Shell Game Table Runner

Make a colorful statement on your dining room table, family room coffee table, buffet, or countertop. This project calls for lots of circles, so keep your sanity in check by using precut fabric circles. You’ll save time and get right to the fun part of this project—design and construction.

**Finished Size:** Approximately 16½” x 34½”

**Supplies:**
- ¾ yd. white print fabric (for background and binding)
- ½ yd. batting
- ½ yd. fabric of your choice (for backing)
- 100 Kona Cotton Precut 3” Circles—we used 10 each of Periwinkle, Jungle, Lemon, Lupine, Black, Deep Blue, Leprechaun, Mulberry, Rich Red, and Snow

**Helpful Notions:**
- Roll of narrow paper-backed fusible web, such as Wonder Under
- Clear monofilament thread, or matching thread
- Adhesive spray or glue stick
- Curved Corner Cutter Ruler

**Instructions:**

1. Cut fabrics and batting for table runner.
   - From Fabric A (white print), cut a 16½” x 34½” piece for the background, and three 2½” wide strips for binding.
   - From Fabric B (backing), cut an 18” x 36” piece.
   - Also cut an 18” x 36” piece of batting.

2. Prepare fabric circles for appliques.
   - Apply adhesive spray or a strip of glue to the wrong side of the pre-cut fabric circles.

3. Arrange circles on background fabric.
   - Place the background fabric on a flat work surface, right side up. Arrange fabric circles ⅜” from the top and side edges. Arrange circles in the following manner:
   - First row: Place five circles across the width of the fabric, with edges of circles touching.
   - Second row: Repeat the shell design by overlapping four circles at the intersections of the five circles in the previous row.
   - Repeat the pattern, alternating rows of five circles across with rows of four circles across, to complete 21 rows.
   • Fuse 1” strips of the ¼” wide paper-backed fusible web 4”–5” apart on the front and back of batting.
   • Position the 18” x 36” backing fabric on a pressing surface, wrong side up. Remove the paper backing from the fusible web strips on one side of the batting. Turn that side toward the wrong side of the backing fabric, center the batting on backing fabric, and smooth out wrinkles with your hands.

5. Applique circles onto background fabric.
   • Thread your sewing machine with clear monofilament thread, or a matching thread. Stitch the circles to the background fabric using a blanket stitch or zigzag stitch.

6. Bind the table runner.
   • Use the Curved Corner Cutter Ruler to trim the four corners of the table runner into a rounded shape. Trim away excess batting and backing fabric.
   • Create and add binding all the way around the table runner using your favorite binding technique.