

The Case of the

secret garden

COTSG



About Inkingo Espionage and Intelligence

The COTSG mystery is designed to take the mystery out of Inkingo. If Sherlock Holmes was on the case, he would find what he needed to know online.

Monkey brought his magnifying glass but there is nothing clandestine about Inkingo. We Googled *espionage*. Espionage or spying involves an individual obtaining information considered secret or confidential without the permission of the holder of the information. Espionage is secretive. Inkingo is just the opposite. We want to make it easy for you to find what you want!

We have done our best to make everything obvious, not secretive, but there is so much great info on the website and the blog that it can be overwhelming. Detectives should make these observations:

1. The online trail is a menu bar across the top of the website. Monkey says if we ever need to bury a secret, we should put it under the Support & Goodies tab because we have deduced that many quilters don't look over there. Sherlock would.
2. A keen eye will notice that there are "search boxes" on the website and the blog. Intriguing?
3. This clue lays a trail of hints and suggestions for you to follow and you need **clickable green text**, not a magnifier.

When you finish this clue we hope you will know your way around the Inkingo website, the blog, the design books, Yahoo and YouTube almost as well as the Baker Street Irregulars knew the cobbled streets and dark alleys of Sherlock Holmes' London.

Clue #5



Are you ready for some big and little curves? This week is really satisfying because you will see complete NY Wheel blocks.

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

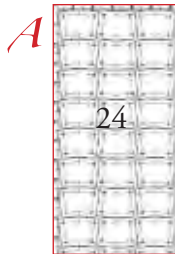
1. Print more of the light fabric.
All of the accent and medium fabrics have been printed already and this week you print the last of the A-B-C-D shapes too. There is a little more printing and cutting in the next clues, so keep the rest of your light and dark fabrics where you can find them, okay?
2. Sew curves to finish 24 blocks.
Sew by hand or by machine or a little of both.
If you don't have time to sew all 24, just do the best you can.
3. Catch up on printing and cutting from previous clues, if necessary.
4. Explore the archives of the **All About Inklingo** blog and the articles under the Support & Goodies tab. Go deep!
5. Prepare for Clue # 6. We are very impressed that so many detectives have finished Clue # 4 already. They are impatiently on a stake-out, watching to see what to do next, so we have some tips for getting a head start on Clue # 6 if you finish this clue quickly too.

We buried a clue. Sherlock would make a deduction. Have you?

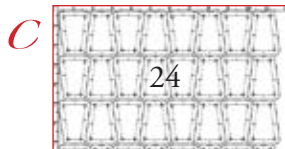
All of the shapes are printed from the **New York Wheel shape collection**, which is still on sale for a limited time. When you buy the shape collection, you also receive the **Sunflower Quilt Design Book** (PDF download, \$20 value).

