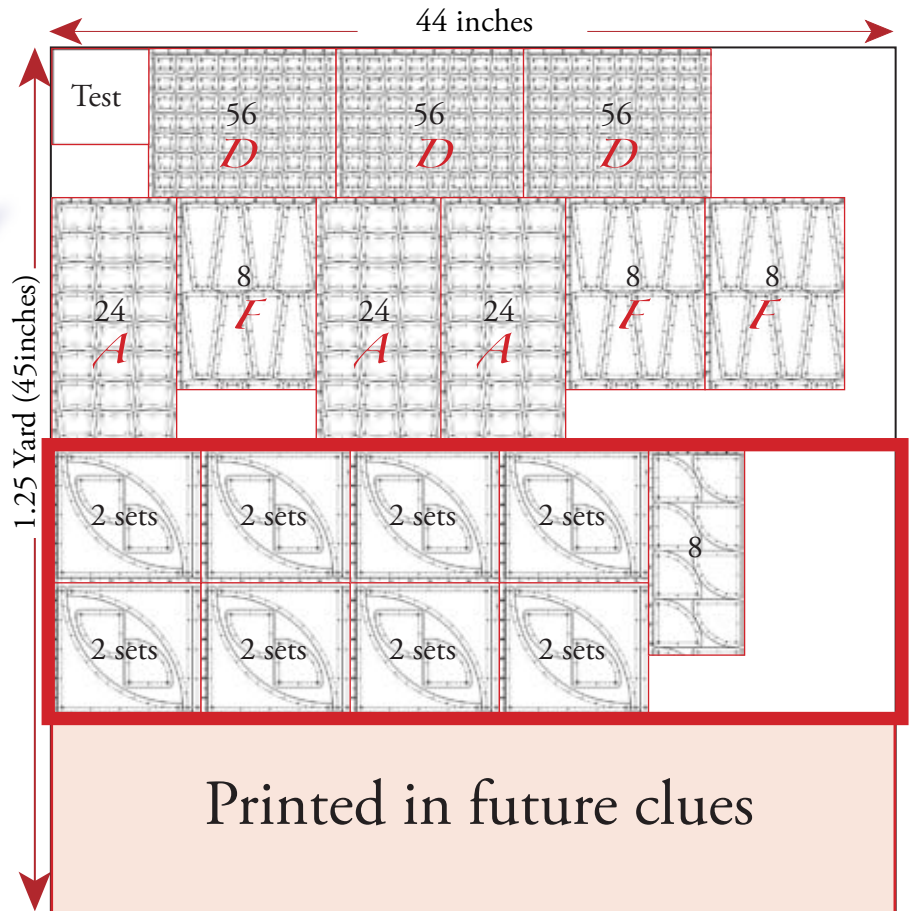
Print 16 sheets of Combo 4 (32 sets, 64 shapes) and 4 sheets of 2 corners (8 shapes). See the notes for printing and cutting in Clue # 2.

This diagram shows the layout which makes the best use of the fabric. Also see pages 12 - 15 of the [NY Wheel shape collection](#).

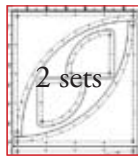
For Clue # 4, print the shapes outlined by the red box. The shapes above the red box were printed in previous clues, and the rest of the fabric (area below the red box) will be printed in future clues.

Clue # 4

Dark Fabric

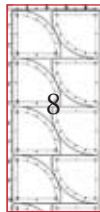


COMBO 4



7 x 7.75
Portrait

QUARTER
CIRCLES



5 x 10.75
Portrait

Print 8 sheets of Combo 4 (16 sets, 32 shapes) and 1 sheet of 8 quarter circles. See the notes for printing and cutting in Clue # 2.

This diagram shows the layout which makes the best use of the fabric. Also see pages 12, 13, 28 and 29 of the [NY Wheel shape collection](#).

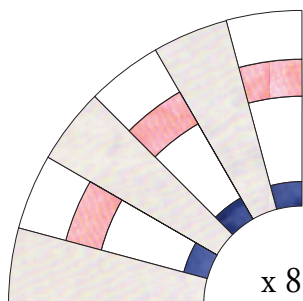
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See the [Top Ten Tutes](#) on the [All About Inklingo](#) blog for printing on dark fabric.

