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## CIRCLE OF STARS Supply List

This design is developed on a 13 x 13 square grid. Within that grid, when some of the squares are removed and replaced by quarter square triangle units, nine Ohio Stars emerge. Students will have the option of working in either a 1/2" grid or a 1" grid.

One way to approach your color and fabric for this project would be to choose a palette fabric or photo, etc to use as your color inspiration; or choose one color and an accent; or choose two complimentary colors; or work analogously with three neighboring colors on the color wheel and one compliment. Keep in mind that simple is always good. Whatever approach you choose to select your colors, the key to this project is value manipulation and placement so bring a variety (10-15) of values and visual textures for each color. Include hot or intense colors as well as deep darks. We won't use them all but you will need lots of choices. The underlying design of this project is a Trip Around the World and we will be working small so tone on tone style fabrics work well, keeping in mind visual textures are important (dots, stripes, florals, checks, etc.). Bring some small scaled two color or multi-colored prints if you have them, they sometimes help to transition from one fabric/color to another but are not absolutely necessary. I like to work with one or two color families and blend them together smoothly (low contrast) rather than create a choppy, checkerboard (high contrast) look. If its too choppy with a lot of color and/or value contrast, it can be difficult to have the stars show up. I prefer to create a smooth, quiet ground for the stars to shine on. Your star fabric needs to show up on the Trip Around The World background.

**Fabric:** 100% Cotton - The amount of each fabric is small so bring your fabrics uncut if you are pulling off your shelf or 1/8 to 1/4 yard pieces if you are purchasing and collecting for this project.

**Tools:** Sewing machine w/new needle and appropriate thread. **Bring the machine you do your best work on.** We will sew with a 1/4" seam allowance so if your machine has an appropriate foot, please bring it. Notepaper, pencil, small scissors, glue stick, long, fine pins (.04mm), seam ripper, rotary cutter, mat and ruler and square ruler (I use a 3" x 18" Omnigrd with a continuous 1/8" grid and a 4" square with the same grid and a 45 degree angle line), tweezers, iron and surface, **two mirrors attached at one end are critical for the designing, (approx. 5" x 11" by Marti Michell)**, either a 20" or 13" square of foamcore board, depending on the size of your design) covered with thin batt or flannel to use as a design board (you will need this); and any other sewing supplies you usually use.

**Noteworthy:** You can leave your machine in the car for the first class.

If you have any questions, please feel free to phone me.

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