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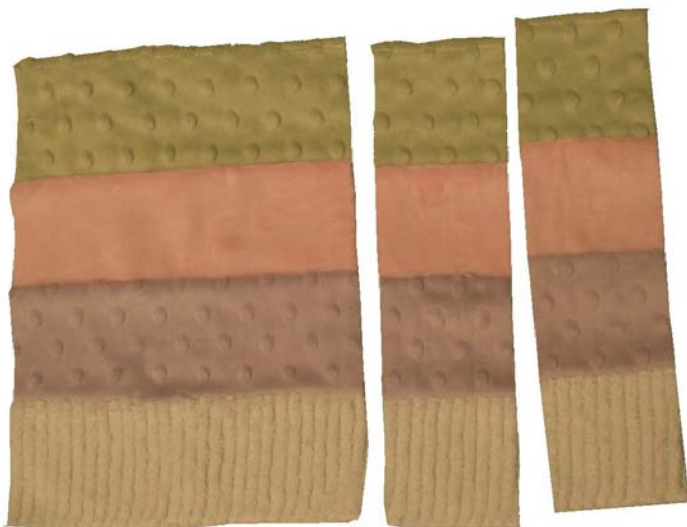
Carol Ingram, author, designer and teacher for Sulky of America has “tamed” Minkee! The stretch and slipperiness of this fabric make it a challenge to sew. Minkee is a brand name, it is available under different names as well. It is a type of chenille. Make this cute Minkee quilt for that special little baby in your life!



Carol Ingram and Sue Hausmann

Piece the Quilt Top:

1. Cut the Minkee into 6” strips.
2. Spray the wrong side of each strip lightly with KK2000. Lay it on Soft’n Sheer Stabilizer. This will stabilize the fabric as you sew.
3. Place the second strip right sides together on top of the first and pin in place. Sew, using a 1/4” seam allowance.
4. Continue piecing strips together. Smooth out each time and use Sulky KK2000 as you can’t press Minkee Fabric.



Sewing Supplies:

- 1/4 yard each of six different colors of Minkee (Pink, White, Yellow, Lavender, Green, Blue)
- 38” x 44” fabric for backing
- 34” x 40” Warm and Natural Batting
- Sulky Soft’n Sheer 3 yard x 20” package #140002164
- Sulky Tear Easy Stabilizer
- Pfaff Stitch-In-The-Ditch Foot #820542096
- Pfaff 1/4” Quilting Foot #820211096
- Pfaff Ruffler #820255096
- 90 Denim or 90 Topstitch Needles
- Sulky 12 wt. Cotton Thread for Stitching in the Ditch
- Sulky 30 wt. Cotton Thread for construction
- Pfaff 3D Sketch Embroidery Software Program

5. Sub-cut into wide 6" strips.

6. Flip every other strip to create a checkerboard.



7. Sew them together having all the seams in one row go one way, and the seams in the next row go the opposite way.



Layer the Quilt:

1. Cut the backing 2" larger all the way around. Layer with the backing on the bottom, right side down. Next the cotton batting. Then the pieced top right side up. Spray with KK200 and safety pin baste.
2. Thread with 12 wt. Cotton thread top and bobbin. Snap on the Stitch-In-The-Ditch Foot. Engage IDT. Stitch in the ditch of all the seams.

Add ruffle:

1. You can use purchased ruffle trim or to make your own from double sided satin ribbon. Attach your Ruffler. Set it to make the deepest pleat, and to pleat every 6 stitches.
2. Cut strips of Soft'n Sheer stabilizer 1 1/2" to 3". The

Soft'n Sheer goes underneath and the ribbon goes in between the blades to be gathered. The ribbon will be attached to the strips of Soft'n Sheer to create a seam allowance for inserting the pleated ribbon into the quilt.



3. Place the gathered ribbon around the quilt. The soft and sheer will be covered when the backing is brought around to the front to create the binding. Stitch in place, stitching just next to the ribbon. The ribbon should be approximately 1" inside from the edge.
4. Turn 1/4" of the backing to the wrong side. Fold backing of the quilt to the front of the quilt, enclosing the Soft'n Sheer and creating the binding. Stitch the backing/binding in place through all the layers.

Embroidery:

1. Trace or scan Cookie cutters and bring into Pfaff 3D Sketch Embroidery Software and using Quilt Motion, create the quilted designs.
2. Hoop Tear Easy. Baste your quilt to the Tear Easy stabilizer.
3. Embroider the quilting designs randomly in the squares.



For a nice touch, make a matching pillow!

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Memory Journal Appliqués

With today's technology, making Memory Albums is very easy with the help of a kit! Everything is included in the kit from the printer fabric to the screws that put the album together. These kits even include paper for practice printing. Using included appliqué images, you can add photo additions to personalize the albums.

There are different types of paper; peel and stick, regular and iron on. Each has a purpose. Open the background image you want, add a photo and personalize with text.

To make an appliqué for the back of the book, print the image you want. Then cut out the element and place on felt a little larger than the image. Snap on the Open toe Applique Foot w/ IDT. Stitch around the image with a satin stitch and cut out with pinking shears. Then glue or fuse to the back of the album.



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Sewing Supplies:

- Kaleidoscope Kreator 2.0 #140002352
- Printed Treasures Printable Fabric Sheets
- Pfaff Sewing Machine
- Printed Treasures Memory Journal Project Pack
- Felt square
- Pfaff Open Toe Applique Foot w/IDT (6mm) #820215096
- Fabric Glue or Steam-A-Seam 2

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www.sulky.com



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www.electricquilt.com

What's New to Do

Quilted Tote Handles

Barbara Brooks is a Pfaff Creative Consultant who travels the country teaching and inspiring the love of quilting! She teaches a great new technique for easy quilted handles for your tote bags or other projects.

1. Cut fabric strips 5" wide by the length of your handle. Cut fabric for each handle needed. Cut two pieces of batting 2" wide by the length of the handle less 1".
2. Place the fabric wrong side up and place Steam-A-Seam 2 along one edge. Place the batting in the center of the fabric. Wrap the fabric around the batting bringing the side without the Steam-A-Seam 2 over the batting first, then the side with the Steam-A-Seam 2. Press with steam to fuse.
3. Cover the raw edge with your favorite trim. Here are some possibilities:

5/8" Chenille-It Blooming Bias Strips

1. Select straight stitch and adjust the length to 1.5.
2. Insert two strips of Blooming Bias into the Chenille Foot. Stitch the bias strip in place.
3. Wash or brush with Chenille brush.

Decorative Fabric strip:

1. Cut bias strip the size recommended by the manufacturer.
2. Insert into the Bias Tape Maker and press as it comes out the other end. For easy insertion, trim the end to a point.
3. Stitch the trim in place, over the raw edge using a straight stitch, or your favorite decorative stitch.

Your handles are ready to attach to your favorite bag!



Sue Hausmann and Barbara Brooks

Sewing Supplies:

- Fabric for handles
- Batting
- Steam-A-Seam 2 #140000195
- Pfaff Chenille Foot #820615096
- Narrow Edge Foot w/IDT #820217096
- Bias Tape Maker #3128
- Chenille Brush #140001959
- Blooming Bias Rolls

