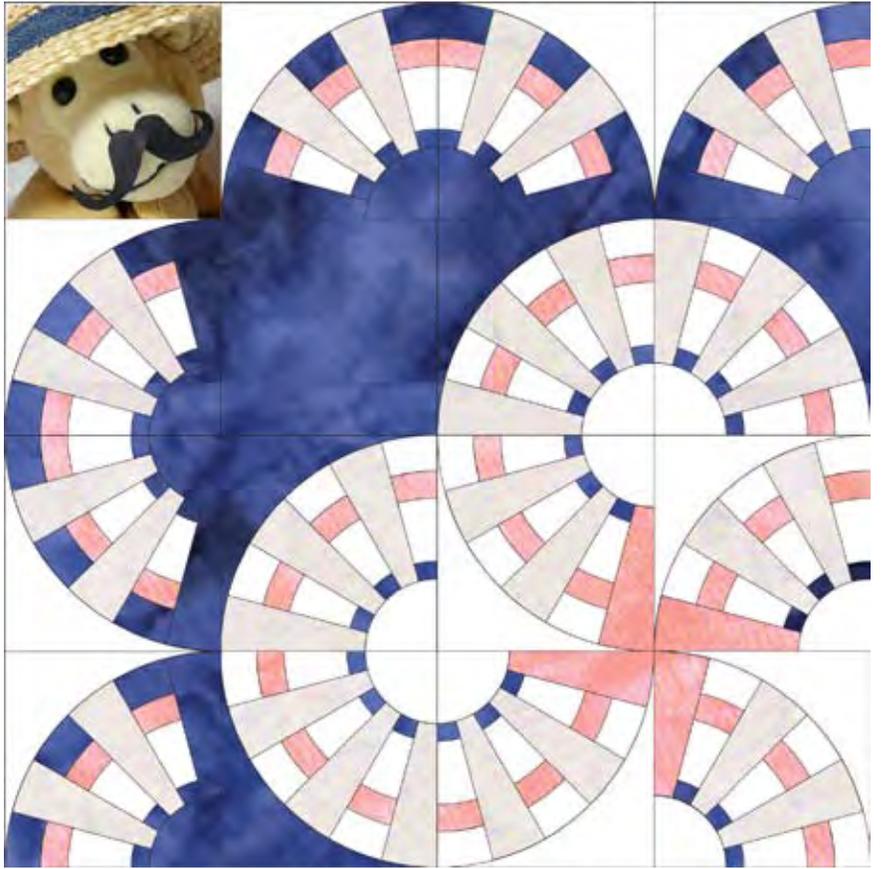


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Agatha Christie is famous for the last scene. The detective brings together all the suspects and explains the solution to the mystery. The suspense builds to an Aha! moment. I rarely guess correctly, but I still love reading mysteries.

