

Hello Quilting friends!

Once again the time is here for the Christmas With Sue Block. This may be my favorite so far as it reminds me of watching my Mama Lucy cook on her wood stove! I talk a lot about my Mama Nellie who taught me to sew and quilt but I learned so much from Mama Lucy too!

I want to show you my newest project...If The Shoe Fits! It is a wool applique mat or could be done in cotton. I have wool kits available and Valdani Thread Packs.

Ask your local shop about my new line of fabric from MARCUS called **Garden Getaway**. The salesman are just now going to the shops showing it off. Here is a peak along with my new **Block of the month starting in 2021** by the same name, **Garden Getaway!** Details coming SOON!



+We still have the FREE downloadable pattern from my website for Farmhouse Fall Pillow KITS and Thread packs Available TOO! Also visit [MARCUS.com](http://MARCUS.com) for information about other MONDAYS With MARCUS designers and their projects!



**WERE IN ANOTHER MAGAZINE!**  
Watch for the Winter issue of  
**SIMPLY VINTAGE** for **TWO** of my winter projects  
"Calico Christmas" and "Gingerbread and Hot Cocoa"!

**Woolly Block Adventure** is still rolling My block is past the free period but still available for purchase with the bonus free pattern for the runner! Visit website for details!

THANK YOU again for being part of the Christmas with Sue project and making Calico Patch Designs **sew** successful!

ENJOY!  
TOM & VICKI





# CHRISTMAS WITH SUE!

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

By Vicki McCarty, Calico Patch Designs



### General Instructions :

Thank you for joining our Block of the Month! This quilt will be made up of 12 applique blocks and a setup to complete the quilt top. Please read all instructions before sewing. Seams are  $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless stated. WOF is width of fabric, and HST is half square triangle. I write my patterns for all skill levels. I include my methods, but by no means are they the only way, feel free to use your preferred methods throughout the pattern.

Each month's block kit includes pattern, background fabric, laser cut appliques and embellishments to complete the current month's block. The set up instructions and finishing kit are included with the 12th month. I recommend finding a special container or box to keep project all together.

Please post your work and tag @vickimccarty or @calicopatchdesigns  
The main thing to remember is ... Enjoy what your are doing and have fun!!

### Helpful Items

These are a few things that will make your project easier!

Fusible Web - If not using Laser Cut Appliques

Applique Pressing Sheet - I find it is the best way to have accurate applique placement.

Sulky Tear Easy Stabilizer- I use to stabilize my fabric when sewing machine applique and also to transfer my lines from the pattern to know where to stitch the detail on my blocks.

### Appliques

Applique- *If purchased as pattern-only*, trace the applique pieces onto fusible web of you choice (appliques patterns are reversed). Cut loosely around each piece. Iron the fusible to the wrong side of the fabric and press. Cut out appliques on the drawn line. Remove paper if fusible has paper backing.

*If purchased as a kit*, the applique pieces are laser cut and pre-fused with Soft Fuse. Appliques of the same color may be joined on a larger piece of fabric and will need to be snipped loose before using. Peel the paper off the back of the applique pieces to reveal the fusible web.

Cover the placement pattern with an applique pressings sheet (over a light box if needed). Place the applique pieces on the pressing sheet and align with the placement pattern. When appliques overlap, place the farthest piece down first. Press for about 10 seconds without steam. The heat from the iron will activate the fusible web on the back of the appliques and adhere it in place. Allow to completely cool and peel off in a larger, more manageable applique piece. This allows easy placement onto the background and small adjustments if needed. Placement patterns have a gold asterisk to indicate the center of the applique. Match with the center of the background fabric. Fuse the appliques into place on the background fabric. They are ready to stitch down. I tend to use blanket stitch for most my appliques, but it is fun to try other stitches too! Sew appliques with a layer of tear away stabilizer underneath the fabric to support the applique stiches. This stabilizes the fabric so finished blocks lays flat with no puckering. Gently remove stabilizer after stitching is complete.

### Transferring Details

Detail brings the appliques to life! My patterns include the details shown in blue. I do not use products where I have to wet my project to remove the transferring medium. Instead, I use Sulky Tear Easy Stabilizer. Place placement pattern on a light box and cover with a piece of tear away stabilizer. Trace the blue stitching lines. Pin in place on the block and stitch on the traced lines. Tight stitches will perforate the stabilizer making it easy to remove from the project.

### Embellishments

The patterns will indicate embellishments on the placement pattern with a red or green circle to indicate a button or bead. I sew mine on to the finished block. If you choose to add embellishments after the project is quilted, I recommend labeling or some system to remember which embellishments go with which block.

