

Block of the Month

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October block of the month: Orange Peel Block

I love Orange Peel quilts with its graphic single block and circular secondary designs. Over the years, I have made at least three of them using different challenging construction techniques. But lately a new construction method is circulating the internet and it is a fairly simple way of constructing the block using fusible interfacing.



Materials

- 7" square white on white fabric [make sure it's a true white]
- an appropriate sized brightly coloured piece of fabric for the peel.
Use a fabric that is or reads solid [I have used solids for my quilt].
- Lightweight fusible interfacing [fusible on one side only]

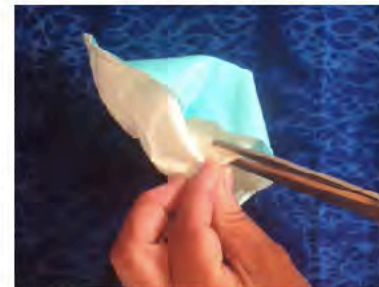
Construction

1. Cut out the paper orange peel pattern below.
2. Using the paper pattern, cut out a fabric peel and a lightweight fusible interfacing peel.



3. With fusible side [the bumpy side] of the interfacing to right side of fabric, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam completely around the orange peel shape. Yes, completely around.

4. Trim the two points close to the seam line.
5. Pull the two pieces apart and use sharp scissors to snip a cut in the interfacing about $\frac{1}{2}$ " away from the seam line.



6. Now cut the interfacing $\frac{1}{2}$ " away from the seam line all the way around.

7. Turn the peel right side out and finger press the edges so they are crisp.
8. Lay the peel down on the white square so that the peel points are aligned with the corners. Carefully press the peel in place with a hot iron.
9. Finally, using a very narrow blanket stitch and thread matching the peel, top stitch the peel in place.

