

How to Draw a New York Beauty Block

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We start by opening the Block Wizard. Click Options, Screen settings.

In the Grid tab, choose Circular for the Grid Type.

Set the Size to be .50

Number of Rings: 15

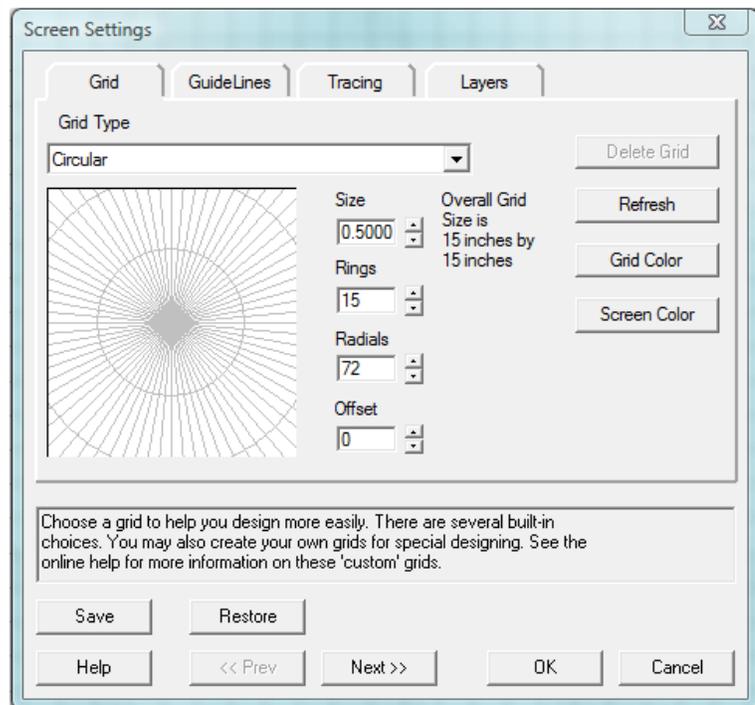
Radials: 72

How do you determine how many radials to use?

This block has 9 spikes. To make the nine spikes, you need 2 radials per spike x 4.

Why times 4? While you are only using a quarter of the circular grid, the radials are set for the whole grid, thus X 4.

Click OK.

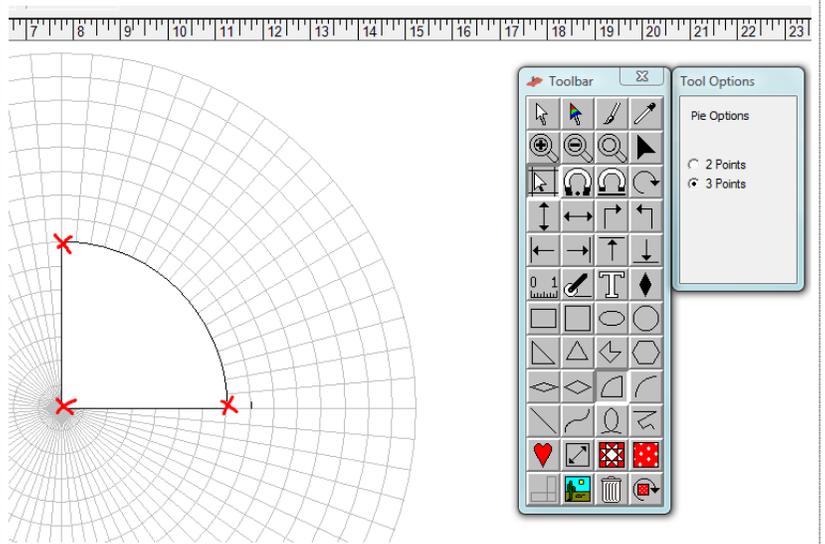


Press the Snap to grid tool button, if not already selected. Using the snap settings is very important for this block, as with most geometric blocks.

Next click on the Pie tool.

Start the pie shape in the center of the grid by clicking and releasing the left mouse button. Move the mouse to the right 7 grid lines and click once. Move the mouse up and to the left and click again once the line is straight.

