

Ocean Waves Placemat

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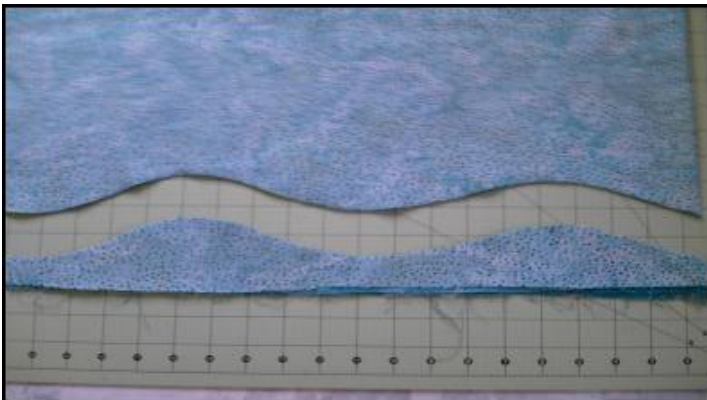


(13 1/2" x 19 1/2")

Supplies:

7 fat quarters in light, medium, and dark fabrics
Scraps of material for fish
Additional fabric for backing and binding
Therm-O-Web iron on vinyl (optional – to protect from spills)
Steam-A Seam 2
Elmer's School Glue with fine tip
Embroidery thread to match fish
Chalk pencil

Background:



Place all 7 fat quarters on a cutting mat, using the chalk pencil; draw a soft curve 2" from the lower edge. Cut through all seven layers on the line you've drawn.



Press under $\frac{1}{4}$ " along curved edge to the wrong side of the fabric. You should have 14 curved pieces.



Layer the fabrics on top of one another, alternating colors from light to dark as shown in the picture. Secure with pins. Glue and press all 14 pieces. From the back, trim the excess fabric to just a $\frac{1}{2}$ " inch to eliminate bulk.



Repeat the process until you have 14" of waves. You'll be using the fabric you've trimmed away. You may need to clip the inside curve almost to the sewing line in order for the fabric to lay flat.



Sew down the waves using the curved, pressed line as your guide. Trim seams to $\frac{1}{4}$ " inch on the back of the background.

Fish:



Press Steam-A-Seam 2 to back of fish fabrics.
Using the patterns provided, cut out fish as shown in picture.
The two sets of school fish used the same pattern but were mirrored and made in 3 sizes, S, M, and L.

Assembly:

Measure background. It should be 14" x 20"



Position the fish on the background (see picture) and press following the mfg's instructions.

Using embroidery thread, stitch around each fish using a tiny zig-zag. Press placement flat.

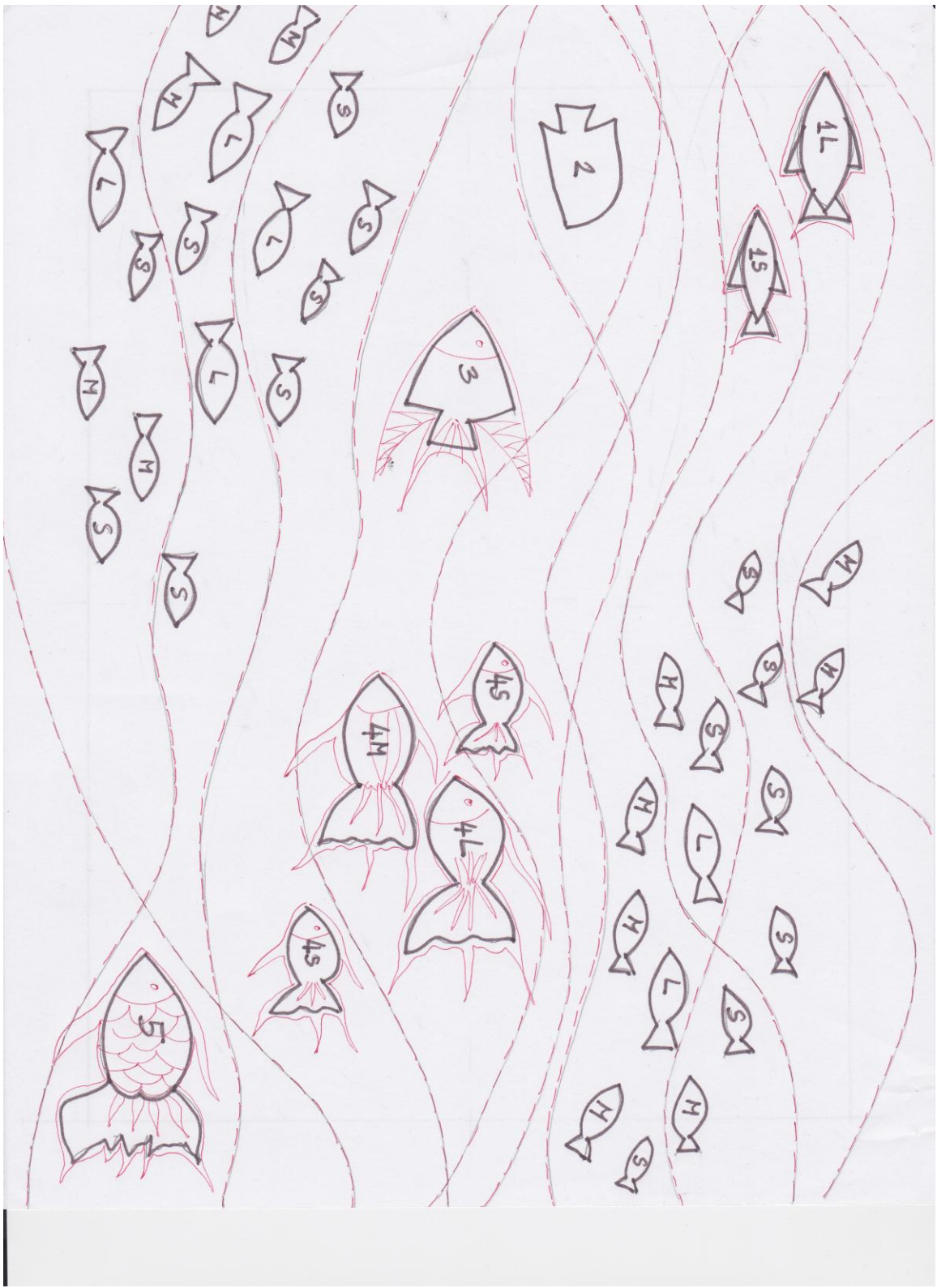
Layer placement, batting, and backing – baste.

Free motion quilt the placemat. Do not sew across fish.

If you'd like, press Therm-O-Web on top of placement to protect it from spills.

Cut placemat to 13 ½ " x 19 ½ "

Bind the placemat.



FISH.

