

St. Croix International Quilters
QUILT OF "ILLUSIONS"
Wednesday, August 2 & September 6,
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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No pre-cutting or other preparation required. This pattern is easy and quick and nice for small wall hangings. However, this technique, and variations of it, can be used for larger quilts.

Pattern Information

There is no pattern that I know of, for this quilt. It was taught in a guild workshop, also without a pattern. I will go over the steps in making this in the first session and provide a handout. What you see in the image on the right is a white motif fabric cut into strips. The strips are fused onto the solid pink background fabric. Bird and Flower motifs are fussy cut and raw edge appliqued over the strips, to give the "illusion".



Supplies

- ½ yard of fabric with large motifs or a fabric panel.
- Additional motif fabric or other fabric to make appliques that go on top of the strips.
- 1 yard background fabric.
- Wonder under or other fusible to fit the size of the motif fabric, plus enough for the appliques.
Note: Figure out the size you want for the motif part of the quilt and bring enough fusible to cover that piece and appliques.
Tip: I sized my motif fabric to fit my 24" ruler so I didn't have to fold the fabric when I cut it into strips. ie: the length of my motif fabric was 22". The width is not a problem.
- Backing and batting to finish the quilt. You might add a border to the quilt and make it much bigger than the motif part, so calculate the backing and batting accordingly.

Other Supplies and Equipment

- Thread to match the motif fabric and the background fabric. To sew the strips and applique down to the background fabric and quilt the border.
- Magic marker or pen (to number the back of each strip as you cut.)
- Long ruler (will have *non-slip dots or pads available*), rotary cutter, cutting mat.
- Sewing machine, applique foot, walking foot, zigzag foot and straight stitch foot
- Fabric marker, scissors and basic sewing supplies like straight pins, etc.
- Safety pins or basting spray – to secure quilt top, batting, and backing together for stitching
- Iron and ironing cloth for fusing.

This is a fun quilt to make. Every quilt I've seen using this technique has been beautiful and unique. Some used a print with large motifs and others a panel. The idea is to have some large motifs to applique on top of the strips. You can also create your own applique, from other fabrics. I will bring photos to guild or email me and I will send to you.

If on the first day you just want to cut the strips and fuse it in place, then you don't need a sewing machine. But, if you want to start sewing on the first day then please bring your sewing machine, sewing supplies, backing and batting. I think it best to sandwich the quilt before stitching down the strips and applique.