Calico Patch Designs  
155 Bluebank Road  
Morehead, KY 40351  
(606) 784-7235  
Calicopatchdesigns.com

# CHRISTMAS WITH SUE!

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH: BLOCK 10

By Vicki McCarty, Calico Patch Designs

### Fabric Requirements:

- 1- 14" Tan (Background)
- 1- 4" x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Red Print (Bonnet, Apron)
- 1- 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6" Tan with Red Print (Stove, Stove Back)
- 1- 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6" Black Print (Stove Legs, 4 doors  
Stove Top, Stove Shelf, Hatband)
- 1- 5" Square Green Print (Dress, Sleeve)
- 1- 4" Square Solid Black (2 Shoes, Inside Oven,  
2 Supports, 4 Stove Burners)
- 1- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Flesh (Arm)
- 1- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Square Tan with Red Print (2 Bloomers)
- 4- Large White Beads
- 2- Larger Green Beads

### Cutting Instructions:

14" Square Tan

### Sewing Instructions:

Find the center of the 14" background block. Follow the instructions on page 1 to create applique pieces and fuse to the background.

Once fused, stitch a blanket or other desired decorative stitch around the appliques.

Trace the stove "corner" (shown in blue on the placement pattern) on Sulky Tear Easy Stabilizer. Align and pin the stabilizer on top of the project and sew a bean or other thick strait stitch on the drawn line. Remove the stabilizer.

Sew two green beads on the back of the dress and a white beads for handles on each of the four stove doors (shown as green dots on placement pattern).

Trim block to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Ready for next block!



Calico Patch Designs

### How to Apply Fusible

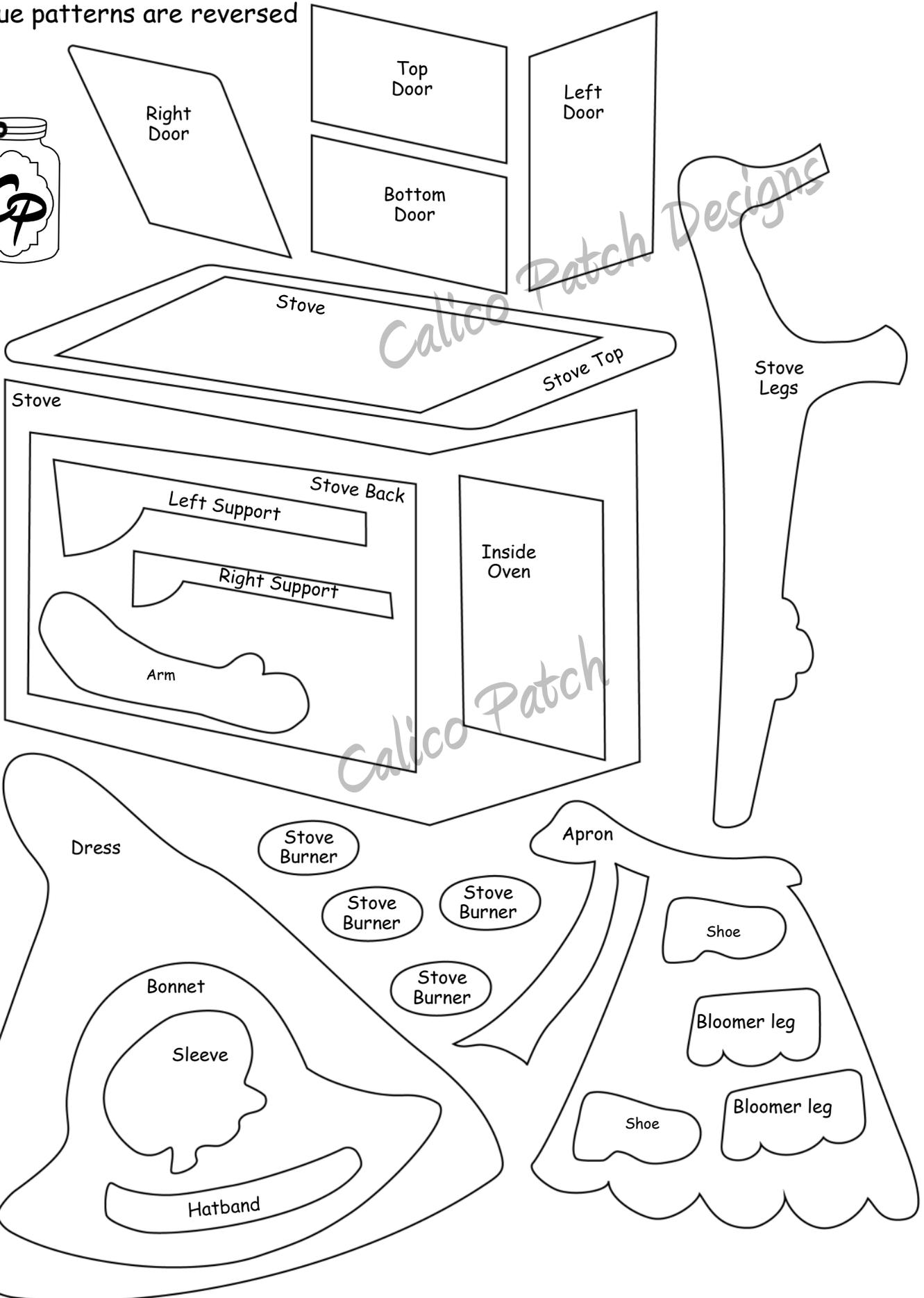
Our Laser Cut Kits Have Soft Fuse.

