

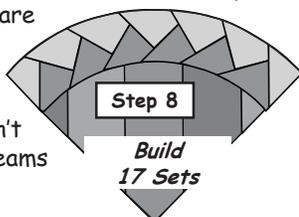
**Step 4:** Gather up the outer edge of Unit CA into your hand, begin pleating the fabric. This forces the inverted curve to fan open and match up with the outer curve on the melon. Using a glue pen, dab a small amount of glue around the perimeter of the convex edge of Unit BTM. Quickly shape and match the edges, while pressing into place.

**Step 5:** Position the pieces at your machine with the Unit CA/CB on top, next to the pressor foot. This will result in the BTM Unit being on the bottom, next to the feed dogs.

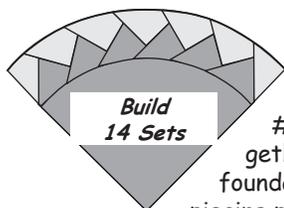
*Note: The Purple Thang works great as a third finger to help hold the pieces together when sewing the curves. It can be used to smooth out any pleats you might run into and can also be used to hold the edges together.*

**Step 6:** After double checking to make sure your machine is set to sew a quarter-inch seam allowance, sew the two (2) pieces together. Remove the pins when you are finished sewing.

**Step 7:** The final piece should look like the graphic on the right. Don't worry about pressing the curved seams until the entire block is assembled.



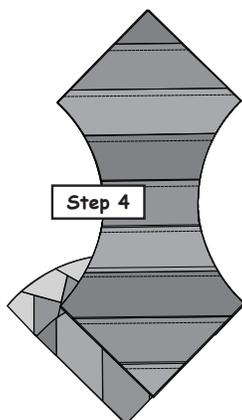
**Step 8:** Repeat Steps 1 through 7 for the remaining Unit BTM and Unit CA/CB combinations as you pull them off the wall. You may now remove your papers from your BTM Units and then place the sewn units back into the correct place on the design wall so you don't lose track of your color way.



This same technique should be used to sew the Border Unit M, found in Bag #4, and Unit CA/CB combinations together. However, the Unit M will not have foundation paper on it to help stabilize the piecing process. Just pay careful attention to your fabric pieces to make sure there is no slipping of Unit M during the sewing process. This is where the gluing technique along the convex edge described earlier can be extremely valuable.

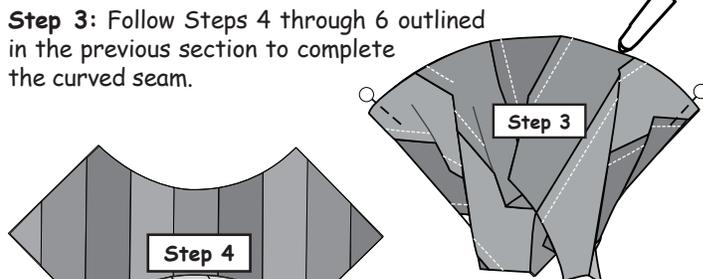
### Curved Piecing:

#### Adding the Bow Tie and Sewing the Half Bow-Tie Border Pieces

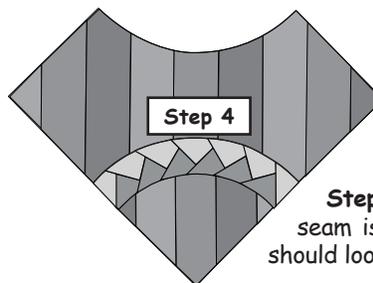


**Step 1:** Again, working in groups of 8, take your BTC Units and the corresponding Unit M/CA/CB combination from the design wall and stack in the order you will sew them. Remove the foundation papers from the back of the BTC Units before you begin to sew the pieces together. Keep the units in the correct order as sew the pieces together.

**Step 2:** Position Unit BTC wrong-side-up on the top of the Unit M/CA/CB combination as shown, resulting with both units facing right-sides-together.



**Step 3:** Follow Steps 4 through 6 outlined in the previous section to complete the curved seam.



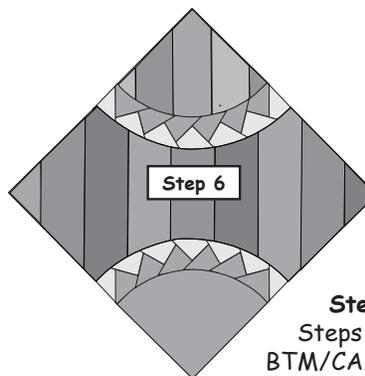
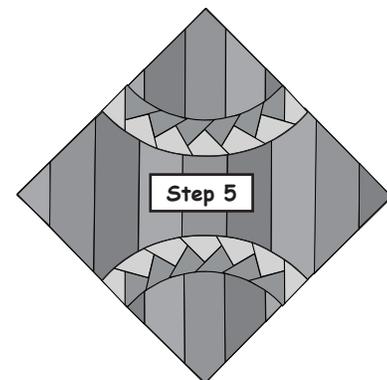
**Step 4:** When the sewing of the seam is complete, the finished piece should look like the graphic.

**Step 5:** Repeat the above steps with opposite Unit BTM/CA/CB combination to create a full square unit. Make sure to remove any of your remaining papers at this point. Follow the 'Pressing Your Bow-Tie Blocks' directions in the following section and place the blocks back onto your design wall in the correct location before moving onto the next set.

### Center Block Units

#### Step 5

17 Units Should be Constructed with two BTM Units.



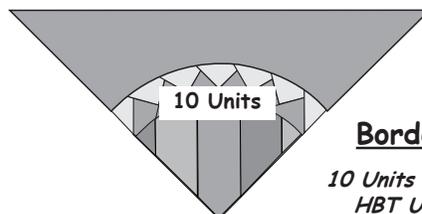
### Border Block Units

#### Step 6

14 Units are Constructed with one BTM Unit and one CA/CB Unit.

**Step 6:** Complete (14) Units using Steps 1 to 5 that only have the Unit BTM/CA/CB Combination on one side, with the opposite side of the BTC Unit being a Border Unit M/CA/CB Combination.

**Step 7:** Finally, you will need to make (18) units that couple the Unit BTM/Unit CA/CB combination with a Border Unit HBT. The Border Unit HBT is found in Bag #4. Follow the same piecing directions as outlined in Steps 1 through 5 of this section. Your initial step and final units are shown in the graphics below.



### Border Block Units

10 Units are Constructed with one HBT Unit and one BTM Unit.

