



# Balloons

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**Finished Size:** 12" square (12½" edge-to-edge)

**Skill level:** Intermediate

**Fabrics used:** Toscana suede-look texture by Northcott

Fabric	Cutting Instructions
<b>A</b> –light blue (#9020-60 reflection)	◇ Cut (1) 12½" square
<b>B</b> –red (#9020-231 Valentino), <b>C</b> -yellow (#9020-52 yellow brick road) and <b>D</b> -green (#9020-720)	◇ From each fabric cut 1 piece each using circle template
<b>Beige ribbon or cord</b>	¾yd – cut into (1) 10½" piece and (2) 7" pieces

**Piecing:** All seams are ¼". Press toward darker fabric unless indicated.

1. Press the outer edge of each B, C and D circle under ¼".

**Tip:** Cut a piece of thin cardboard or template plastic the size of the circle template without seam allowance. Center on the back of each fabric circle and press fabric seam allowance over edge of cardboard/plastic.

**Tip:** Use spray starch or Best Press to keep edges firmly pressed.

2. Using block image as a guide, pin pressed circles in place on 12½" square, keeping edges at least ¼" from outer edges of square. Overlap circles if desired.

3. Pin cord pieces in place, from outside edge of far corner to edge of balloon, tucking end of cord under edge of balloon. Use the shorter pieces on the outer balloons and the longer piece on the center balloon. Couch cord in place using matching thread.

4. Invisibly hand- or machine-stitch outer edge of each balloon in place. Trim away background fabric under each balloon, leaving a ¼" seam allowance inside stitching line and being careful not to cut balloon.



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Circle template  
Cut 1 from Fabrics B, C and D

