

## New Moon

**Skill Level:** Advanced Beginner

**Block Size:** 13" x 13"

**Quilt Size:** 95" x 95"

*New Moon* is a quilt designed by Jinny Beyer, combining several elements from her popular BOM quilts, **Moon Glow** and **Mirage**. This quilt is created by alternating a foundation pieced Pineapple block with a foundation pieced Compass block. Jinny uses her new *Palette* fabrics to create the gently shaded glow behind each of the Compass blocks.

The Compass for *New Moon* is constructed using a total of 8 foundations, 4 each of 2 parts. Corner triangles on the Compass blocks use one of four different fabrics, depending on block placement within the quilt. The Pineapple block is pieced on one foundation.

However, two variations of the Pineapple block are needed to make the quilt. The two Pineapple variations are mirror-imaged blocks. When placed correctly in the quilt, these blocks create the subtle color shading within this quilt (*See Diagram 1*).

### Cutting Fabric for the Borders

A series of seven strips create the borders of this quilt. Cut and reserve the strips needed for the borders before beginning to cut individual fabric pieces for stitching the blocks. Refer to the following chart to determine how many strips of each fabric will be needed to complete the borders.

The **Fabric 3** and **5** borders can be cut as a single strip from the length of the fabric. However, the yardage for the other fabrics does not allow for the border pieces to be cut as continuous lengthwise strips. Several pieces will need to be sewn together to achieve the length needed. Strips will be cut across the width of the fabric, i.e. they will all be approximately 40" long.

Border	Fabric	Cut Size
1st	5	2 1/2" x 71" - cut 4
2nd	14	1 1/4" x 73" - make 4 (cut 8 strips)
3rd	15	1 1/2" x 74" - make 4 (cut 8 strips)
4th	16	1 7/8" x 77" - make 4 (cut 9 strips)
5th	3	2 3/8" x 81" - cut 4
6th	5	6 1/2" x 93" - cut 4
7th	3	2 1/2" x 97" - cut 4

### Making Foundations

Photocopy or trace the foundation patterns printed in this leaflet. Make 52 pieces each of Parts 1 and 2 for the Compass blocks, and make 12 Pineapple foundations. Because the Pineapple foundation is oversize for normal copy paper, you may want to copy half the block at a time. Glue or stitch baste the two halves together before piecing. To insure accuracy, take care to guarantee that copied foundations match the size of the original foundations.

### Cutting Fabric for Piecing the Blocks

In preparation for sewing, cut fabric pieces for all the blocks. Refer to the size and shape information printed in the **Cutting Charts**. When a divided square is illustrated, cut a square using the measurement listed, and then cut it in half diagonally to get two half-square triangles.

**Note:** Because you will be stitching on the **printed** side of the foundations, and the fabric will be placed on the **unprinted** side of the foundations, the diagrams showing the finished block are mirror images of the foundation patterns.

If you prefer to piece this design using traditional hand or machine techniques, use templates to cut fabric pieces. Place semi-transparent template plastic over the pattern; use a permanent marker to trace the section of the block onto the plastic. Add 1/4" seam allowance around each area when creating these templates.

Or, for foundation piecing, you may find it helpful to create and use paper templates for cutting fabric pieces. Rather than using the rotary cutting instructions in the Cutting Charts, make a few extra copies of the foundations. Add a 3/8" seam allowance around each area, and cut apart to create templates.

### Foundation Piece the Blocks

Refer to the following instructions and diagrams for guidance with foundation piecing. For guidance with specific fabric placement, refer to the cover photo, the Cutting Charts, and the information printed in each area on the foundations.

The 1st number printed in each area is the piecing order, the 2nd number identifies the fabric that will be sewn in that area. The 3rd number in parentheses is the fabric identification number that will be used to piece Pineapple Block 2.

### How to Foundation Piece

Begin by centering the 1st fabric behind area #1 on the foundation with the wrong side of the fabric against the unprinted side of the foundation. Position it so there is approximately 1/4" of seam allowance extending beyond the line that separates area #1 from #2. Continue with the steps listed below, until all areas of the foundation have been covered with fabric (*See Diagram 2*).

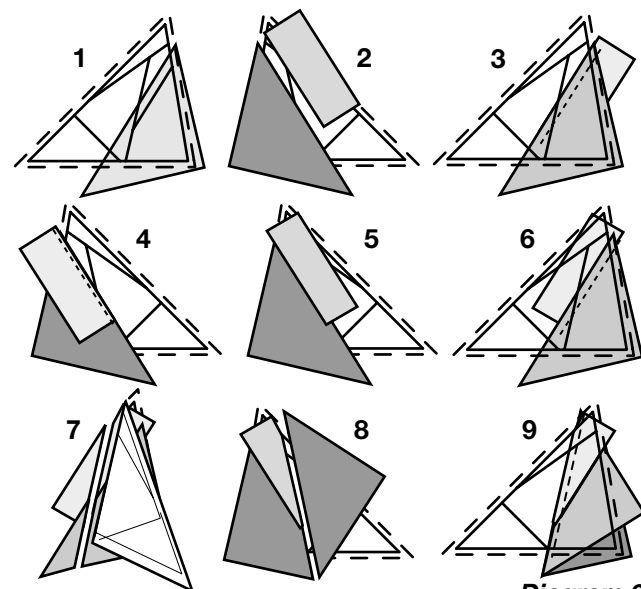
**Cut** - Cut a piece of fabric for each area.

**Place** - On the unprinted side of the foundation, position the fabric where it is going to "live" after it has been sewn. Then flip it over, placing it right sides together with the fabrics that are already there.

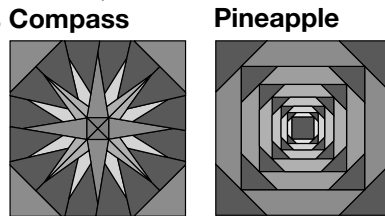
**Sew** - Sew seams by stitching on the lines on the printed side of the foundation.

**Press** - Use a warm dry iron to press each seam.

**Trim** - On the printed side of the foundation, fold the pattern toward you, creasing it along the next seamline to be sewn. Trim off excess fabric along the fold, leaving an approximate 1/4" seam allowance.



**Diagram 2**



**Diagram 1**