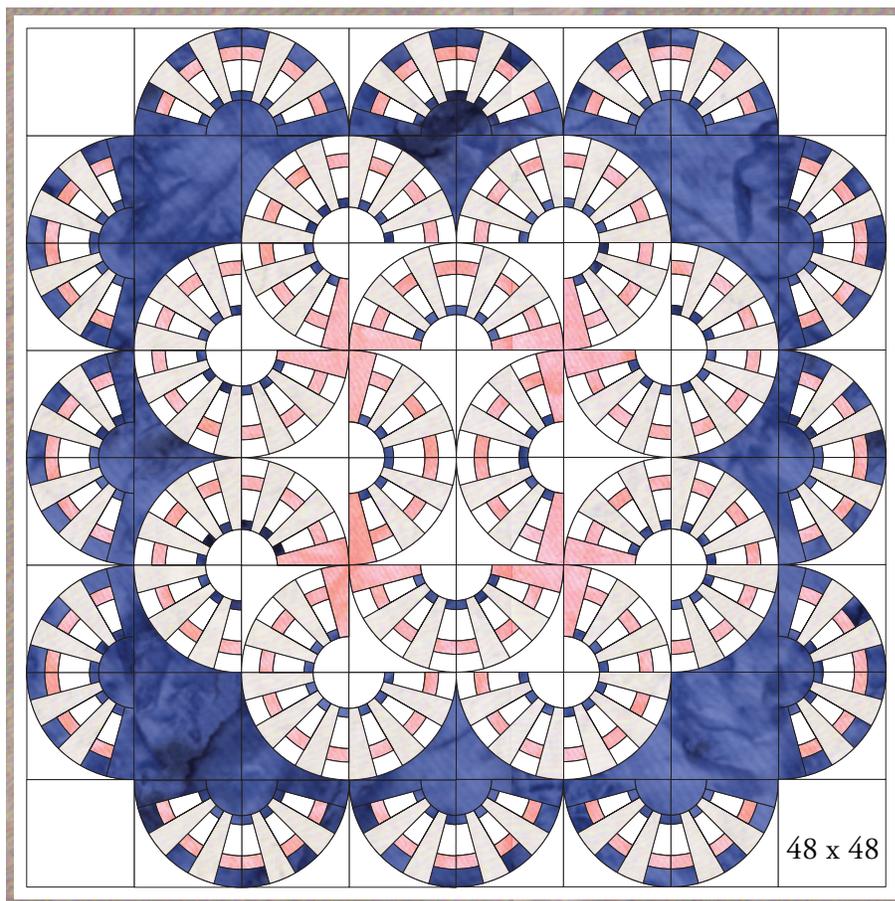
Unlike Agatha Christie, Inklingo makes everything obvious and simple. When you print the shapes on fabric, you can cut without templates or measuring and sew along the lines. Easy peasy—even without Hercule Poirot's powerful little grey cells.

However, Monkey wanted an "Agatha Moment," so we will reveal our order and method for counting the shapes for the COTSG quilt. (Hercule Poirot likes order and method.)

My favorite method is to cut a worksheet into sections or quarters (above) because it makes it easy to count the shapes ([Sunflower Quilt Design Book](#) page 48), and when I know the number of shapes from each fabric, I just look at the diagrams in the Inklingo Catalogue of Shapes to see how much fabric is needed. Voilà.

There is a little plot twist for quilters who use Electric Quilt software. EQ will count the shapes for you, but the algorithms for the fabric requirements are not as accurate as the diagrams provided by Inklingo. Like everything else, it is simpler with Inklingo.

Clue # 8



This is the Secret Garden!

Isn't it pretty? We hope you like it as much as we do. The dark fabric forms the garden wall and there is a trail of pink stepping stones and benches within the garden.

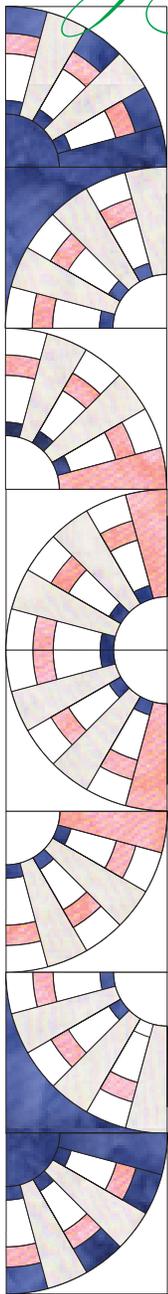
For this clue:

1. Cut 8 squares, 6.5 x 6.5 (6 inches finished)—4 light and 4 dark.

You can print the 6 inch squares if you have a shape collection which includes them (see [Index of Shapes](#) under the Support tab), but 6.5 x 6.5 is easy to rotary cut and Monkey and I wanted to be sure to show you how easy it is to mix printed and unprinted pieces in the same block or the same quilt.

