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Fabric Theme Quilts

Joyce Drexler, Vice President of Sulky of America loves threads! She is totally innovative in using different threads in different ways. Her thread painting has been a favorite of her students for years and her quilting is extraordinary! Fast and easy.

A themed quilt uses a feature fabric to establish the theme. Focus on fabrics you love! The Hoffman whale fabric is a great one for boys! Wildlife with moose and bears is another suggestion. Build your quilt around the theme fabric. Alternate a pieced block and a themed fabric block.



Even though the same basic layout was used, each quilt looks different with different fabrics.

Joyce likes to choose threads first and take them to the store to choose coordinating fabrics.

Alternate Pieced Blocks

To make the four patch corners for the whale quilt, cut strips 2 1/2" wide. Cut off selvage. Sew strips right sides together.



Cut into 2 1/2" wide pieces.



713 Fabric Theme Quilts Fabric Printing Embroidered Fringe



Joyce Drexler and Sue Hausmann

Sewing Supplies:

- Sulky Fabric Solvy Water Soluble Stabilizer
- Sulky 30 wt. Multi Color Rayon Thread
- Sulky Holoshimmer Thread
- Pfaff creative 2170 Sewing and Embroidery Machine
- 1/4" Right Guide Foot w/IDT #820541096
- Open-Toe Free-Motion Foot #820544096
- Sulky 12 wt. Cotton Thread
- Sulky 30 wt. Cotton Thread
- Rotary Cutter, Mat and Ruler
- Sulky KK2000 Temporary Spray Adhesive
- Schmetz Topstitch Needle size 90

Turn every other one around and make a four patch. Chain stitch them, feeding one right after another into the sewing machine. Press seams to one side.

Cut 4 1/2" solid blocks, four white and one blue for each block. Make a nine patch with four patches in the corners, blue in center, white top, middle and sides.

Cut big blocks the same size as the pieced block from the themed fabric. Assemble your quilt with alternate blocks, theme fabric and pieced alternating.



Set your machine for free motion sewing. Quilt with 30 wt. multicolored thread.

Joyce showed an easy way to transfer designs for quilting. Graph out border design on paper. Trace on to Fabric Solvy water soluble stabilizer. To keep the stabilizer from shifting while tracing, spray water soluble with KK2000 to adhere it on to the pattern. Trace with permanent marker. After the design is traced onto the stabilizer, attach to quilt by spraying lightly with water to stick, or spraying with Sulky KK2000 Temporary Spray Adhesive. Stitch through water soluble stabilizer. If you use KK2000 Temporary Spray Adhesive, press with dry iron to dissipate the adhesive before removing the stabilizer.



Insert a size 90 Topstitch Needle. Thread with Sulky Holoshimmer thread, using a vertical spool pin and reduce top tension. Quilt around the designs, add bubbles etc.

Agitate in washing machine to remove water soluble stabilizer.



Jech Corner Jip

Personalized Printed Projects

Scrapsmart artwork to print offers many different options for great projects. From scrapbooks to memory quilts, there is something for every occasion.

One collection that is lots of fun is the Secret Message Fabric Labels. They are small pockets, shaped like an envelope, that can hold anything from teeth, for the tooth fairy pillow to mementos of a special occasion. If you don't sew the sides it opens up and creates a label. The CD includes complete instructions for all the projects.

Lettering and text are important parts of many quilting projects.

Open up the envelope in Word, and type in your personalized message.

Change to plain paper and best quality on your printer and print the labels on Printed Treasures Printable Fabric.

There are books and tooth fairy pillows, all sorts of different projects, ready to personalize, print and sew!



Joe Hesch and Sue Hausmann

Sewing Supplies:

- Scrapsmart Secret Message Fabric Labels
- Printed Treasures PPrintable Fabric #140002437



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What's New to Do

Embroidered Fringe

Have you ever wanted a certain color fringe or trim, and after driving to 7 stores, did you have to settle for something that was just OK? Now you can make your own fringe and trims on your embroidery machine.

Jim Suzio created a design collection called "Fringe Benefits". Thread your Pfaff Sewing/Embroidery Machine with 40 wt. rayon and use same thread in the bobbin. For Metallic use two threads through the eye of the needle for the fringe section only, not the header.

Hoop two layers of sturdy tear away stabilizer in your Endless Hoop. Stitch.

As the fringe builds up, the thread can get caught in the foot and pulled loose as the stitching is being formed. Stop between the layers, place low tack painters tack on the fringe.

When fringe embroidery is complete, pull stabilizer off. Remove tape, then trim the bottom of the fringe. Pull stabilizer away from inside of the fringe.

Choose a similar color Fabrico Ink marker to cover any white stabilizer that is showing.



Sue Hausmann and Karla Herrin

Sewing Supplies:

- Pfaff creative 2170 Sewing/Embroidery Machine
- Fringe Benefits by Jim Suzio #556350400
- Low Tack Painters Tape
- Pfaff creative Endless Hoop #820591096
- Sulky Stiffy Stabilizer #140000145
- Tsukineko Fabrico Markers #140001426

