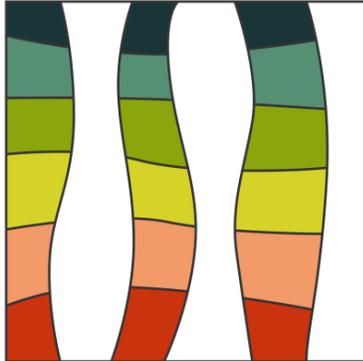




**Oakville Quilters' Guild
Modern Block of the Month
February Block 2 – Curves**



Block size: 12.5" unfinished

You will need:

- 7 – 2.5" x 10" rectangles of seven focal fabric
- 3 – 3 x 14.5" rectangles of background fabric

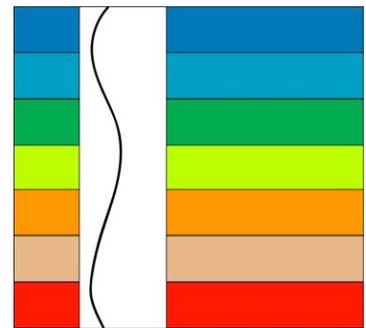
This block is made using free form curves. It's easier than you think!

Some tips for sewing free hand curves

- Don't clip the seam allowances or use pins
- Line up the top edge of the pieces and align the curve as you sew, easing out any tucks along the way.

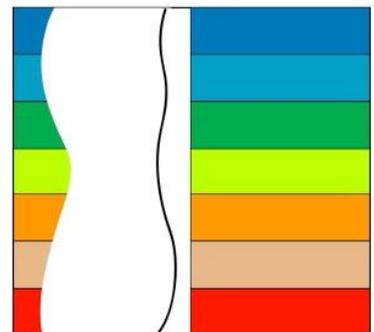
The first curve

- Sew together using a 1/4" seam the focal fabric rectangles in a pleasing order to make the strip set.
- Overlap one background strip on top of the strip set **RIGHT SIDES FACING UP**. Leave between 2 – 2 1/2" of the strip set showing on the left side of the background strip.
- Cut a soft curve close to the left side of the background strip.
- Sew the left side of the strip set to the right side of the background strip, matching the seams as you go with a 1/8" to 1/4" seam allowance



The second curve

- Overlap the curved pieced block on top of the remaining strip set. Make sure you only overlap no more than 1", enough to cut another soft curve.
- Inside that overlap, cut another soft curve and sew the pieced curve and the left side of the strip set.



Carrying on

- Repeat the above steps with the second background strip, leaving 2 – 2 1/2" of the strip set showing to add another curvy strip of white
- Add the third background strip in the same way, leaving 2 – 2 1/2" of the strip set showing, but do not add the strip set to the other side of the background strip
- Square up the block to 12 1/2".