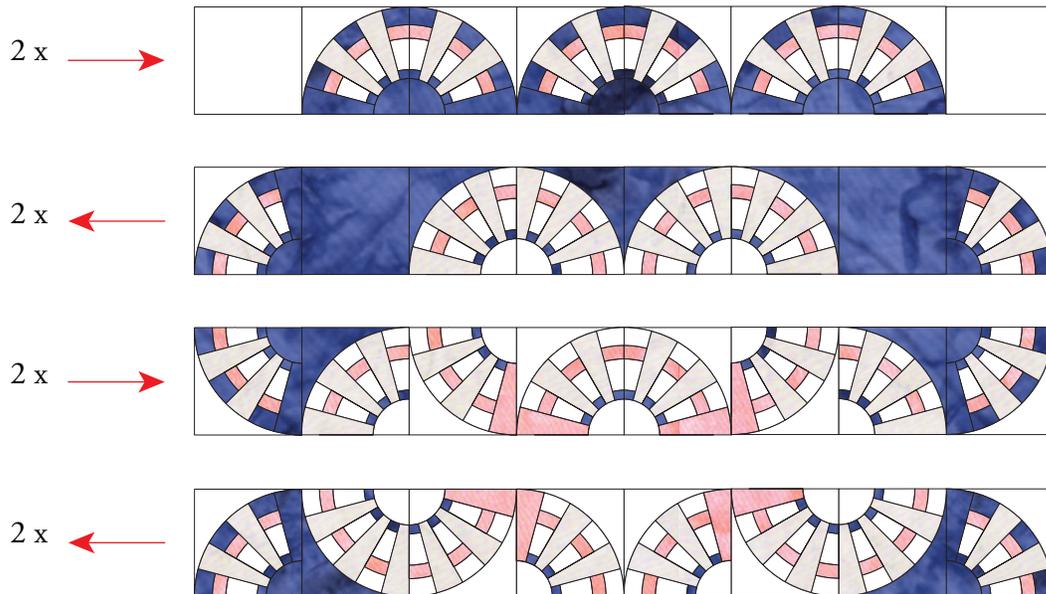
Monkey also thought it would be more mysterious this way, because you did not know what we were going to do with the rest of the light and dark fabrics.

2. Sew the blocks into 8 rows of 8 blocks by hand or by machine and press in the directions shown on the next page.
3. Sew the 8 rows together according to the final plot twist.



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You can print this page and use the illustration (above) for the spine on a binder.



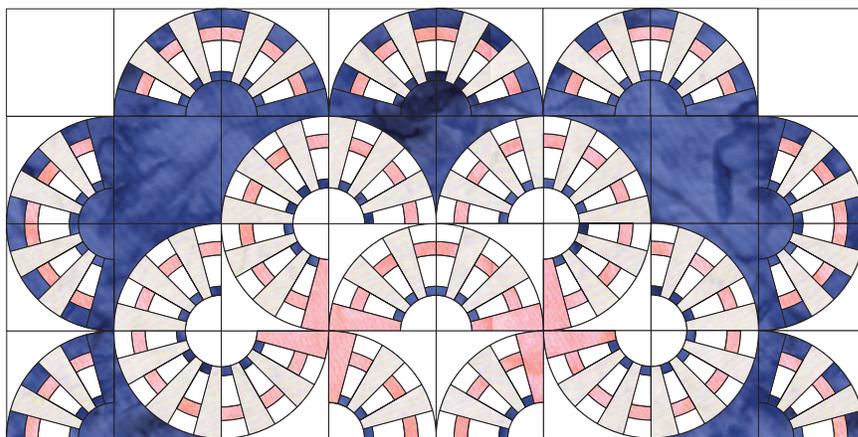
Assemble the Quilt Top

Sew 2 of each of these 4 rows by hand or by machine and press the new seams in the direction of the arrows. This ensures that the seams will be pressed in opposite directions when you sew the rows together, so it is easier to get neat intersections.

It is important to view all of the blocks from the front and pay attention to the position of shape F in each block.

