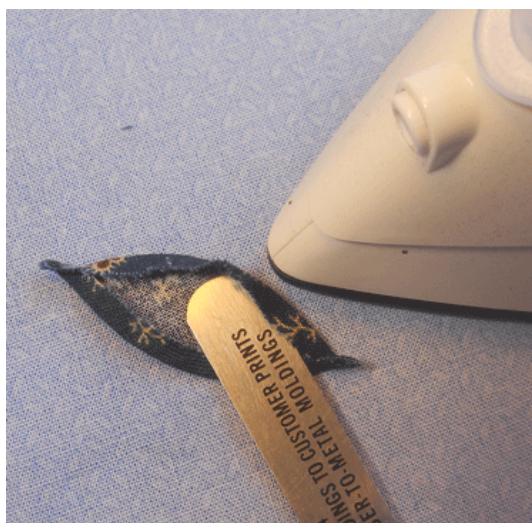


## Melon Seeds Conquered

I've tried every which-way, on-line tutorials, suggestions from friends, etc. And still couldn't really conquer them to my satisfaction which is not to be perfect, just to be happy! Wish I'd discovered this way when I first started Dear Jane and it is again thanks to that dear lady and her love of using melon seeds in Oh, so many of her blocks!

I had begun to use freezer paper on the wrong side, spray and press the seam allowance over using a very slender metal ruler.



OWWW!

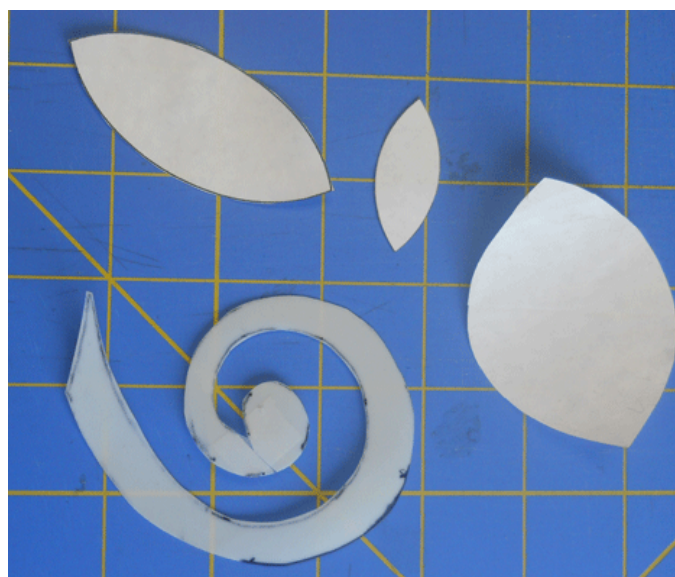
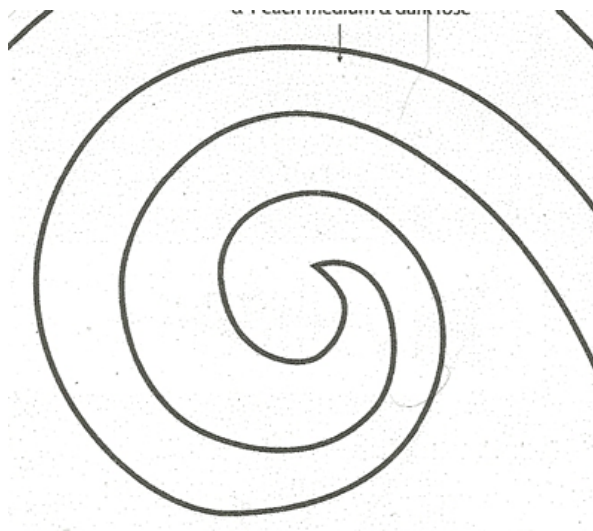
It worked somewhat but the ruler got hot and burned my fingies!

I had a box full of heat-resistant (Mylar) template plastic curved shaped of various sizes and figured to try one or two to see if I could press the seam allowance of my curved appliqué pieces over on them!

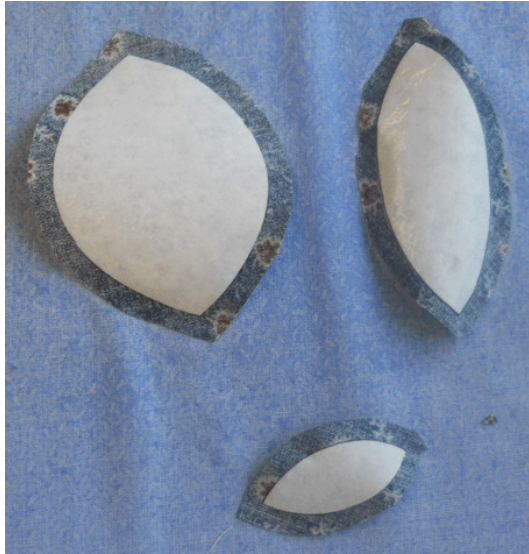
Voila! It really works!

I'll mostly do this tutorial with pictures.