Your pie shape is set.



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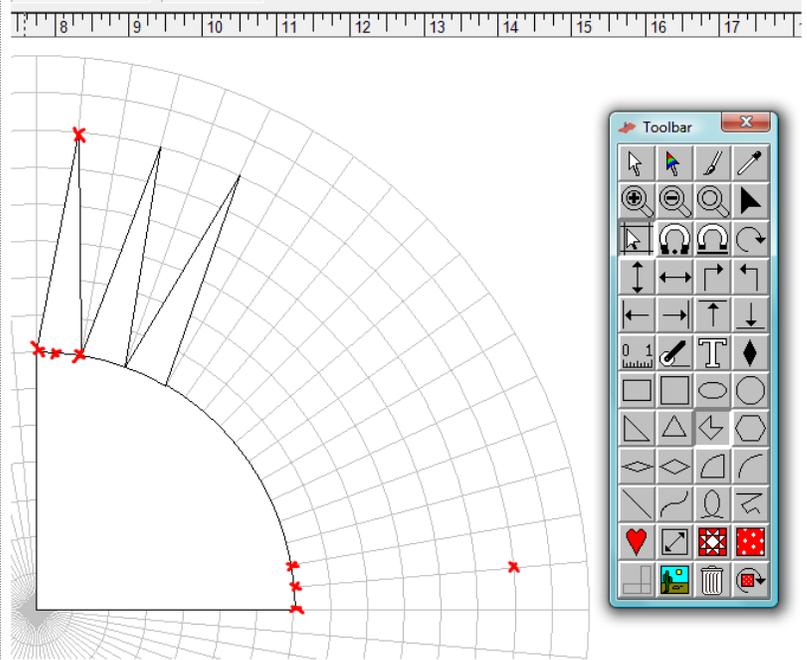


Using Windows menu, click "Zoom to" and choose approximately 65% and click OK. Scroll the window until it looks similar to the image.

Notice that the first spike has 4 red x's. That indicates the positions where you will click the mouse to create the patch.

Press the polygon tool button and begin by clicking next to the curve. Then click on the next closest red X, and then on the third red x close to the curve. Finish the patch by double clicking on the grid where the point should be. Note that the point is in the center of three radials. (Radials are the lines on the grid that radiate out from the center.)

Add all nine spikes.



Now we will fill in the spaces between the spikes.

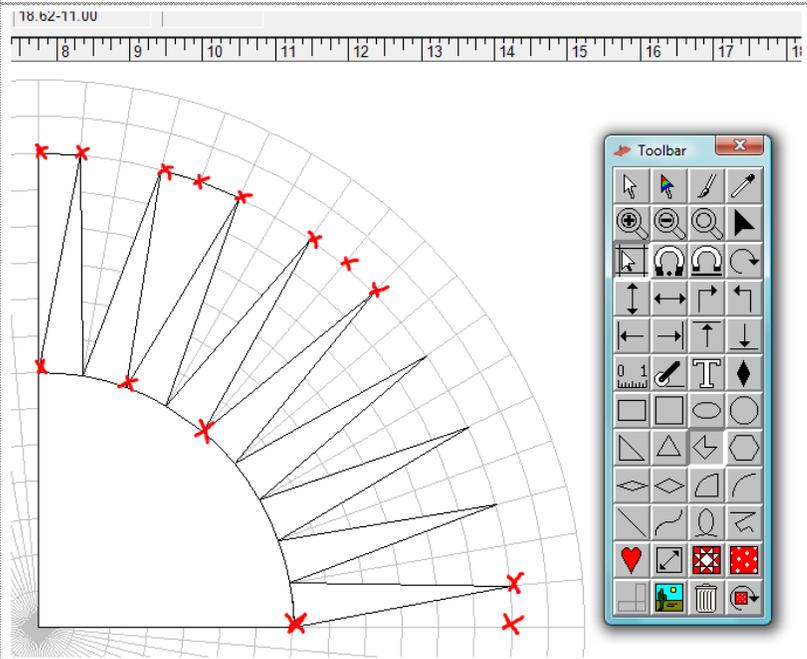
Note that the 2 outer patches have only 3 points, while the center patches have 4.