Remove paper from the back of each applique piece to expose fusible web. Use a hot dry iron for 8-10 seconds to fuse into place.

Keep fabric side up and glue side down when fusing!



Applique patterns are reversed



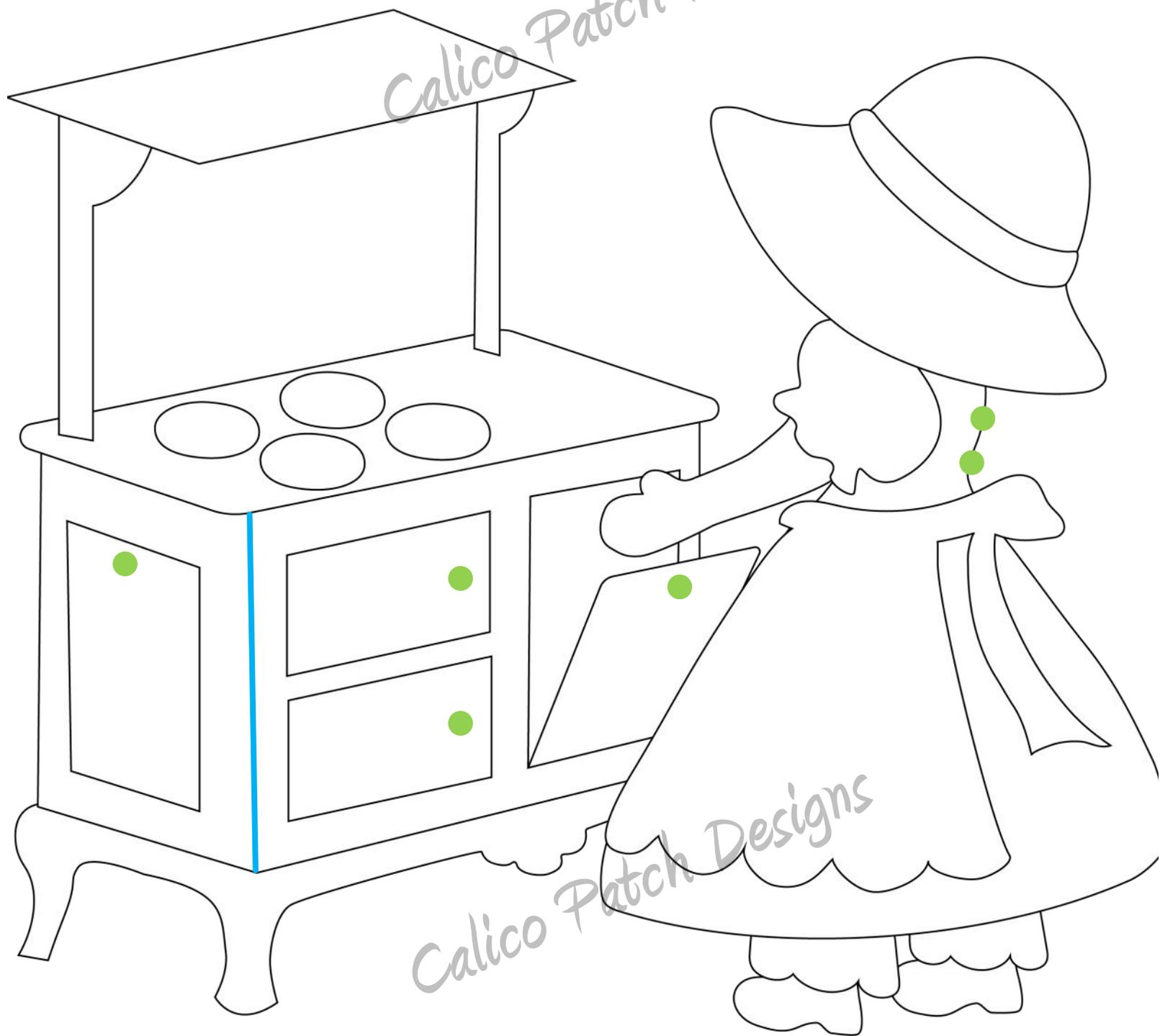
Blue line for stitches

● for Beads

Placement Pattern



Calico Patch Designs



Calico Patch Designs