When Critters Camp Fat Quarter of the Month: April 2024





The **PROJECT**

- Make a cute quilt block appliqued and Free-motion embellished/quilted for kids of all ages
- Instructions include additional fabric requirements to make this a crib-sized quilt

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THE FABRICS



5 Selections from Heather Ross's Forestburgh and 1 Art Gallery Fabrics Pure Solid

FORESTBURGH: Clover-Rust FORESTBURGH: Firefly-Spruce FORESTBURGH: Broadstripe-Green FORESTBURGH: Beargrass-Blush FORESTBURGH: Night Music-Mauve Pure Solids in Sweet Mint



THE SUPPLIES

Batting: 13" x 18" <u>1/2 Yard Fusible Web</u>

Thread:

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- Seralene for quilting <u>Isacord for Applique</u> Cotton 50wt for binding construction to match binding •

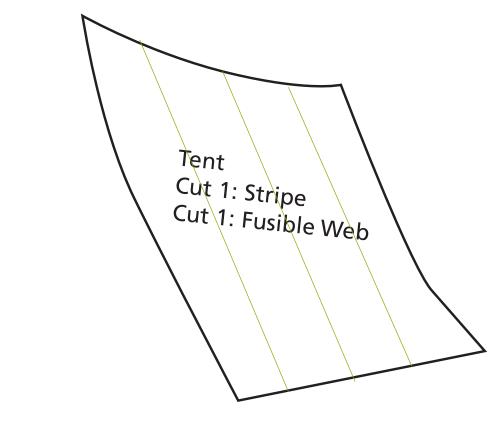
Sharp Scissors for easily fussy cutting fabric 505 Glue Stick Iron Rotary Cutter Mat and Ruler Printer with paper



TEMPLATES

Download Templates Here and then print

- Follow the instructions on the templates
- You will be tracing the templates onto the paper side of the fusible Web
- We printed then cut our templates out perfectly online the line
 - This technique allowed for us to mirror certain pieces
- Keep the stripe fabric and Lightning Bug fabric on hand for this step
- Strip fabric
 - Determine how you want your stripes to run
 - Consider drawing the directions of the lines on your template





From the Orange Clover Fabric Cut $1 - 4'' \times 12^{1/2}''$ Strip

- This piece is large enough for you to fussy cut.
 - Divide this piece in half by trimming along the clover line and creating a rough looking edge. This will be the bottom piece.
 - Neaten the bottom of the remaining strip by cutting along the shape of the clover. This is the top piece. Set aside.

From the Mauve Fabric

Cut 1 – Triangle template choosing your favorite musical critters

Cut as many as you would like – critters from the fabric

• We chose the Moon

From the Pink Animal fabric Cut as many as you would like

• We chose the deer, the bear and the chipmunk

FUSSY CUTTING



CUTTING

From the Remainder Clover Fabric

- Cut 2 3" x 12 ½" Strips for sides
- Cut 2 ¼" strips for binding

From the Mint Fabric

• Cut 1 – 13" square

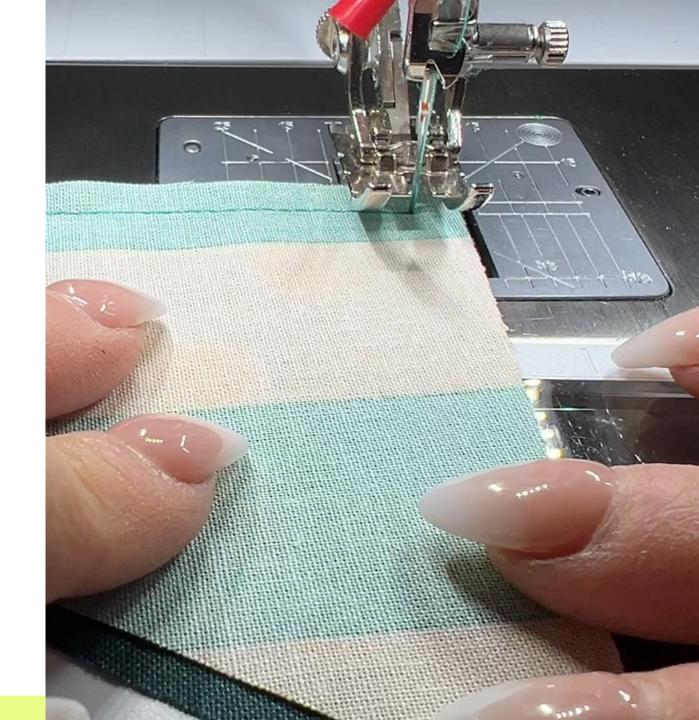
From the Remainder of the lightning bug fabric

• Cut 1 – 14" x 18" Piece for Backing



With right sides together, stitch a Striped Tent Flap to a Firefly Tent Flap (make 2).

- Leave an opening along the long-angled side for turning
- Trim corner, turn right side out, and press



Peel the fusible web paper from the Main Tent and Inside Tent Pieces

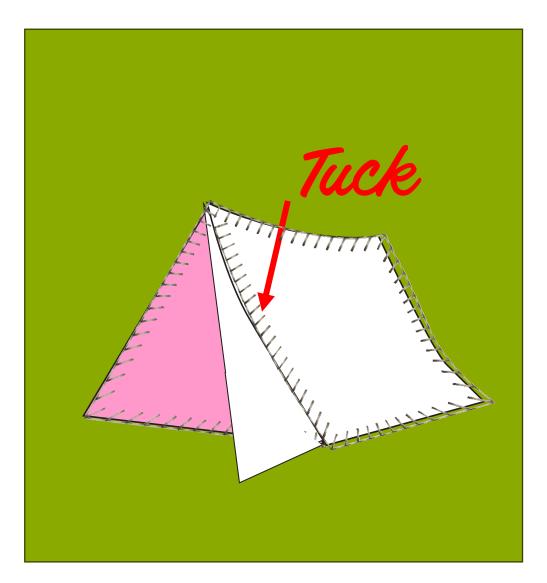
- Place on the 13" Square so that it looks rather centered
- Do not press down until you tuck the Inside Tent and the Right Tent Flap piece under the main tent piece

Place a 13" x 13" Piece of heavy weight tear away stabilizer under the background fabric

Set your machine for a single blanket stitch #1329 or #1309

- Ádjust stitch to your liking
- We used 3mm stitch width, 3mm stitch length with needle position all of the way to the right

Applique around the main tent, bottom of the inside tent and left side of the inside tent



Add the left Tent Flap –

- Tuck the seam allowance in so that there are no raw edges exposed.
- Applique the left side only with the blanket stitch



Add the Top and Bottom clover pieces

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- Be creative anything goes, because it is YOUR imagination
- Once you get your critters into position, adhere them with the 505 stick

We will be appliqueing them in the quilting step.



BORDERS

Remove tear away stabilizer

Trim you block to 12 1/2" square

Attach a 3" x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Strip to each side of your block

Press and Sandwich with the backing, and batting



QUILTING

Machine Set-up

- Stitch #1 with the feed dogs dropped
- Foot #24 Open toe to see where we are going
 - BERNINA Longarmers: Foot #24 is a lesser expensive alternative to the #73 Adjustable Open Toe foot.
 - Get25% off the #24 Foot
 - USE CODE: 250FF24 Get25% off the #24 Foot
- Alternatively, you may wish to use the BERNINA Stitch Regulator

Now free motion applique and quilt until you heart is content.



BINDING

Use your favorite binding method.