For the outer patches:

Press the polygon tool button and begin by clicking on the grid point that is in line vertically with the pie shape and horizontally in line with the first spike. Then click on the same grid point as the outwardly pointing spike. Finish the patch by double clicking on the grid where the point should be next to the curve of the pie shape.

For the inner patches:

Press the polygon tool button and begin by clicking next to the spike point. Then click on the next closest red X, and then on the last red x next to the spike point. Finish the patch by double clicking on the grid where the point should be.



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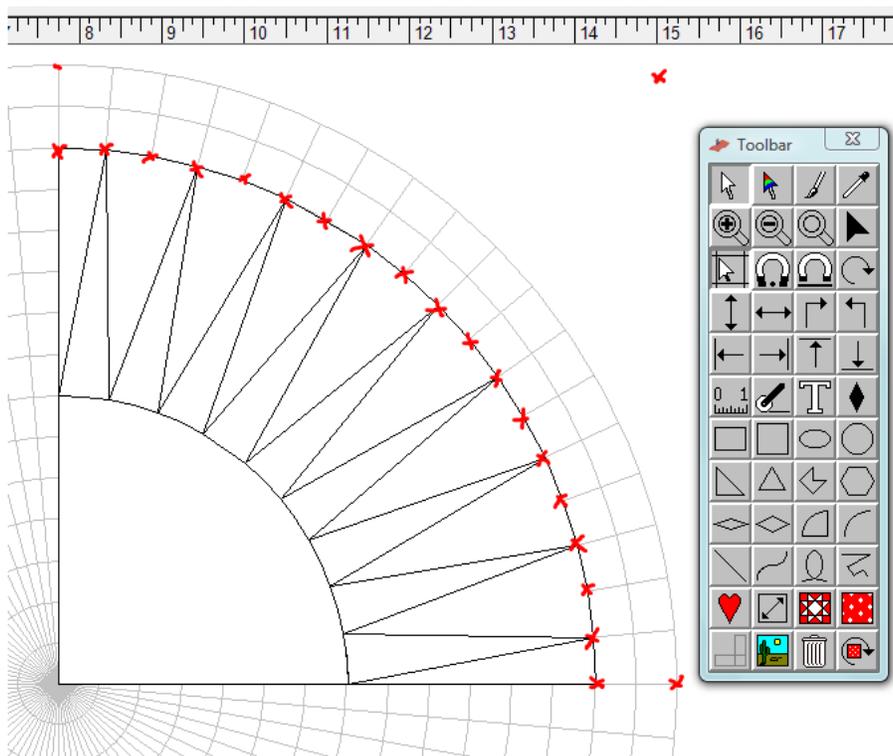
Now it's time to make a patch to square up the block.

Use the Polygon tool and click first on the top left of the grid, two grid points above the already drawn patches. See the tiny red dot.

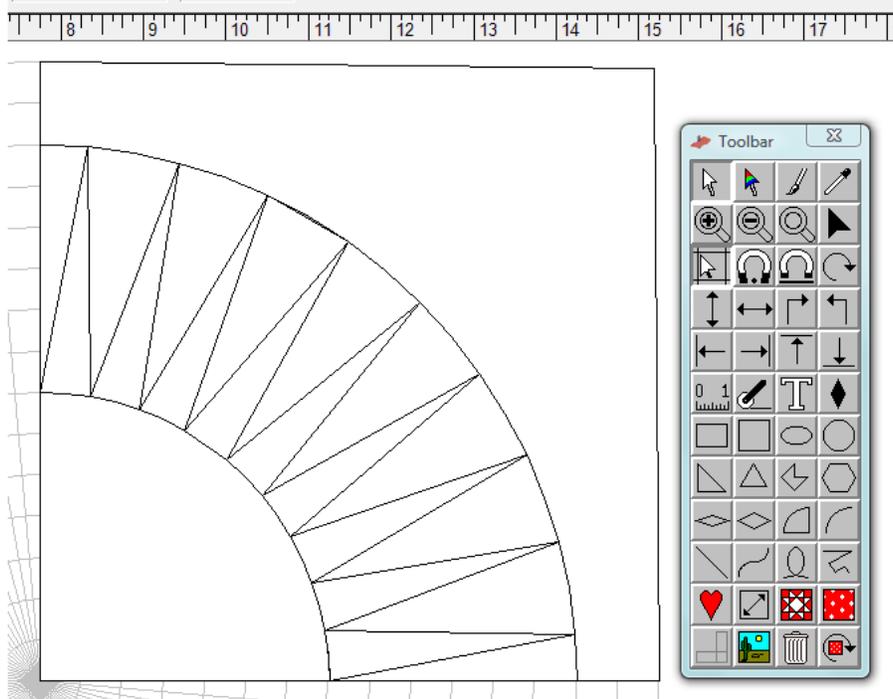
Drop down to the drawn patches and click on every grid point that lines the curved drawn patches. There is a red X on every spot along the curve.

