

Young Quilters' Wall Hanging Project

Requirements

Background fabric 10" x 14" (25cm x 36cm)

Stitch and tear or iron on Vilene to fit your background.

This is to help stabilise your backing when machine sewing.

Wadding 10"x 14" (25cm x 36cm)

Backing 10" x 14" (25cm x 36cm)

Small curtain ring to hang your wall hanging

Embellishments, i.e., buttons, beads, ribbons, optional

Fusible Web i.e. Bondaweb or

Steam-A-Seam2

Matching threads

Fabric scraps for the cats and hearts

Papermate HB retractable pencil (these have a constant sharp point)



Where cutting or the use of an iron is needed, please ask an adult for help. If you use a sewing machine for this project, then please make sure you have permission from an adult. You can also sew this by hand if you want to.

Get everything ready before you start. If using stitch and tear, then tack it onto the back of your background fabric. If using "iron on Vilene", iron that onto the back of the background fabric.

Steps

1 Follow the manufacturer's instructions for fusible web

2 Trace all the templates on paper side of fusible web

3 Cut templates leaving small margin beyond drawn lines

4 Select your fabrics for each piece

5 Fuse to wrong side of appropriate fabrics and cut out on drawn lines

NOTE!!! The templates will be reversed when transferred to the background fabric

6 Lay out your fabric templates onto the front of the background fabric to see where you want them to go before removing the backing of the fusible web.

7 Make a small mark where the cats join. When you stitch the cats, you will not need to stitch the centre part of the right hand cat, as it will be overlaid by the left hand cat.

8 Carefully take the cats off and place to one side.

9 Put a pin where the tails are to go and then remove the backing (fusible web) from the tail templates.

10 Replace the tails where pins were placed and press them in place (ensure the pins are removed before doing so).

11 Stitch around the tails either by hand or machine. You could use a button hole stitch, a zig zag stitch or a straight stitch.

12 Place the right hand cat in place, press and stitch around the outside, except

where marked (refer to No.8)

13 Then place the left hand cat in place, press and stitch all around the outside.

14 Take all the loose threads to the back of your work and finish off to secure the threads.

15 Remove the backing from the eyes, place the eyes and press in place. Sew a small French knot in the centre of each eye or you could use buttons.

16 For the whiskers you can use a chain stitch, a running stitch or a black marker pen.

17 Remove the backing from the hearts and place them on the fabric, press in place. I stitched a small cross in the centre of mine to hold them in place. You could use buttons or beads to embellish your work.

Layering our wall hanging

1 Put the wadding down first, now put your background fabric right side up on top and then the backing fabric with the wrong side facing up. Make sure they all line up, trim if necessary.

2 Put some safety pins in to hold the layers together. Keep them away from the sides as you will be sewing around the quilt close to the edge

3 Sew a ¼" (6mm) around most of your work leaving about a 4" (10cm) gap so you can turn it right side out.

4 Snip off the four corners taking care not to cut too close to the stitches. This will help when you poke the corners out.

5 Remove the pins

6 Turn your work through the 4" gap so that the background is on top and the backing is on the back and the rough edges are inside.

7 Smooth the edges and push the point of a pencil or something similar into the corners.

8 Fold the opening in and stitch closed.

Now for the quilting - you need to hold the three layers together. To do this you could sew all around your wall hanging about a ¼" (6mm) from the edge or quilt around the cats. You could do as I have, see picture on previous page.

Sew the curtain ring in the centre of the back towards the top, so you can hang it up.

Label your wall hanging, which must include a name for your piece, your name and the date, or, write directly on the back with a permanent marker. This is something you should do to all your quilts.

Well done, I hope you enjoyed this project.

Take a photo and keep for your records.

Now show it off to your friends and family.

It would be nice if you could send me a photo of you with your wall hanging – mags.james@googlemail.com.

See loose insert for templates of cats and cat tails.

