

TIPS FOR PIECING CURVES

- Use a template or pattern that allows for squaring up the curved block after stitching
- Use good tightly woven fabric—it will curve more readily
- Starch the fabric prior to cutting with a Vodka based starch (Mary Ellen's)
- Sew very slowly, reduce stitch length (especially at first), do not pull or distort fabric while feeding under needle
- Use a stiletto or long handled curved tweezers to feed fabric
- While stitching, always keep a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch “stitch horizon” of fabric with edges together ready to feed.
- Press toward one side, tug to open seam while pressing, press front and back, steam to flatten piece.
