

Jimmie and Friends

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Finished Size Approx.

16" x 20"



Jimmie and Friends is a fun and easy project. It can be made into either a placemat or a wall hanging.

Fabric Requirements:

2 - 18" x 22" Fat Quarters - (White) Background Fabric -Note: one fat quarter will be used for the placemat background and the other will be used as a foundation to your fishy applique shapes.

1 - 18" x 22" Fat Quarter - (Any color) Backing Fabric

1 - 18" x 22" Fat Quarter - (Textured lime green/medium green) Sea Weed Fabric

1 - 18" x 22" Fat Quarter - (Textured rock/pebble look) Sea Floor Fabric

1 - 18" x 22" Fat Quarter - (Any color) for Binding

A variety of scrap fabrics:

Assorted green, yellow, and purple scraps for Jimmie the Turtle

Assorted medium-purple and pink scraps for Octopus

Assorted yellow and orange scraps for Angel Fish

Assorted medium blue, medium-dark blue, and purple scraps for Tiger Fish

Assorted purple and pink scraps for Jelly Fish

Assorted pink and mauve scraps for Sea Horse

Assorted rose/mauve scraps for the coral, star fish, and clam shell.

These are only suggested fabric choices. Select fabrics you like and have fun with the colors.

Other supplies:

2 packages Lite Steam-A-Seam 2 (5 sheets per package)

1 - 18" x 22" Batting

Assorted metallic and other decorative threads for applique

Pencil

Rotary cutter

5" x 24" Rotary cutting ruler

Rotary cutting mat

Scissors

Iron

Instructions:

The placemat is broken down into sections:

1. The ocean floor
2. The sea weed
3. The coral, shell, and star fish
4. The fishy creatures
5. Finishing with backing, batting, and binding.

Before we begin, I would suggest you pre-wash all fabric. It will make the fusible web adhere to the fabric better and also prevent the fabric dyes from bleeding into the white background when laundered.

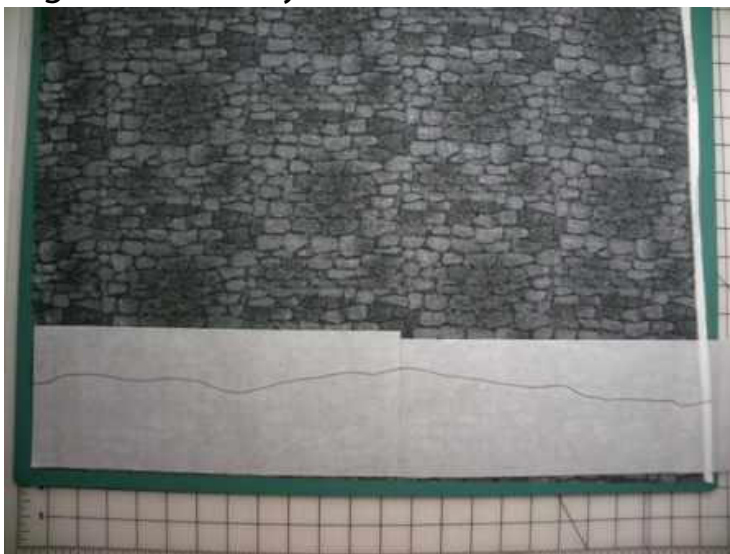
Now lets get started!!!!

The Ocean Floor.

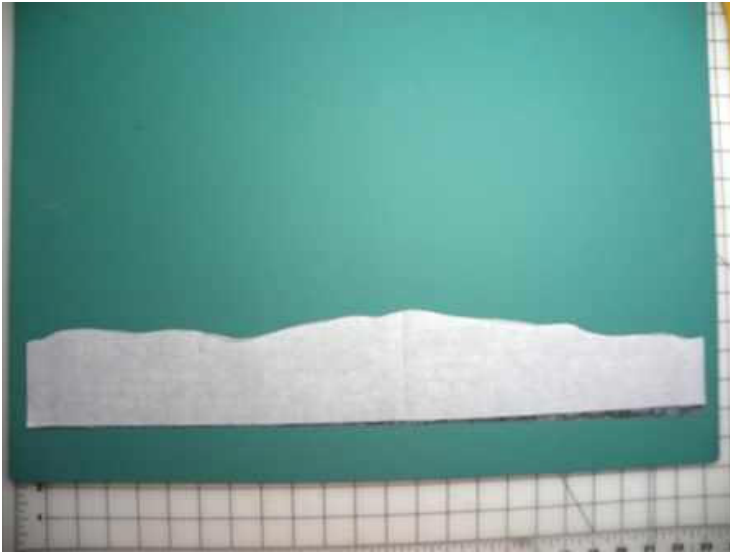
1. Using one sheet of Lite Steam-A-Seam cut it in half lengthwise.



Place the two halves lengthwise on the rock/pebble fabric with the web side of the Seam-A-Seam on the wrong side of the fabric. Since you are bonding the fusible web to the wrong side of the fabric, make sure the paper is facing up and the right side of fabric is face down. Draw a gentle wave-like curve with sharpie marker on the paper side which is facing up. This piece will be used for the ocean floor. It will be the same length as your background fabric. Vary the height of the wavy line from 3" to 4".



Cut on the line you just drew with your rotary cutter.