Cool Tip From Melinda In Texas

Melinda is printing the Case of the Secret Garden clues for her Inklingo notebook. She takes snips of each fabric and uses a glue stick to attach them over my swatches (top left), so she remembers which fabric is which. Cool, eh? Thank you, Melinda!

Inklingo shapes line up perfectly (precision corners), so you may not even need to pin for machine sewing. Of course, you can pin at the matches on shape F, if you prefer.

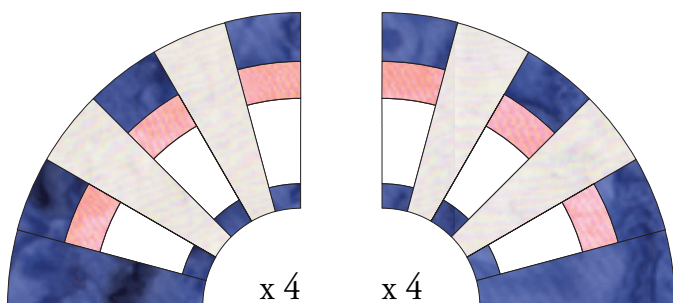


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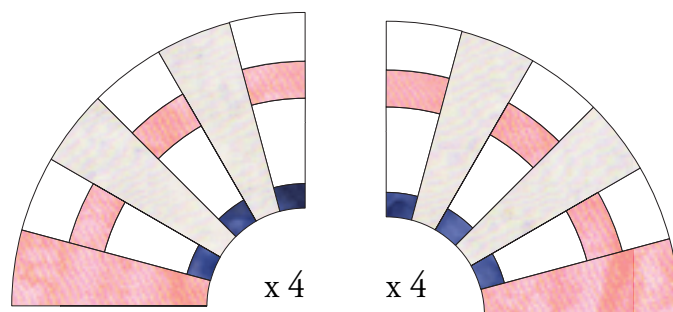
Everything lines up, right sides together, ready to sew.

Sew Straight Seams to make 24 Units



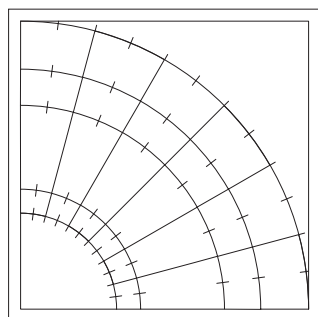
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Detect the accuracy of your seam allowances with the diagram on page 31 of the New York Wheel shape collection.

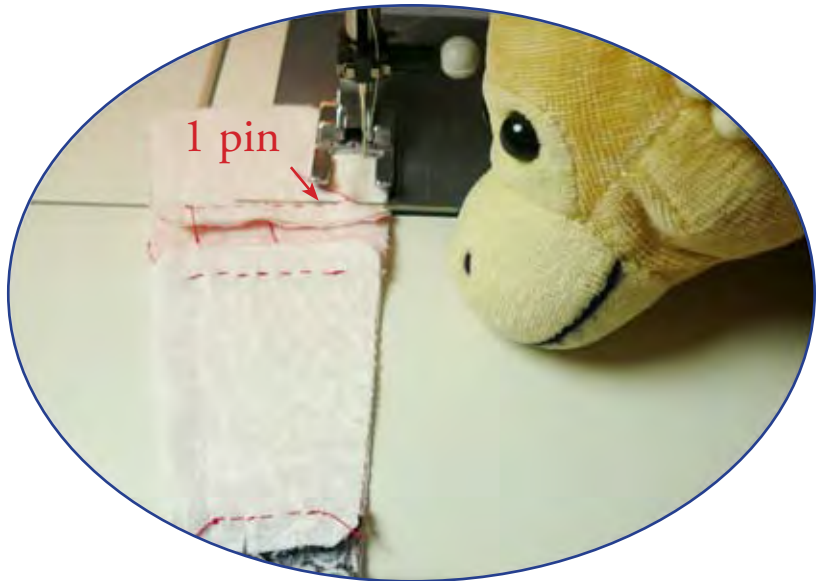
Whether we sew by hand or by machine, we always sew a "scant" 0.25 inch seam allowance.