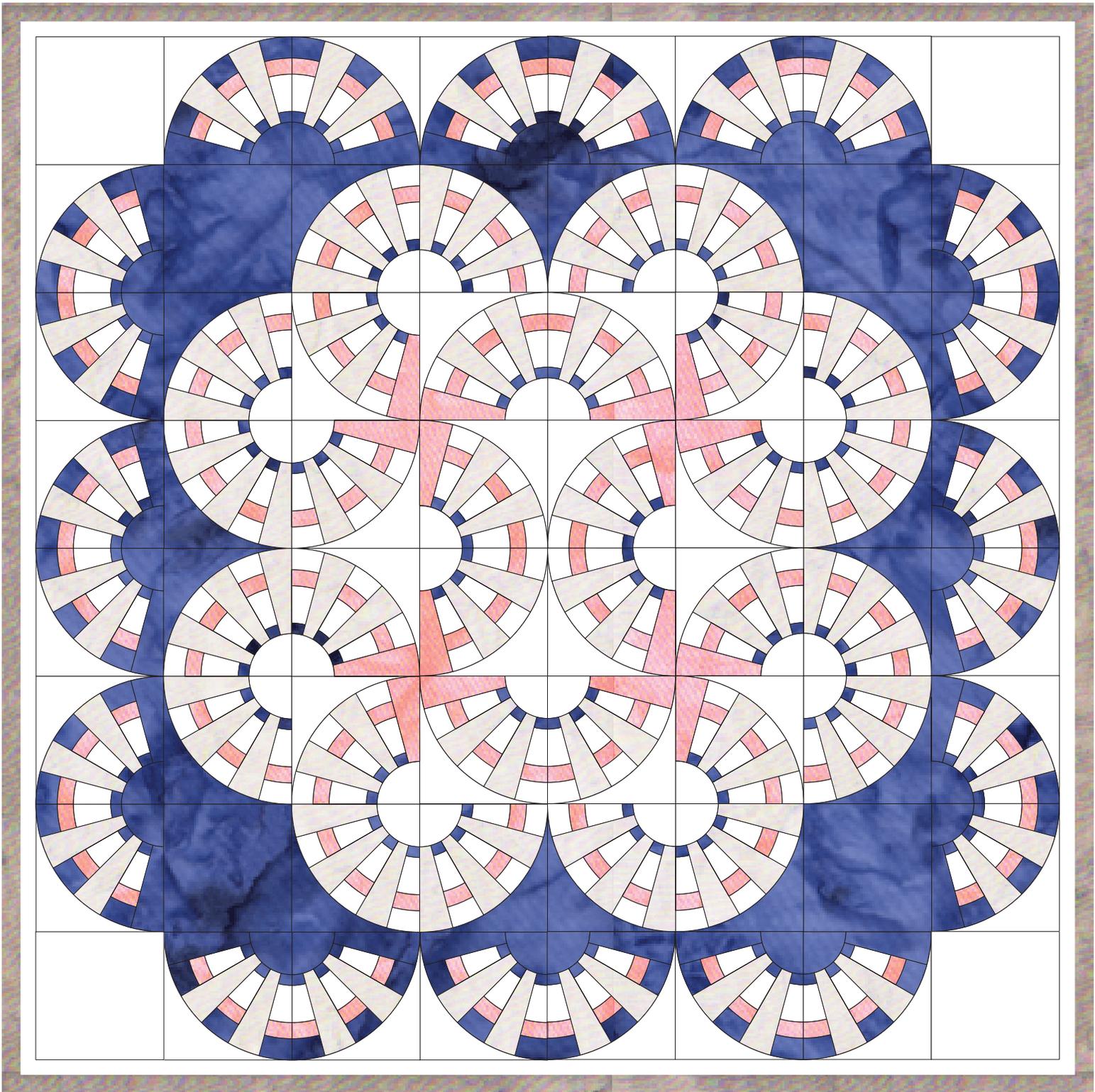
When all 8 rows have been assembled, lay them out in two sets of 4 (above) and sew the long seams.

