

Sewing Set-in Circles

This is a summary of the “Island Batik 6 Minute Inset Circle Tutorial”. Check out the website for details and pictures. <https://www.caroleylesshaw.com/6-minute-inset-circle-tutorial/>

1. Make a template using 2 or 3 layers of freezer paper by cutting squares about 1-1 ½ inches larger than desired circle. Draw circle in center and cut out carefully. This will be the exact size of your finished set-in circle.
2. Iron the template to the background fabric on the WRONG side of the fabric. Cut out the inside circle leaving a 1/2" seam allowance. It can be rough cut. ** I trace the circle at this point as it then makes an easy line to follow when sewing the circle in.
3. Carefully cut the tabs to within 1/8th inch of the edge of the template. Skinny tabs give better results.
4. Iron the tabs back firmly against the edge of the template.
5. Place a tiny drop of glue on each tab. Then place the right side of circle fabric onto glued tabs; iron down to set glue. Carefully peel away template
6. Stitch in the crease around the circle. Sew slowly, keeping your stitches in the crease line as best you can. **use a short stitch for best results. Trim edges of circle when done.

