

Best Beach Ball

The fun won't stop when you make our all-new Beach Ball. Available in three sizes, you won't be able to make just one. Use the templates to easily cut the shapes and then follow the detailed, easy-to-follow guidance for piecing success. This project can be sewn by machine or by hand.

General Supplies:

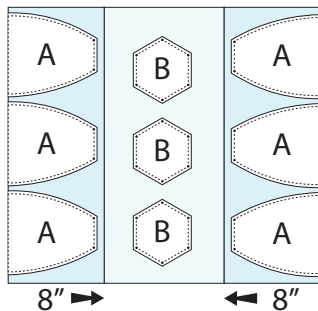
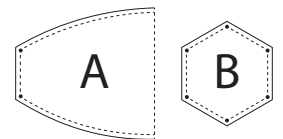
- 50 wt Aurifil thread in matching or contrasting color
- Sewing machine needle--Schmetz Quilting needle-75/11
- Seam ripper (*just in case*)
- Straight Pins
- Seam tape to mark alignment line on sewing machine bed
- 16" square piece pattern paper (*optional*)
- 12" balloon

Fabric Supplies: *Do NOT prewash fabrics!*

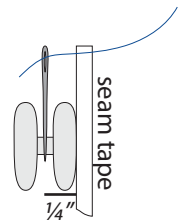
- $\frac{3}{4}$ yard of fabric for the 14" beach ball
- $\frac{5}{8}$ yard of fabric for the 12" beach ball
- $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of fabric for the 10" beach ball

Preparations:

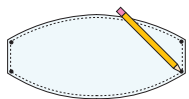
Cut out patterns A and B or trace the patterns to pattern paper to preserve the original template and then cut out.



Fold 8" on each side of the 42" width of fabric as shown. Place the dashed line of (3) pattern As on each fold and cut out on the outer solid line. Place (3) pattern Bs on the single layer fabric that is between the two folds as shown and cut out. Cut (6) of pattern A and (3) of pattern B.

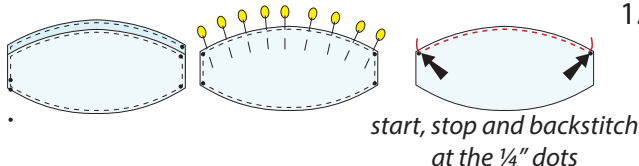


Place a strip of seam tape on the sewing machine bed $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the right of the needle center to use as a guide line for sewing the $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.



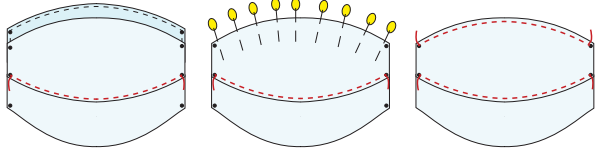
Using pencil, punch through the paper to transfer each of the marked dots from patterns A and B to each of the fabric pieces to show the $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance starting and stopping points.

Assembling the Beach Ball: Use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance



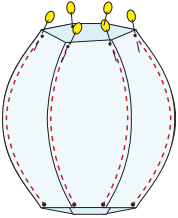
1. Place (2) pattern A pieces, right sides together and use the straight pins to secure. Sew the curved edge, starting and stopping on the marked $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance dots. Backstitch at each dot to avoid the seams coming loose. Press the finished seam open.

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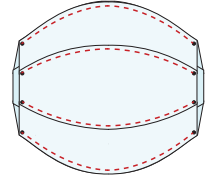


2. Use straight pins to secure a third template A to the opposite side of the unit. Sew the curved edge, starting, stopping and backstitching at the marked $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam dots. Press the seam in one direction.

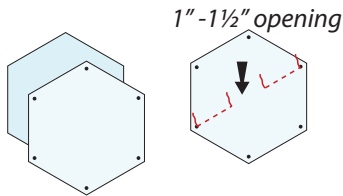
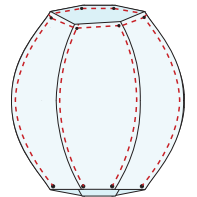
3. Repeat to sew the (6) template A pieces into a six-sided hexagon tube with both ends open.



