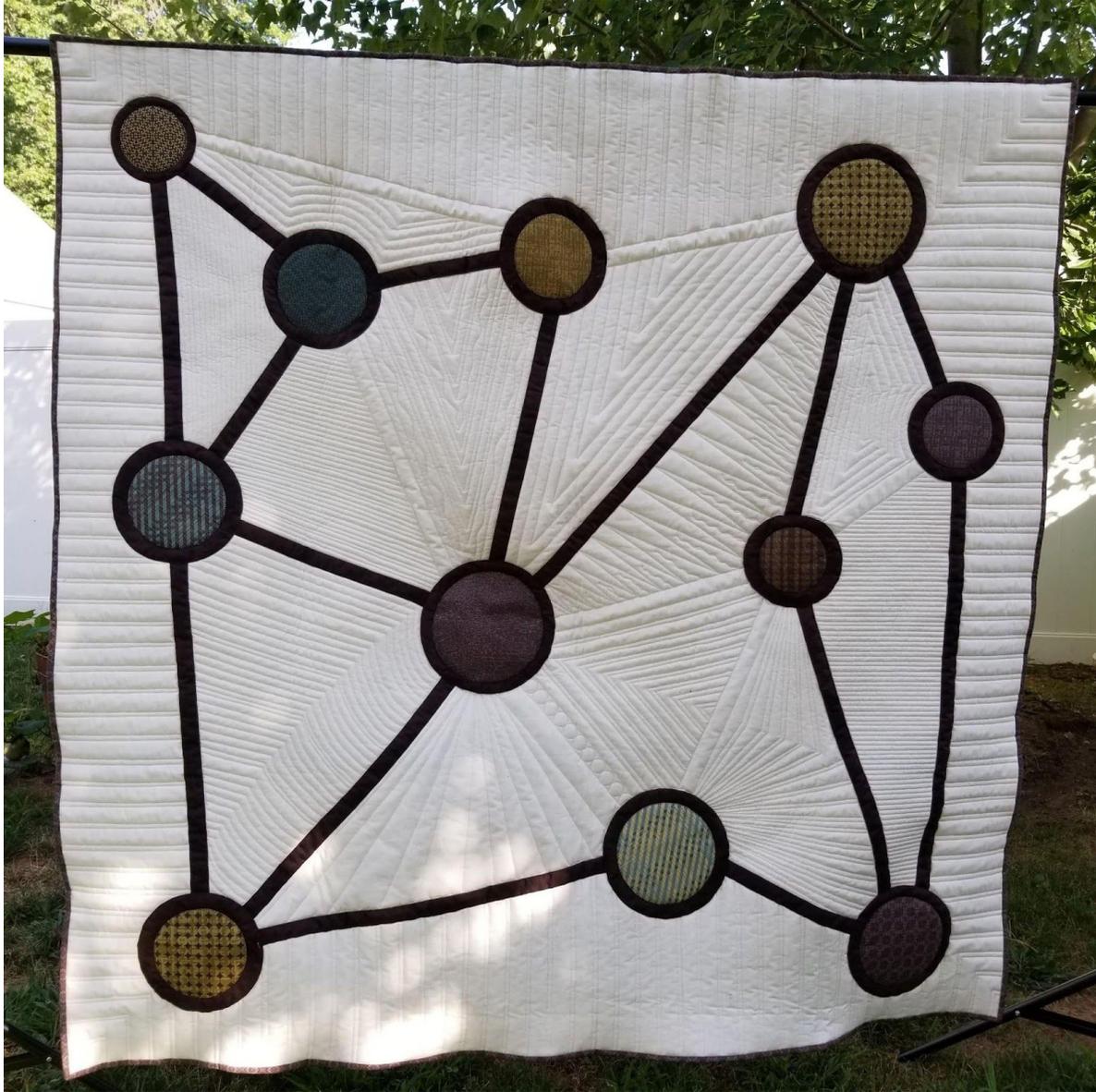


Nazca

An Applique Exploration



Finished Quilt Size - 60" x 60"

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My Nazca Quilt is an exploration of space, connection, and balance. I designed this quilt to highlight a favorite fabric collection. I designed this layout intuitively, trusting myself to recognize balance and harmony when I found it. I will guide you through my steps, so you can find your own balance and harmony.

I used an Olfa Circle Cutter for this project. It worked surprisingly well for me. The AccuQuilt Die Cutting system has a series of circle dies that would also work well. Whichever tool works best for you is fine. If you prefer cutting by hand, good luck, and godspeed. Hand cutting circles for me means ending up with a very long spiral and a very small lump, as I continually try to trim it up “just right”.

I am a longarm quilter, and enjoy very dense quilting. I gave myself spaces to explore movement and flow across the quilt top, drawing connections with fabric in some places, but just hinting at connections through quilting in others. By no means do you need to quilt your version as densely as I quilted mine.

I used rulers when quilting this piece. If you enjoy ruler work, or want to practice more, this is a perfect time. If you are not excited about ruler work, do whatever quilting speaks to you, and is *fun*. Above all else, making should be fun.

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Fabric requirements

2.5 yards Fusible webbing

I used the *Pottery* Collection by Quilting Cowboy for Windham Fabrics

Background - 4 yards	Paint, Noble - 51577-6
Backing - 5 yards	Paint, Buckskin - 51577-2
Lines - 1.5 yards	Palette - Espresso - 37098-84
Circles - 10 Fat Quarters	Smudges & Circles, Buckskin - 51575-2 Half Circles, Leather - 51576-7 Smudge, Buckskin - 51574-2 Herringbone, Gold - 51573-3 Herringbone, Leather - 51573-7 Plaid, Leather - 51580-7 Half Circles, Moss - 51576-5 Line Work, Leather - 51576-7 Paint, Leather - 51577-7 Smudge, Leather - 51574-7
Binding ½ yard	Line Work, Leather - 51576-7

Special Tools

- Olfa Circle Cutter

or

- AccuQuilt Go! System with 8", 6" and 5", 3", 2" circle dies and 2 ½" strip cutter