

Wave Action

1 Block = 1 Ticket. Make an ocean full!

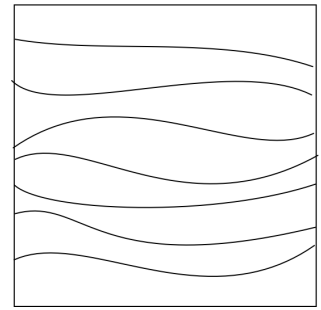


Photo taken at Long Beach in 2007

The instructions are guidelines for the piecing of gentle curves.

(Make sure the curves are shallow to keep the stitching easy.)

Caution - stitching curves can be addictive!



Cut: 4 strips of fabric - each 4" by 14" - blue, aqua, white, 'watery'.
(Prints work well because there is a visible right and wrong side.)

1. Stack two of the strips, right side up on top of each other so the edges are even. Using a sharp cutting tool, cut through both layers, in the middle, in a big loose "S". Keep it shallow!



2. Separate the stack. Rearrange the strips into two sets. They should be right side up with the curves matching.

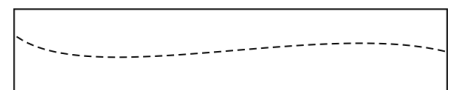
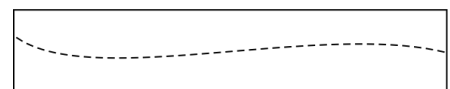


3. Take one set and flip one strip over the other, right sides together. This will look awkward because the seam edges do not line up, however this is the way it should be. Pining is not necessary.



4. Set your machine to straight stitch with the needle down function. Match the end edge and begin stitching with a 1/4" seam. Keep the under fabric flat on the machine throat plate while holding the upper fabric with your left hand and steer along the curvy seam. Keep the raw edges together. Stitch about an inch at a time, pause to adjust the edges then carry on stitching. Do not pull or stretch either fabric. The two may not be even at the end of the seam. This is normal. The quilt top will be trimmed later.

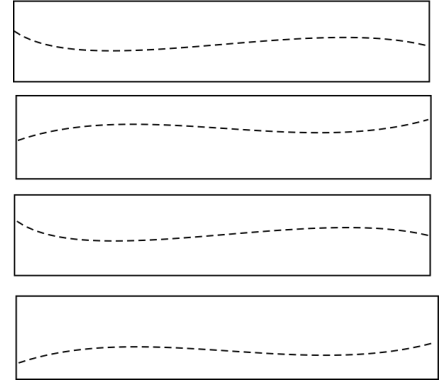
5. Stitch and press. Repeat with the other set of strips. You



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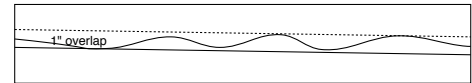
will have 2 curvy strips.



6. Repeat this whole process with the other two strips. Now you have 4 curvy strips. Arrange the strips, mixing the colours, to make a block.

7. To join the strips, make some more curvy cuts following this instruction. Lay two of the strip sets right side up on your cutting mat, overlapping them 1" along the long side. The end edges should be even.

8. Cut a long shallow curve through the overlap of both layers.



9. Remove and discard the two skinny excess pieces.

10. Place these right sides together and stitch as before. Press.

11. Press. Trim your block 12½" square.

