

Perfect Circles®

Perfect Circle Templates from Karen Kay Buckley are the easiest way to always make a perfect appliqué circle.



1 Pick a circle template that matches the circle you need to make. The one I'm using is slightly larger than the angel's face, but it won't matter in the finished appliqué.

2 Trace around the circle using a water erasable marker or fabric pencil.



3 Cut out circle using approximately a 1/4" seam allowance.



4 Using a knotted double thread and a running stitch, gather the seam allowance. (Do not cut thread until your circle is completely finished)



5 Place the template in the center of the circle and pull up gathering threads. Paint the seam allowance with a bit of sizing or spray starch. Place an iron over the circle until the starch is dry. This may take a few minutes so be patient.

6 Once dry, remove template and pull on gathering thread to adjust circle if needed. Press.



I store my circles in a small container along with thread and several needles, threaded and ready to go. These are part of my appliqué tools.