4. With right sides together, pin (1) template B hexagon to one end of the tube, matching the marked dots.

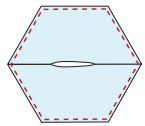
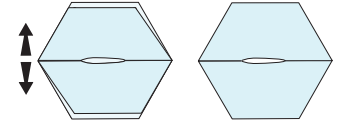


5. Sew around the entire edge of the template B hexagon, needle down and pivot at each dot.



6. Sew a center line through the template B pair, starting at the dots and leaving a 1" - 1½" opening in the center.

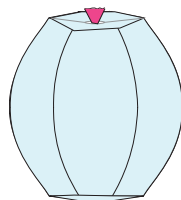
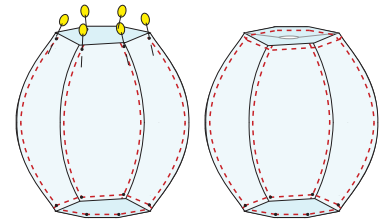
7. Open the piece by folding each hexagon along the stitching with wrong sides together. The seam line will then become the fold and there will be an opening in the center. Press well.



8. Sew a narrow $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam around the outside edge to hold the edges together to make the fabric ball top.

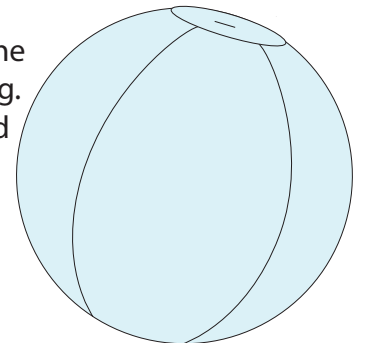
9. With right sides together, pin the fabric ball top to the open end of the ball, matching the marked dots.

10. Sew around the entire edge of the fabric ball top, needle down and pivot at each dot to make the fabric ball.



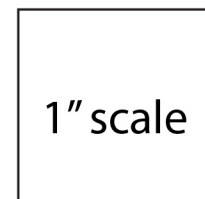
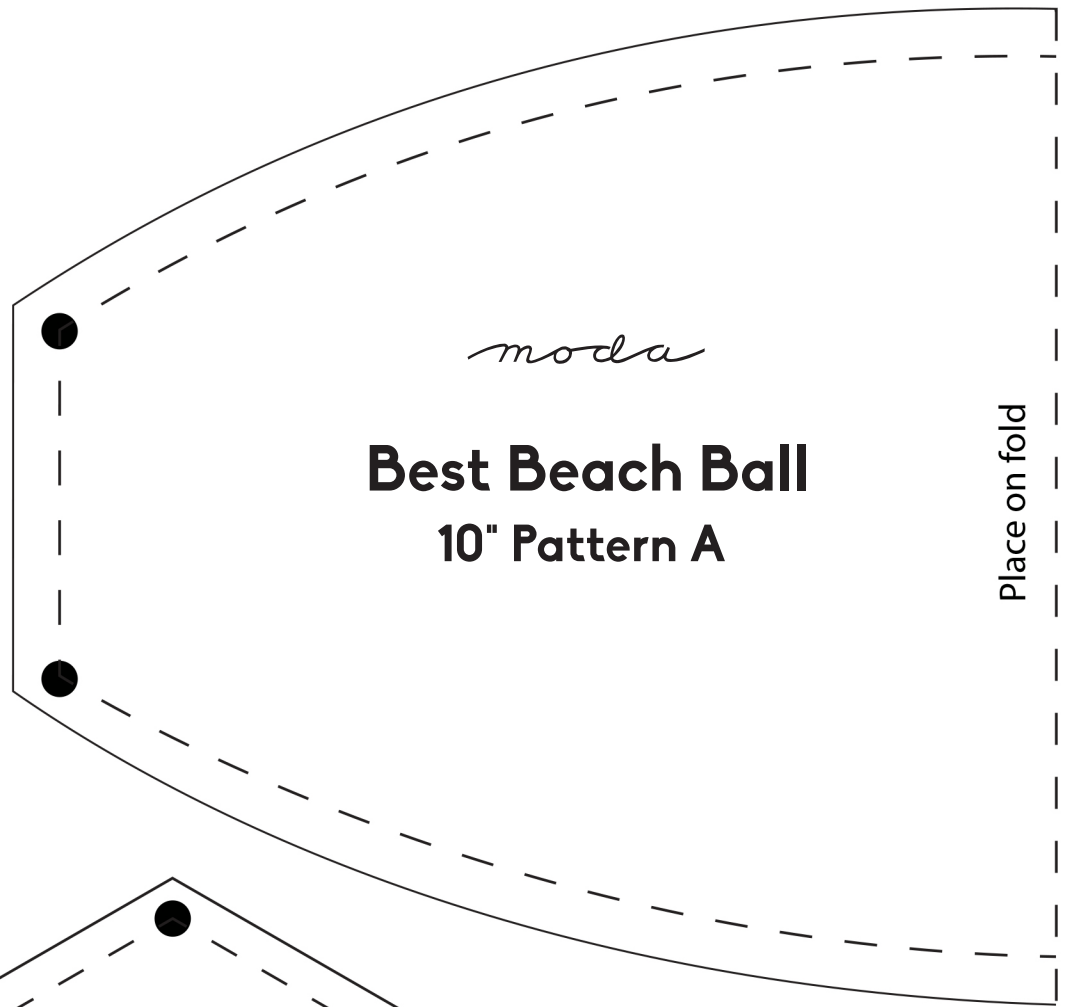
11. Turn the ball right side out through the small opening in the top. Insert the uninflated 12" balloon into the opening with the end sticking out.