Then move to the grid point two lines to the right of the drawn patches and click,

Then move to the point just under the 15" mark and double click to set the patch.



Now you have a solid patch, called the "Square up patch" in the next steps of this lesson.



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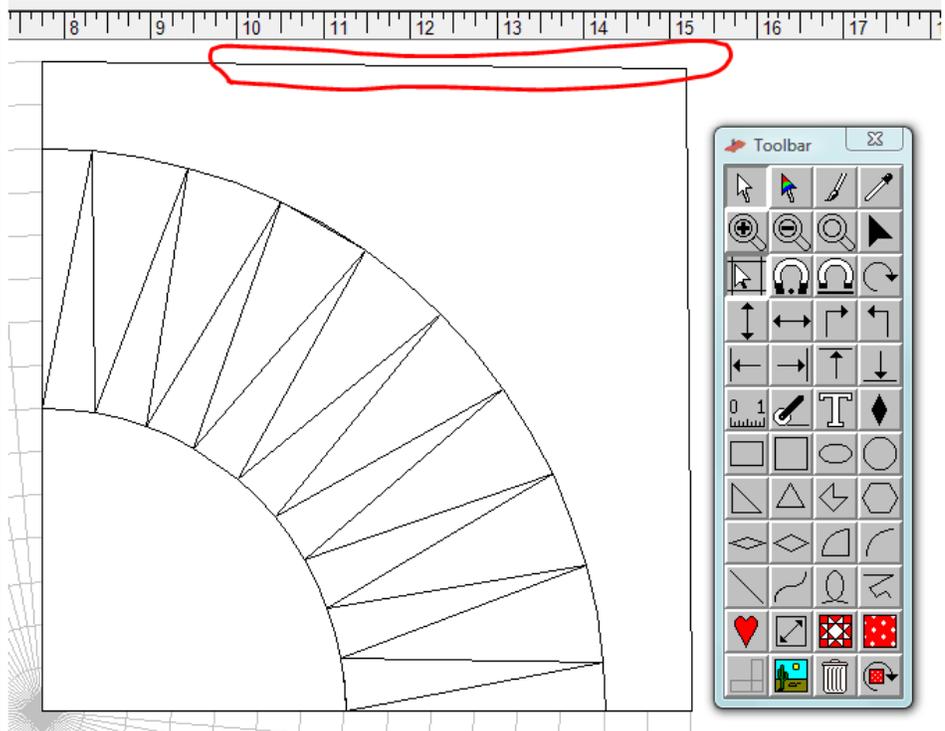


Notice that the square up patch has a jagged line. That's because there was no grid point to snap to. To correct and straighten the line:

Click on Windows Menu and choose Screen settings.

On the Grid Tab, choose a Solid grid set at .50 and click OK.

Notice, in the next image, that the grid behind the block has switched from the circular grid to the solid grid.