With Inklingo, that means sewing immediately beside the stitching lines in the seam allowance. A scant 0.25 inch seam allows for the thickness of the fabric when the seam allowances are pressed to the side.

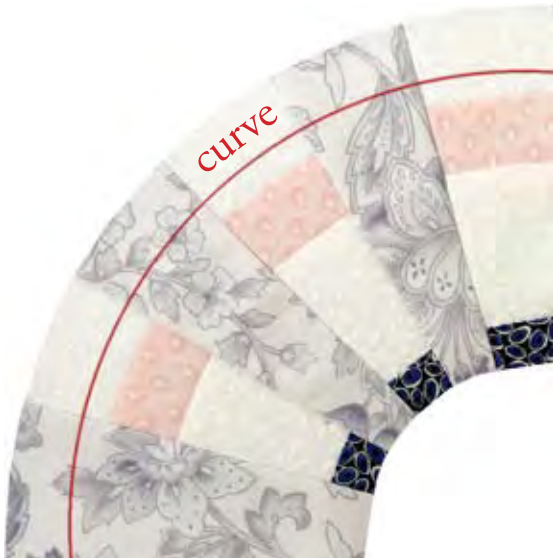
If the partial blocks fit the illustration on page 31 of the New York Wheel shape collection, it is proof that the seam allowances are accurate. As a detective, you should make a point of observing your first block before continuing with the other 23. This is a mystery quilt, but we want to eliminate that kind of suspense. Isn't that a good feeling?

There are more tips for precision machine sewing in the **Sunflower Quilt Design Book** on page 74. Of course, you can sew these seams by hand if you need a portable project.

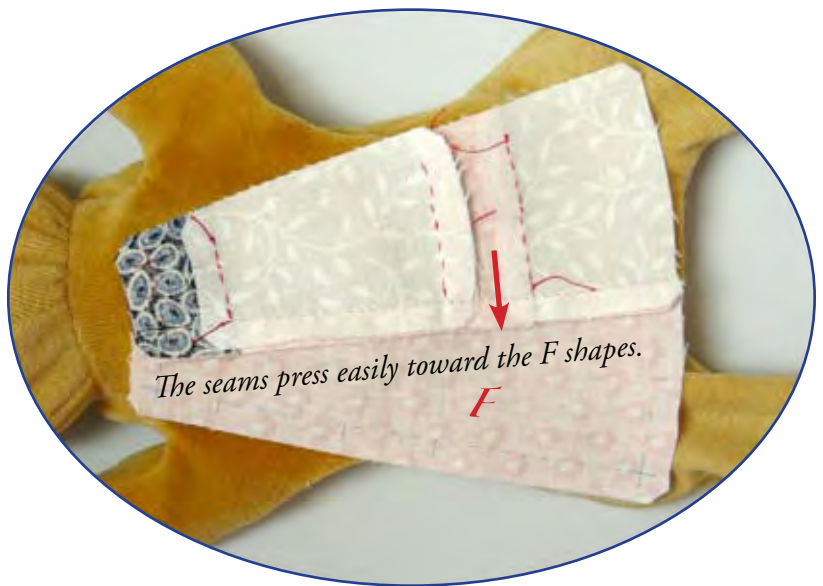
These illustrations show the 24 units for Clue # 4 from the front.



I wear a finger pincushion at the machine (Clue # 2, page 17).
I pinned one match in this example, but you may not need to pin at all. There are accurate matches printed on each shape.



The matches ensure that everything lines up perfectly, so the accent shapes form a curve.



Press toward the F shapes with a hot, dry iron, as described in the **Sunflower Quilt Design Book** on page 76.

That should be enough sleuthing to keep you busy until Clue # 5 is revealed next week. There are still some twists and turns to come.

We love it if you share photos and progress reports on your blog or photo accounts or on Yahoo. Be sure to let me know if you do, okay?

Russ says, Laissez les bons temps roulez! Let the good times roll!