You will have two halves which look like this:



A final plot twist! (Monkey insisted on having one.)

Turn one half of the quilt top 180° and sew the final center seam.

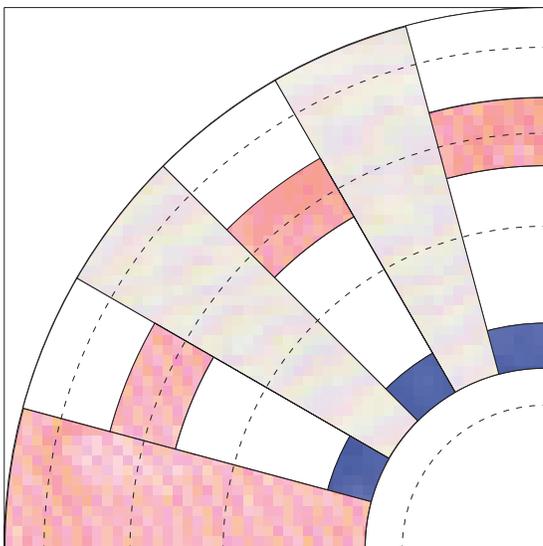


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Monkey is just as dapper as Hercule Poirot, don't you think? You don't need any extra little gray cells to understand that Inklingo is the easiest and best way to prepare shapes for hand piecing, machine piecing and appliqué. Mais, oui?



Quilting

One simple idea for quilting the blocks is to follow the curves (left).

Electric Quilt Project File

A new project file will be posted on the [All About Inklingo](#) blog in the next few days. You can use it to add borders or extra rows if you want to enlarge your secret garden.

Be sure to subscribe to the blog, so you don't miss anything.

A Cheat Sheet Eliminates the Mystery

For your convenience, the next page is a variation of Monkey's Cheat Sheet which collects all of the printing clues in one place.

All of the shapes are printed from the [New York Wheel shape collection](#), which is still on sale until March 31. When you buy the shape collection, you also receive the [Sunflower Quilt Design Book](#) (PDF download, \$20 value). Previous clues are on the [All About Inklingo](#) blog.

Please share your photos with us. If you let me know, you can add them to the COTSG board on Pinterest too.

COTSG Cover

This is our little surprise, thanks to Barb Clark in Texas. When she visited Canada recently, she showed me her beautifully organized Inklingo COTSG binder and she mentioned that she would love a cover to slip into the front pocket. What a great idea! The spine is on page 42 and the cover is on page 43.

They mystery is solved! I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did!



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Fabric/Shape	Number Required	Suggested FP Size	Other FP Sizes?	Layout Diagram in COTSG →	Notes
<u>Accent (pink 0.75 yards)</u>					
B	168	5.75 x 11 P	p 19	p 12	Show efficient use of fabric & allow for a mistake or two. - or fussy cut?
F	16	7.25 x 10 P	p 27		
<u>Light (white 2 yards)</u>					
A	96	6.5 x 13 P	p 17	p 32 -	(doesn't show the squares)
C	168	7.5 x 12.25 L	p 21		
combo 4	32 sets	7 x 7.75 P	p 13		
corners	8	7 x 7.75 P	p 15		
squares	4 - not printed - cut			6.5 x 6.5	(6 inch finished)
<u>Medium (gray 1 yard)</u>					
F	128	7.25 x 10 P	p 27	p 22	
<u>Dark (dark blue 1.25 yards)</u>					
A	72	6.5 x 13 P	p 17	p 27 -	(doesn't show the squares)
D	168	7.75 x 9.75 L	p 23		
F	24	7.25 x 10 P	p 27		
combo 4	16 sets	7 x 7.75 P	p 13		
qtr circle	8	5 x 10.75 P	p 29		
squares	4 - not printed - cut			6.5 x 6.5	(6 inch finished)