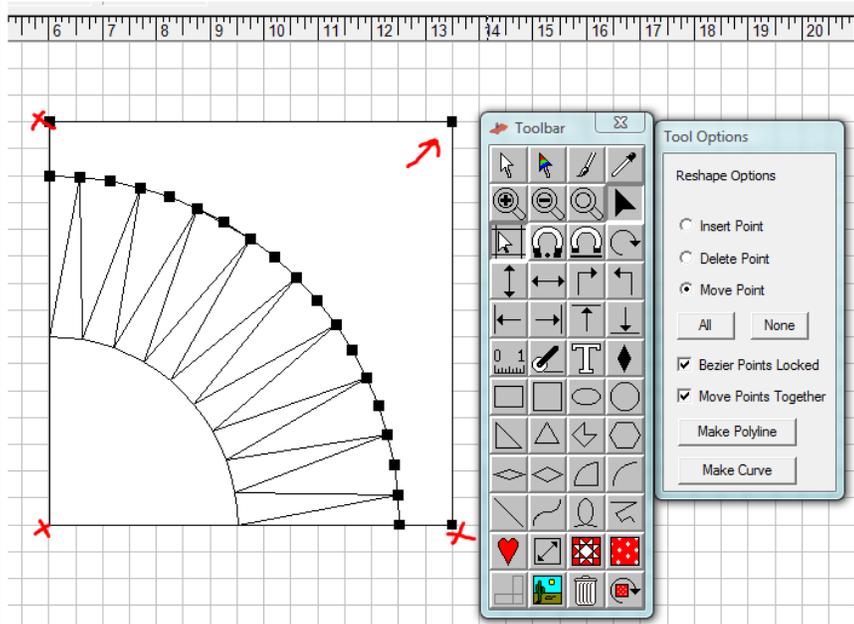
Select the block (Ctrl-A) and move it so that the points with the X's (in the image) sit on the gridline.

Click on the Reshape tool and click black box, on the square up patch, that the arrow is pointing to.

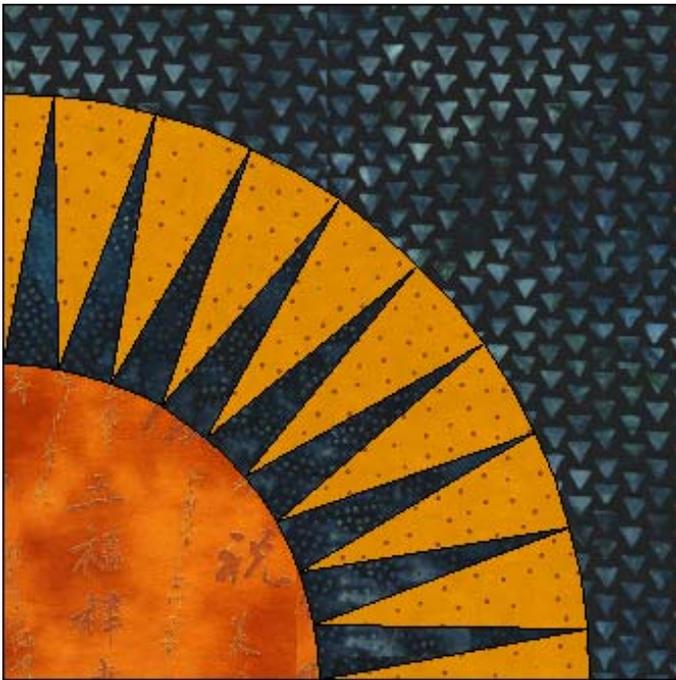
Use the Reshape tool to move the point to the grid line.

Your block is now square and ready to color. Be sure to save the block.

