

Foothill Quilters Guild

SUPPLY LIST

Quilt of “Illusions” - Marina Towne

Discovery Day: Saturday, November 7th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm via Zoom Meeting

This is a fun quilt to make. *Every* quilt I’ve seen using this technique has been beautiful and unique.

What you see in the photo is a white motif fabric cut into strips and fused onto the solid pink background fabric. Butterfly and flower motifs are fussy cut and raw edge appliquéed over the strips, to give the “illusion”.

There is no pattern for this quilt. Any kind of motif or fabric panel can be used. The possibilities are endless!



Supplies

- Fabric with large motifs or a panel, approximately 1/2 yard. (*I sized the length of my motif fabric to fit a 24” ruler so I didn’t have to fold the fabric when cutting the strips.*)
- Additional motif fabric, or other fabrics, to make appliquéed of your choice.*
- Background fabric —1 yard or the size required for the quilt of your choice.
- Wonder Under or other double-sided light fusible to fit the size of the motif fabric and appliquéed.
- Backing fabric and batting to the size of your finished quilt.

Other Supplies and Equipment

- Thread to match the motif fabric and background fabric.
- Marker or pen, to number the back of each strip as you cut.
- Long ruler (*with non-slip dots or tape*), rotary cutter, cutting mat.
- Sewing machine and feet: free motion, walking, zigzag and straight.
- Fabric chalk or erasable fabric marker.
- Scissors and basic sewing supplies like straight pins, safety pins etc.
- Iron and pressing cloth for fusing.

Prepare Before Class

Background Fabric

- Decide on the size of your finished quilt, add 2" all around, plus the size of your quilt border, and cut your solid fabric to that measurement. (The "Cutting Example" below includes a 1" border.).

Motif Fabric *

- Decide how big you want the motif fabric and cut it 1/2" bigger all around.
- Cut fusible to the same size as your motif fabric but a tiny bit smaller all around, so when you iron the two together the glue won't be exposed and stick to your iron.
- Save enough of this fabric for the appliqués. If you don't have extra fabric, find fabrics that match and make your own appliqués. (See *the example bicycle panel quilt, on our website, where the appliqués are made from solid color fabrics.*)

Cutting Example: Finished quilt = 18" x 21". Cut background to 21" x 24".

Finished motif fabric size = 14" x 16". Cut to 14 1/2" x 16 1/2"

Cut fusible a tiny bit smaller than 14 1/2" x 16 1/2".

- Iron the fusible onto the wrong side of the motif fabric. (Follow instructions on your fusible.) **Make sure the fusible adheres well to the fabric. It creates an issue when cutting the strips if it is not.**
- Square off and cut fused piece to finished size. In the example it will be cut to 14" x 16".

** If you are using a panel, you may have to buy two panels so you have extra motifs for the appliqués. Or, check the photo of the bicycle quilt, and make your own appliqués using fabrics that match your panel.*

Fabric Ideas

This link is for the cream background, but they also have black and light blue backgrounds and it looks like the flowers and birds will make large appliqués.

https://www.hancocks-paducah.com/Elizabeths-Studio-Secret-Escape-Black-Large-Floral?quantity=1&custcol_tt_itemoption_decimals=1

This is a contemporary and bright fabric with birds and flowers that also look large.

<https://www.fabric.com/buy/0647860/wilmington-rainbow-flight-large-animals-and-flowers-white>

Panels: Search [fabric.com](https://www.fabric.com) for "cotton fabric panels". They have many.

I bought 2 Christmas and 2 Thanksgiving panels from them to make illusion quilts.

Each panel is 22" x 44" but the Christmas panel can be cut in half so each will be 22" x 22".

<https://www.fabric.com/buy/0683596/susan-winget-cardinal-noel-large-24-panel-multi>

<https://www.fabric.com/buy/0618940/kaufman-giving-thanks-metallic-24-panel-harvest>

Need more Ideas? Do a Google search for "large floral cotton fabric", "fabric panels" or any other combination of words.