Clue # 5

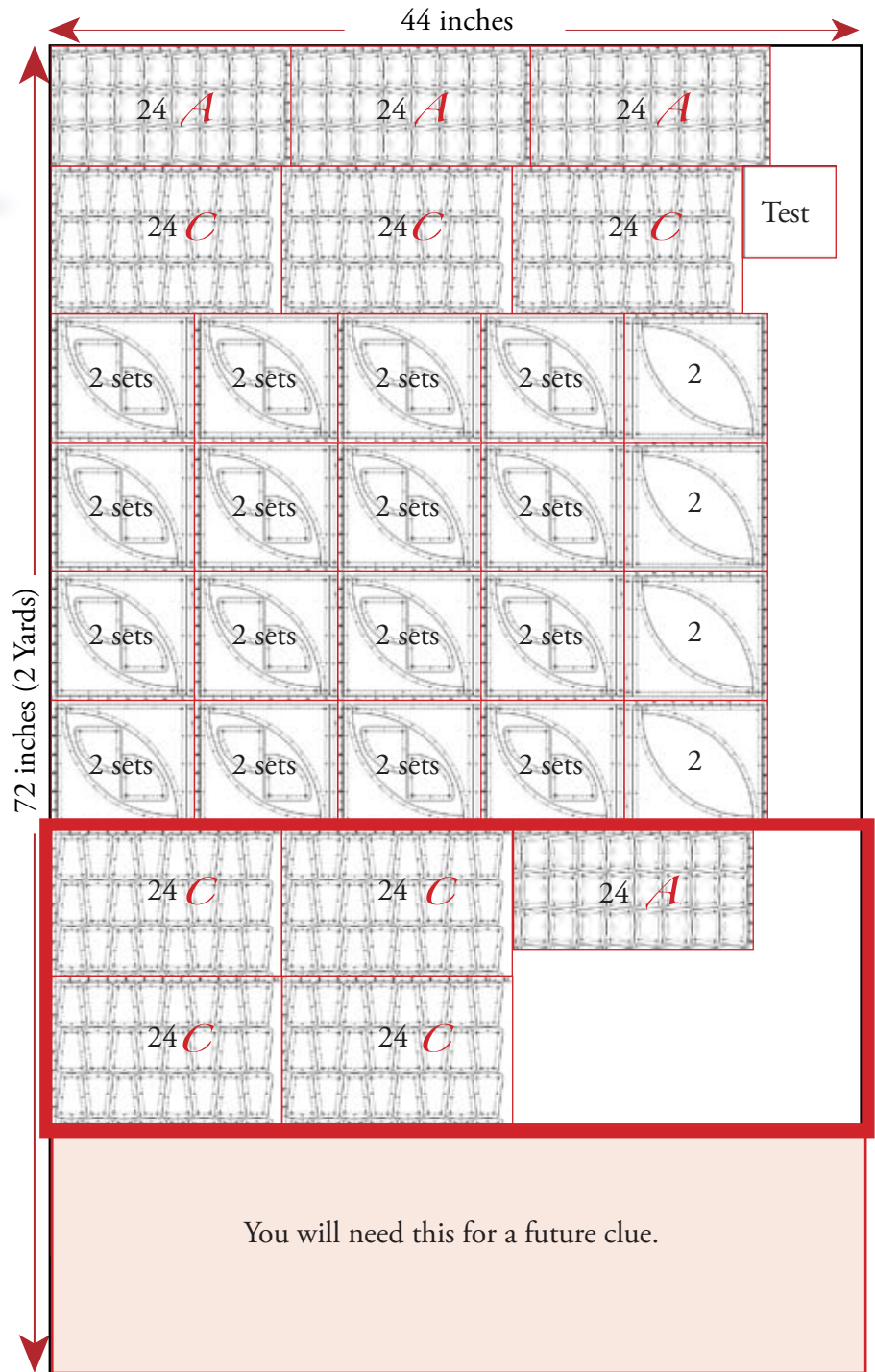
Light Fabric



6.5 x 13
Portrait



7.5 x 12.25
Landscape

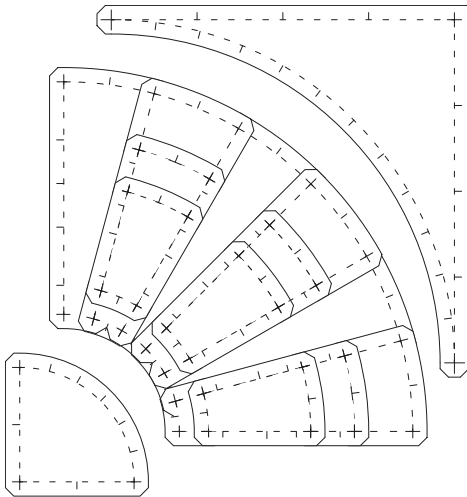


Print 4 sheets of C (96 shapes) and 1 sheet of A (24 shapes). See the notes for printing and cutting in Clue # 2.

Watch the [new video on YouTube](#) to see my rotary cutting "short cuts" for curves.