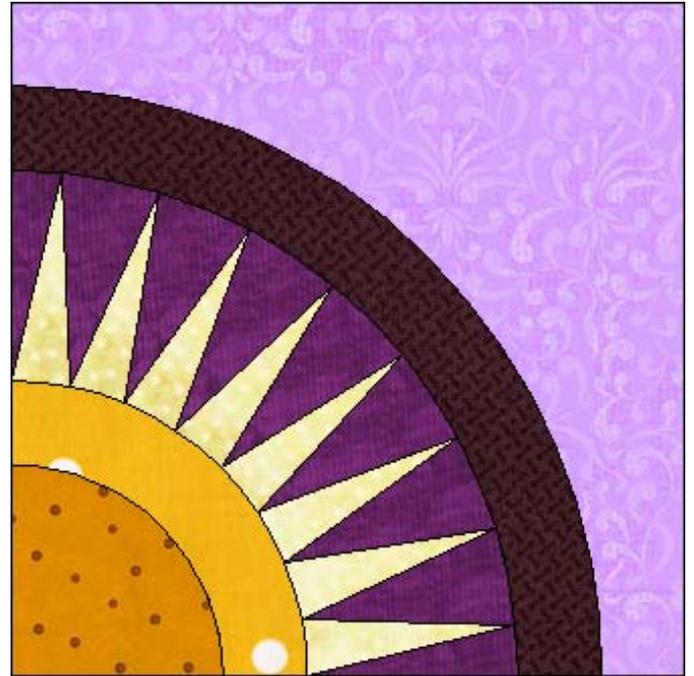
Experiment by changing the number of spikes and their widths. Make your own unique blocks.



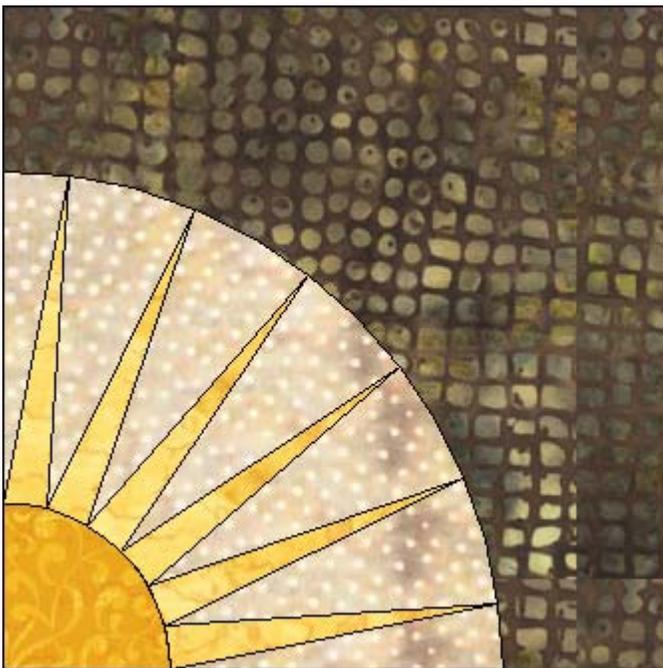
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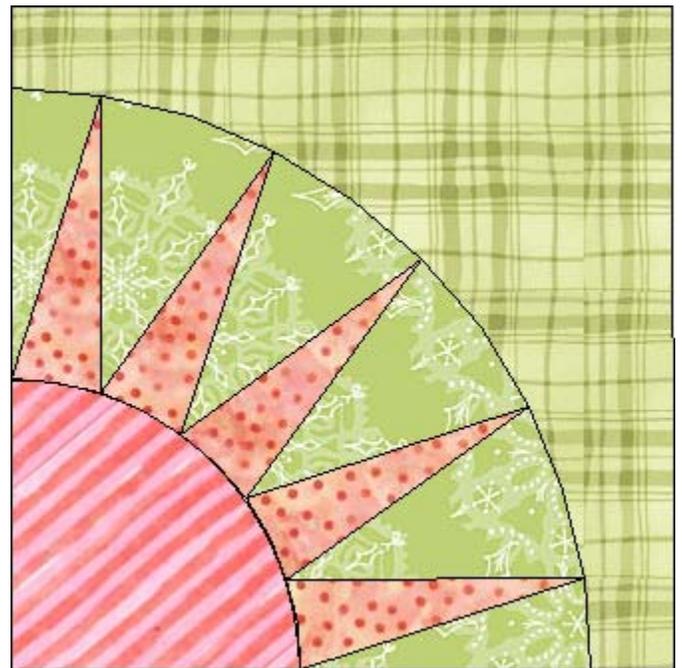
72 radials



64 radials



48 radials



40 radials

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