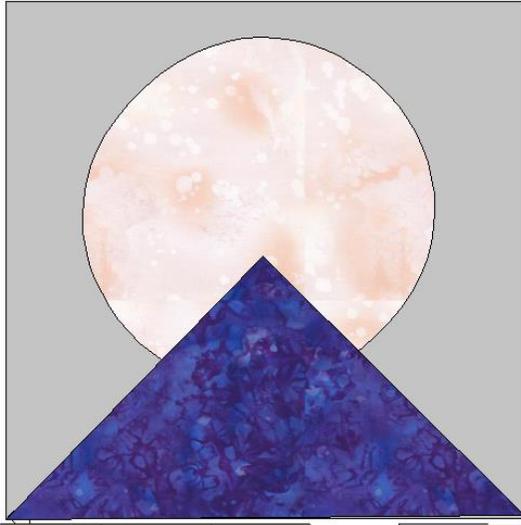


Moon over the Mountain

12 inches finished (12½ end to end)



I'm not sure where this block originated, but it is documented in Maggie Malone's 5500 Quilt Block Designs. I have also seen pictures of quilts made with the block.

This is our applique block! We have chosen to applique by hand, but you can use any method you like. If you are trying applique for the first time, I would suggest raw edge or facing for the moon, as hand stitching or machine satin stitch is more difficult to get a smooth circle.

You don't have to use the same method for the mountain - you can try satin stitch here, or turned edge hand applique - straight lines are much easier than curves.

Cutting:

Light grey solid background

14 by 14 rough cut square - with applique you want to start a bit larger than the block is intended.

Moon

7½- 8 inch circle - this doesn't have to be exact. We used the lip of a small bowl for our moon. Colour - what colour is the moon—in autumn it can be orange as a pumpkin, in perigee it seems multi-coloured from the palest white to yellow to pinkish, or of course there is always the blue moon!

Mountain - in the distance, mountains are a dark, dull blue.

10 inch square cut diagonally. Normally this would be a quarter square triangle, but we don't want to applique a bias edge, so we will make it a half square triangle, with the bias edge at the bottom.

This is the simplest block to do -

Centre the moon on the fabric, and applique the moon onto the background.

Next applique the mountain over the moon - with the tip of the mountain at the centre of the block.

Once the block is appliqued, trim to 12½ inches making sure that the block is centered on the tip of the mountain.

If you are making the sampler quilt, we need to extend this block to 12 by 24". So I made a range of mountains. Cut two background fabrics, 6 1/2 by 12 1/2 inches, and apply 6 1/2 inch connector corners for the mountains.

Don't sew these together yet, as we do some tricks when we add the next blocks.

And what do you do with a bunch of Moon over the Mountain Blocks.....