The diagram shows the layout which makes the best use of the fabric. Also see pages 16-17 and 20-21 of the [NY Wheel shape collection](#).

For Clue # 5, 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.



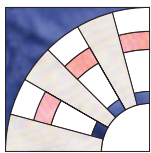
It doesn't look as if these shapes fit together, but they do—perfectly! The seam allowances create an optical illusion. The seam lines are exactly the same length. You will love having the matching marks!

Sew the Curved Seams

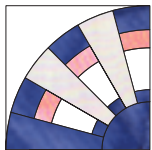
Add the corners and quarter circles to make 24 NY Wheel blocks as shown. Inkingo curves are the easiest ones you will ever sew. All of the instructions you need are on the website and blog.

It's an added bonus that when you follow these leads, you will have a better understanding of where to find anything you want on the [website](#) and the [blog](#) no matter what shapes you are sewing.

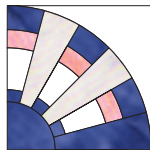
- Inkingo Curves by Machine (free PDF)
(Hint: Machine Piecing tab)
- Inkingo Curves by Hand (video)
(Hint: 30 second Clamshell Curves on [YouTube](#))
- Hand and Machine Piecing
(Hint: Sunflower Quilt Design Book, pages 66, 68-72)
- Top Ten Tutes and Archives
(Hint: Tabs and Search Box on the blog)



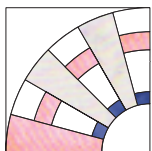
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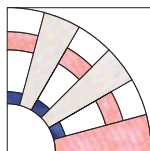
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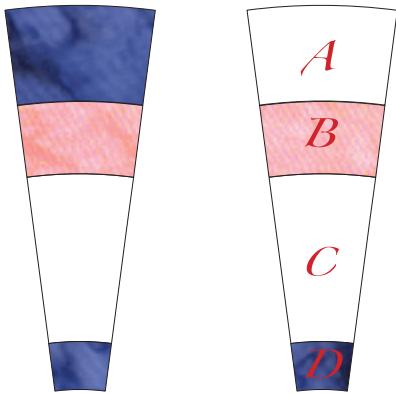
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View from the front

Bonus Tips

- If you practice your technique on the big curves, the smaller curves on the quarter circles will come more easily.
- If you always sew with the concave seam up as recommended in the notes, you will have the corner on top when you sew the large curve and quarter circle on the bottom when you sew the small curve.

As a detective, you should look for proof of the accuracy of your seam allowances using the diagram on page 31 of the shape collection before continuing with the other 23. This is a mystery quilt but there should not be any suspense about whether your blocks will fit together.



A Brilliant Deduction

Sherlock Holmes could have made a brilliant deduction from an innocuous tidbit on page 31: All of the A-B-C-D units have been printed.

There are only two ways to sew them together (left) and they will all be sewn together at some point, so if you want a head start on Clue # 6 you can continue sewing A-B-C-D units. You can't go wrong, but don't worry if you don't have time! This is a bonus for the speedy sleuths.

You should also continue your intelligence gathering activities (different from espionage) by becoming more familiar with some of the best pages on the website and blog:

- **Index of Shapes**
(Very important evidence of what is available!)
- **Smart Shopper's Idea Book**
(Looking for leads!)
- **Inklingo Quiz**
- **Monkey's Cheat Sheet**

More To Uncover

When you are on YouTube or the blog, have a good look around. There is info there that will help you with other projects, not just COTSG.

Now that you know how much fun it is to sew curves with stitching lines and matching marks printed on the fabric, are you ready for Orange Peel or Clamshell?. There are TWO locations on the website with easy access to all of the Shapes with Curves. Can you find them?

You are invited to ask questions, share your insights, and collaborate on the clues with other detectives in the **Inklingo Yahoo Group**. It is a very friendly place and you can see the progress on other quilts for the Case of the Secret Garden. We'll be back with Clue # 6.