"Tulip Sundae" Mini-quilt by Sue Nickels

This cute little mini is made using techniques Sue demonstrates on her segment of "The Quilt Show". Sue likes a fusible machine technique for her appliqué that uses a small edging of fusible along each appliqué piece. This keeps the fusible to a minimum in her projects. The edge is stitched using a small blanket stitch. Enjoy this quick and easy project!

To learn more details of this technique refer to "Stitched Raw Edge Appliqué" an AQS book by Sue and her sister Pat Holly.



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Supplies:

Fabric:

- 10" x 14" rectangle for background (starch for stability)
- Small pieces of fabric for appliqué (5 to 6 different fabrics)
- 10"x 14" rectangle for backing
- 10" x 14" rectangle cotton batting
- 40" strip 2 ¹/₄" wide for binding

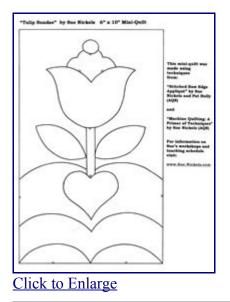
Thread:

- King Tut Tone on Tone's (by Sue Nickels) for appliqué & quilting
- Masterpiece Thread for quilting (both from Superior Threads)

Other:

- 12" x 12" square Lite Steam a Seam (paper backed fusible web)
- Sewing Machine with Blanket Stitch
- Open toe appliqué foot for machine appliqué
- Darning foot for machine quilting

Pattern:



Directions for making your mini-quilt:

1. Using a sharp pencil, draw pattern on paper side of the paper backed fusible web. Using small embroidery scissors, cut ¹/₄" bigger than pattern line and then ¹/₄" on the inside of the pattern line to create an edging of fusible.



2. Fuse edgings fusible side down to the back of the appliqué fabric. Cut out appliqué on the pattern line. For underlay edges (double lines on the pattern indicate this) leave about ¹/₄" extra of fabric to lay underneath the top piece.



3. Remove paper from appliqué pieces. Position pieces on the background following the pattern. Fuse in place.



4. Using a single blanket stitch on your sewing machine, stitch the raw edges of the appliqué pieces. Shorten the stitch in width and length so the stitching covers the raw edge- about 2 width and 2 length. Bring top thread to the back and tie in a knot with the bobbin thread.



5. Cut block down to 6" x 10". Layer and baste your mini-quilt. Free motion quilt as desired.



6. <u>Trim excess batting and backing</u> and attach binding.



Your mini-quilt is done and ready for hanging or gifting to a friend!