



## General Instructions

- Read all instructions completely before beginning your project and read through each step before beginning the step.
- Use a scant 1/4" seam allowance. Check the accuracy of your seam allowance before you begin and make adjustments if needed.

**Quilt As You Go Method:** The method used in this pattern is quilt as you go, where you start with your backing and batting basted together and piece your quilt through all the layers so you are quilting it at the same time.

**Batting / Basting:** For this pattern I used Bosal fusible fleece. It is fusible on one side so you can just fuse your backing fabric to that side and get started right away. You can also use cotton or cotton blend batting and baste it together with basting spray. Make sure you choose spray that won't gum up your needle and that can be repositioned for best results. You can also pin baste or hand baste your quilt sandwich.

**Marking:** I like to use water soluble pen or a light pencil to mark the batting before beginning, so it won't show through if I am using very light colored fabrics.

**Thread:** You might want to choose a similar color thread as your backing fabric for the bobbin, since those stitches will show on the back.

**Machine:** You will need a walking foot on your machine for best results. Sometimes you need to release the pressure of the presser foot also to prevent the fabrics from sliding and wrinkling. If you don't have one, try to use very thin batting and pin the pieces well onto the batting before sewing.

**Sewing:** At the beginning and end of each seam, sew a few stitches in the same spot to secure threads. Try not to backstitch.

**Pressing:** Always press carefully and try not to press the batting too much directly. Fold the sewn piece outwards before you press it to prevent creasing.

**Appliqué - Fusible:** Trace the desired design on the paper side of the fusible web. Cut out each piece leaving about 1/4" margin beyond the traced line. Iron the fusible web pieces onto the wrong side of selected fabrics, following manufacturer's instructions for heat and ironing time. Cut out the appliqué pieces, directly on the traced lines, and remove the paper backing. Arrange the pieces onto the quilt and iron. Finish the edges of the fused pieces with a buttonhole stitch, blanket stitch, zig zag stitch or a straight stitch, preferably by machine. That way you are quilting around the appliqué at the same time.

**Binding:** Diagonally piece the binding strips and trim the seam allowance to 1/4". Press seams open. Fold the strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together and press. Unfold and trim one end at a 45° angle; turn under the edge a 1/4" and press. Refold the strip. With raw edges of the binding and quilt top together, stitch the binding to the quilt starting 3" from the angled end. Miter the binding at the corners, by folding the binding up and away from the quilt (so raw edges make a straight line) and then fold it down, even with the raw edge of the quilt. Trim the end of the binding so it can be tucked inside the angled end where you started. Fold the binding over the raw edges and to the back of the quilt and hand sew the binding in place.