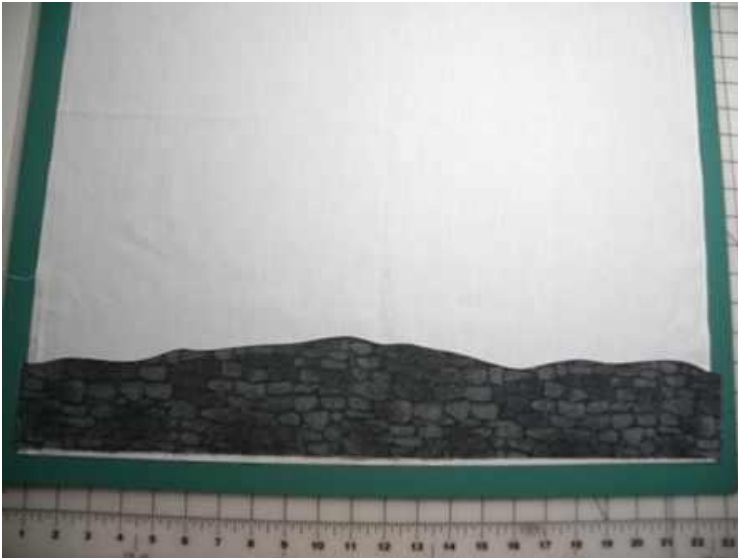


Press for 10 seconds using a steam or cotton setting to fuse the Steam-A-Seam 2 to the wrong side of the fabric.



2. Using the rock/pebble fused fabric. This piece will be used for the ocean floor. It will be the same length as your background fabric.

3. Place this piece on the bottom of one of the 18" x 22" fat quarter white background fabric. Fuse to right side of the background fabric. You will use the other white background fat quarter later in the instructions.



The Sea Weed

Trace the sea weed pattern pieces to the paper side of the fusible web sheets. Trace with pencil on the applique pattern lines.

Cut out sea weed shapes, leaving at least 1/4" around the shapes.

Press traced fusible web sea weed shapes to wrong side of lime green/green textured fabric.

Cut out out sea weed shapes on traced lines.

Peel off paper backing.

Arrange sea weed shapes on front side of the placemat top. They will be slightly sticky so you can re-position them until desired arrangement is achieved.

Use the completed placemat photo on page 1 to help with placement of the sea weed pieces.

There is no particular order to your sea weed pieces. Just have fun arranging them to get the look you like.

Hint: Leave a little space around outside edges of your placemat. This will give you extra space on the top and sides when you go to square up the placemat and for binding the placemat

When satisfied with arrangement, press them permanently into place with iron.

Now we are ready to continue to trace more of the applique shapes on paper side of Steam-A-Seam 2. Work with one shape at a time to keep organized.

Coral, star fish, and shell shapes:

Trace the coral shapes on paper side of Steam-A-Seam 2.

Cut them out leaving 1/4" around shape.

Press the fusible web traced shape to the wrong side of coral fabric with iron.

Cut on traced line.

Remove paper backing.

Arrange on front side of placemat top until desired location of shape is achieved and permanently press into place with iron.

Repeat using star fish and shell shape. Refer to the placemat on page 1 to aid in placement of the shapes.

Turtle, Jelly Fish, Angel Fish, Octopus, Tiger Fish, and Sea Horse:

1. Outline each main fishy shape:

Trace main body shapes on the paper side of fusible web. The main body is the line outlining each shape. It will be a large shape with no detail. Only the outline of the shape.

Cut out shapes leaving an extra 1/4" around traced shape. Press each outline shape to wrong side of extra piece of white fat quarter.

This will be your foundation fabric for the little applique pieces.

Cut out body shapes on traced line.

Do not remove paper backing. Leave paper on until instructed to remove.

You will repeat these same steps for each fishy character.

2. Adding the detail pieces to each outline shape

Remember to work with only one shape at a time to keep small pieces organized.

Trace detail applique pieces on paper side of fusible web.

Cut out shapes leaving 1/4" around shapes.

Press to wrong side of fabric selections.

Cut out on traced lines.

Remove paper backing.

Position applique pieces to right side (top) of appropriate background body shapes to achieve desired fishy design.

Press permanently with iron.

Note: Take your time when doing this step. Some of your pieces will be very tiny. Using a tweezer may help in placing the smallest pieces into place on the background body shapes. Use the pattern of the shape as a guide in placement of the pieces.

3. Arranging shapes on placemat top

Take each completed fishy body shape and remove the paper backing.

Place shapes on front side of placemat. Arrange as desired. Enjoy placing the shapes in different locations to achieve a look that is pleasing to you.

Permanently press into place.

Finishing the Placemat

Place backing fabric on table, right side down. Top with batting. Place finished placemat top on top of batting, right side up. Smooth layers in your preferred manner. This is a small project to quilt. I would still suggest to either spray baste, pin, or hand baste layers together to prevent shifting while quilting.

Now you are ready to outline stitch each piece with metallic or decorative threads. You can use a zig-zag stitch, a straight stitch, or a satin stitch, the choice is up to you.

Once the outline stitching has been completed you can quilt the background and ocean floor as desired. I used pebble quilting on the ocean floor and in the background to give the effect of bubbles.

Trim and square up your placemat to a desired size. I trimmed mine to 16" x 20".

Using your binding fabric, cut strips for binding and bind as desired using your favorite binding method.

Your placemat is now ready to enjoy!!!!

