

**Background:** batik, graduated color fabric, hand-dyed work best as whole piece backgrounds. Or for a pieced background, cut rectangles (see the pattern for sizes) of similar colored fabrics. This is best with a variety of light, medium and dark to give the impression of movement.

Some of the circles can be made from translucent fabric for added interest. These can coordinate or contrast with your background fabric.

### CUTTING:

1. For a whole piece background, cut it to  $22 \frac{1}{2}'' \times 17 \frac{1}{2}''$ . If doing a pieced background, cut the suggested rectangles following the chart. Remember to add the  $\frac{1}{4}''$  seam allowance to each side before cutting. Sew together in the order shown to make your background.
2. Cut and prepare the arcs and dots according to the directions on your fusible.
3. Cut your binding strips, if using a binding, or facing strips if doing a faced edge, or a piece as large as the front if doing a pillowcase facing.

3	4	9.5		4.5
9.5	8.5		6.5	6.5
	4	7	3.5	3.5
3	7.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
6.5				