12. Inflate the ball to the desired size. Twist the end many times and tuck into the opening. To deflate the ball, untuck the balloon end and release the air.



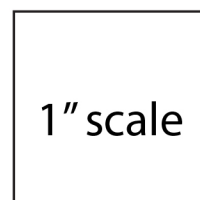
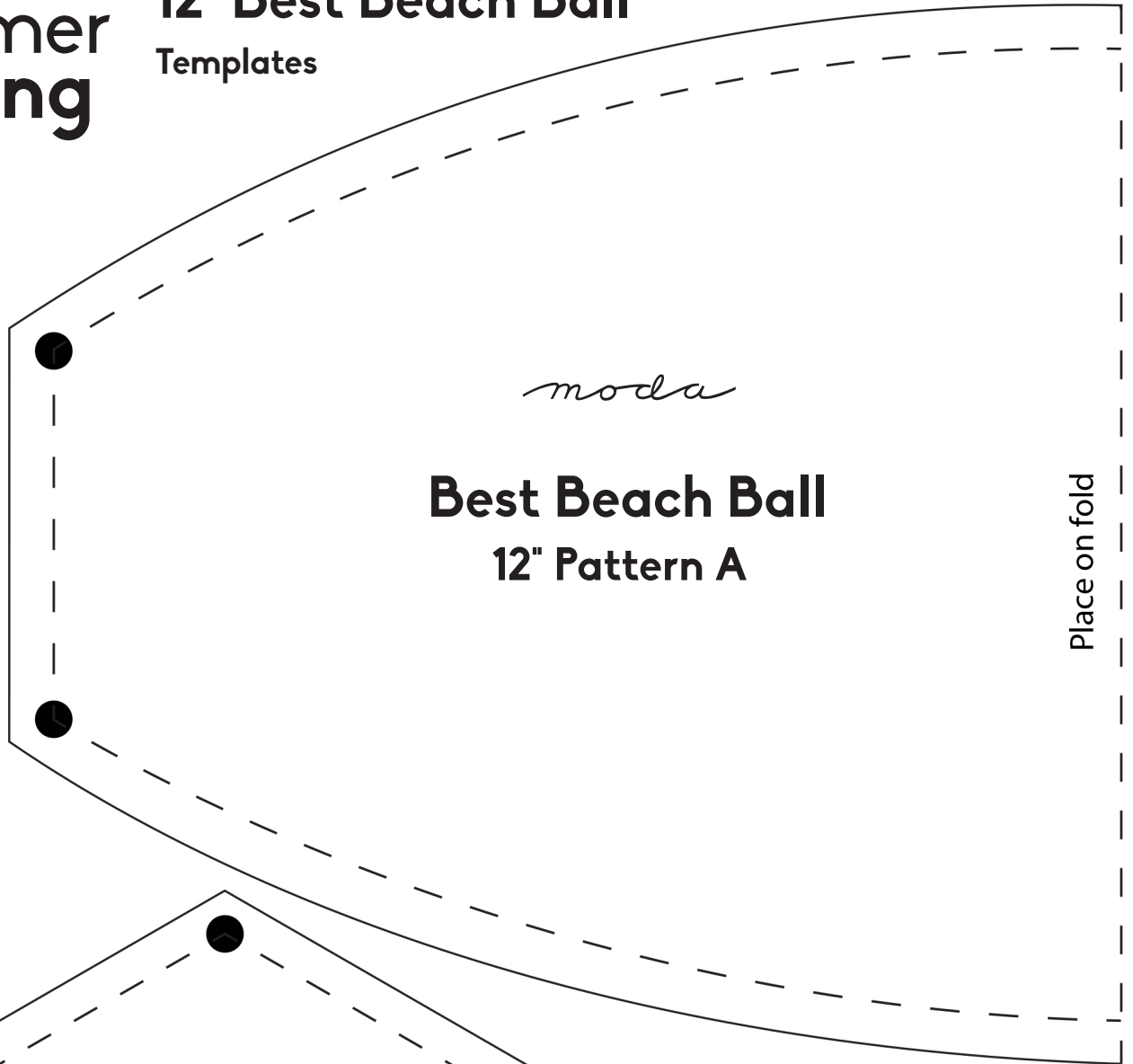
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