



MISSOURI STAR
— QUILT CO. —

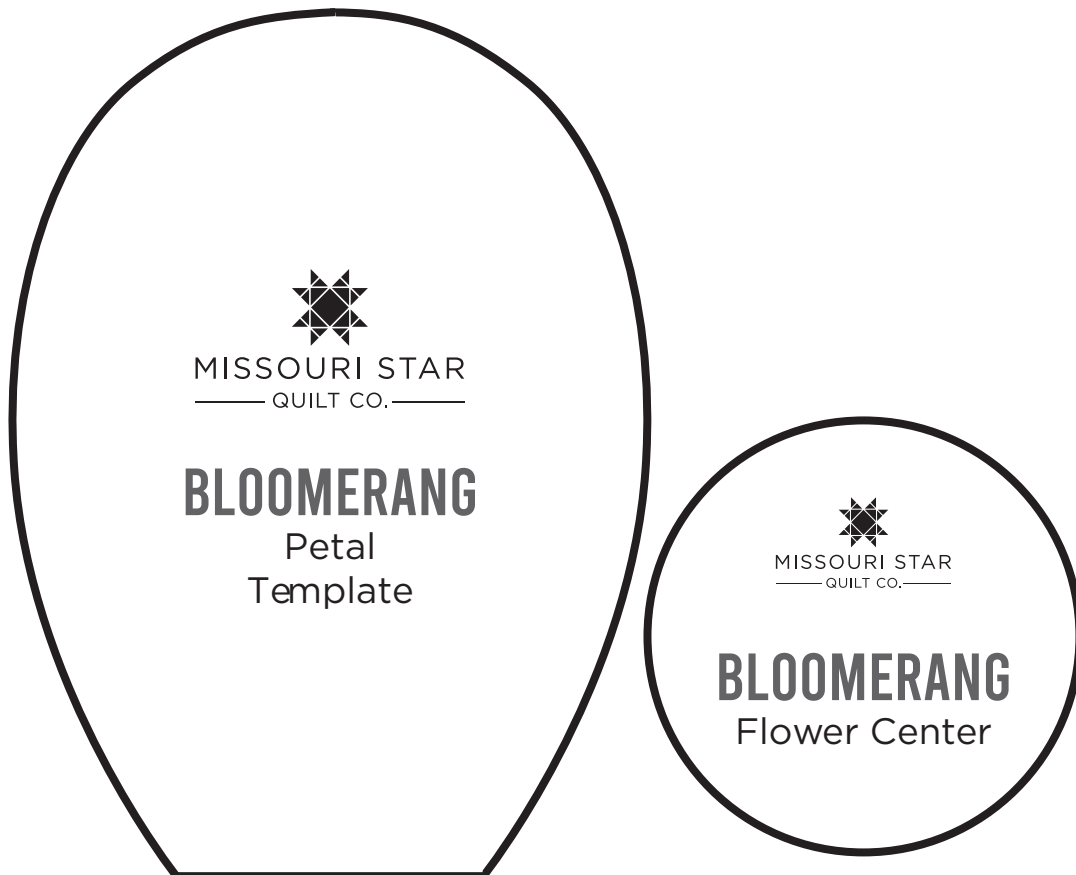
BLOOMERANG

A Start to Finish Sew-Along
Mondays in March 2021 for National Quilting Month

WEEK THREE: EASY MACHINE APPLIQUÉ

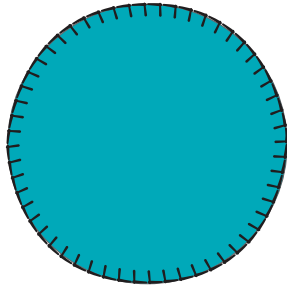
This week we're putting the BLOOM in Bloomerang! Follow along and you'll learn how to complete the center flower using the Missouri Star Petal template. We've also included a traceable template to help you get this great shape for your appliqué along with a small circle for the flower center. Learn how to create the flower petals in two colors, using a pen or pencil on the paper side of Heat n Bond Lite. After folding the center square twice to create creased lines horizontally and vertically, you'll then fold them again to get corner-to-corner diagonal lines. After that, it's time to place all your petals in just the right spot, ideally while on an ironing board or wool pressing mat, and then press them straight down to adhere.

Finally, you'll stitch all the petals and the flower center in place using an appliqué stitch, sometimes called a buttonhole stitch or blanket stitch. You can also use a zigzag stitch or even a straight stitch. Want more great tips, tricks, and techniques? Watch our full-length class, *Beginning Machine Appliqué* with Courtenay Hughes. You can match up your threads to blend stitches with fabrics or choose a thread that stands out. You can even use invisible threads! Share the Bloom in your Bloomerang with us, using [#msqcshowandtell](https://www.instagram.com/msqcshowandtell) on social media. Be sure to assemble your top and join us next week to quilt it!

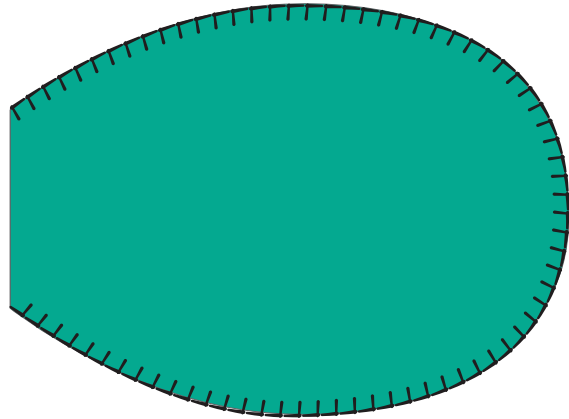


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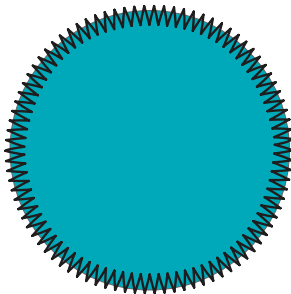
SAMPLE STITCHES



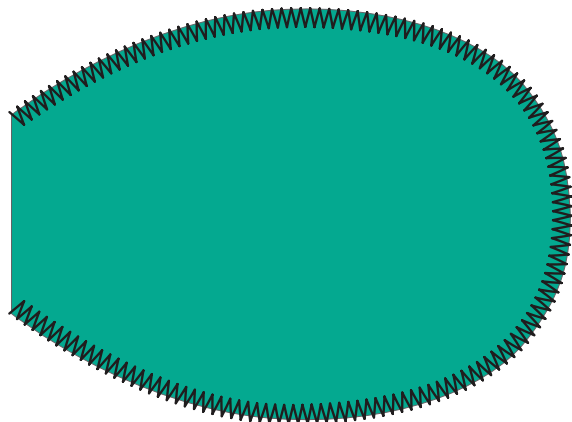
Buttonhole or Blanket Stitch



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Zigzag Stitch



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