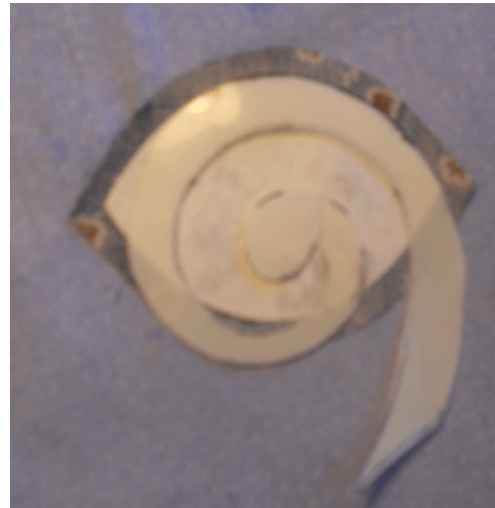
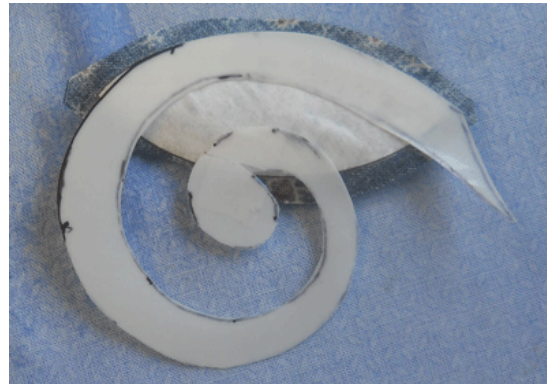
I found one shape that will allow me to do most DJ curves from small to large!



I cut the App shapes out of freezer paper and press them onto the back side of the fabric.



Spray with dilute starch to make turning the seam allowance easier. Find the right curve diameter on the template: medium, small and larger.







Hold it and press! The point of a regular sized iron will work just dandy.

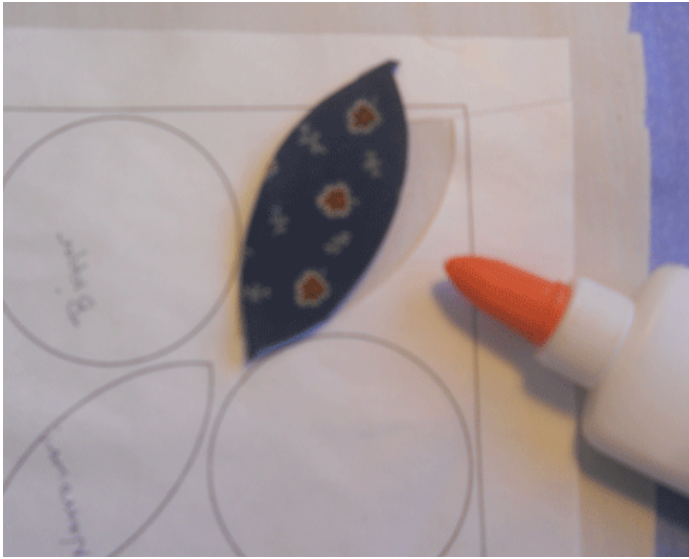
You can move the template around to match the curve as you press.



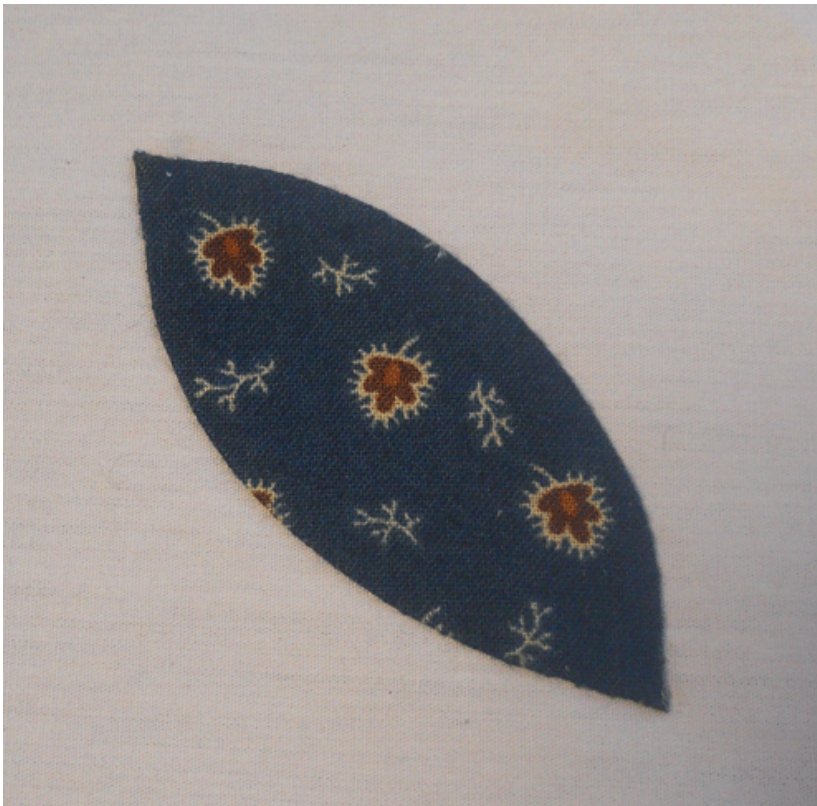
Remove the paper and done! Super clean!

Now to use it! I save the freezer paper background of the block that I cut the shapes from. Press this to your background fabric – doesn't matter if it has cut or tears, it's only for placement without marking the fabric.

Use a dab of Elmer's glue in the center of the shape just to hold it in place on the background. I like to leave the paper there while I sew around the shape .



And here's the result! (One other little trick I use with the sharp points is to trim then dab the tip with a single drop of Fray-Check **just before** I sew them. This allows the needle to go through easily before it dries and really stops any raveling.)



If you have questions or need more help, or maybe you have a suggestion, please feel free to contact me!