Circle Cutter Table Runner
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14” x 26 ½”

**Materials Needed:**
2/3 yard Feature Fabric
2/3 yard Background Fabric
Thread to match
Quilter’s Rule Circle Cutter &
Circle Cutter Design Mat
Square Ruler
6” Circle Template

**PRACTICE:** Adjust the blade of your cutter to cut a 6 ¼” circle. Center a 6” circle template on a 7” square of practice fabric and draw a circle. (Hint: Mark your template into quarters).

Align the 6” etched circle on the base of the cutter with the drawn circle. Start the handle of the cutter in the 7:00 o’clock position. Apply pressure to the outside knob and in one motion cut your circle.

You should have 1/8” excess fabric on the outside of the circle.

**TABLE RUNNER:**
Cut 18 – 7” squares from each fabric.

1. Using both fabrics, place two squares right sides together. Align the marks of your template with the mat. This will center your circle in the middle of the square. Draw around the template.

2. Pin to secure fabrics together. Do all 18 groups of squares. Sew on the drawn line. Accuracy is important for this step.

3. Center sewn squares on mat with back of feature fabric facing you. Using a square ruler, line up the diagonal line on the ruler with the diagonal line on the mat. With the top right corner of square touching the sewn line, draw a line 4 ¼” from right to left.

4. As in your practice, adjust your cutter to cut a 6 ¼” circle. Place the 6” etched circle located on the base of the cutter directly on top of the threads of the sewn circle. Cut.
5. After cutting all 18 circles, with feature fabric facing you, pull fabrics away from each other and carefully cut a 1 ½” slit in the FEATURE FABRIC ONLY, approximately ¼” above the drawn line in the section that will become the flap. Turn all circles right sides out and press with an iron.

6. With slit on top, as in step 3, center your circle on the mat and draw a 4 ¼” sewing line on the feature fabric.

7a. Place two sections together with feature fabric on the outside and whenever possible with the slit tabs together. Sew on the line. Be sure to match the edges of your fabric. Press flaps open.

7b. Repeating the step #6, center your circles and draw your sewing lines.

8. When sewing sets of two together, sew as close to the point of the flap without sewing through the point. Sew to the center, backstitch to reinforce, and continue to the next circle, carefully avoiding the folds of the flap. Press open.

9. Continue sewing in sections.

10. Press and pin flaps down. Always staying on the right side of the flap, sew in a spiral direction as shown at left. When you reach the bottom of #5, turn and staying on the right side continue until you return to #1. Sew two more sets in this fashion. You will then have two rows of flaps that are sewn in an “S” pattern from top to bottom and return (as shown at right).