

Hello Quilting Friends!

We're SEW glad your enjoying our Christmas with Sue Mystery Stitch-A-Long! Since we refer to directions provided in Block 1, Block two has a repeat of page 1 from Block 1.

We are leaving Block 1 up for a few more days to welcome all our new friends we met at the Daytona Brach AQS QuiltWeek! Then it will go on sale. Be sure to visit our website at lest once a month to download your free pattern! (We hope you visit more!)

Thank you for posting your work! Please keep on and remember to tag me at #calicopatchdesigns and/or #vickimccarty.

Here is my newest design... A custom "Sewing Machine Cover" made from MODA Toweling and pre-fused Laser CUT applique pieces! So popular...we sold out at Daytona! Don't worry, as soon as we get home, we will be re-kitting and they are available to pre-order on our website or by calling the Calico Patch. (606) 784-7235.



There's still time to get your Pre-fused Laser cut Christmas with Sue pieces. The \$27.99 not only includes the background, and applique pieces but it also includes the final set up with border, binding, sashing and Postage to complete a 76" x 96" quilt!! Call us today!

Here is our next quilt shows.... Be sure to say "Hi" if your there!

ENJOY!

Tom & Vicki McCarty





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.

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH: BLOCK 2

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Fabric Requirements:

- 1- 14" Tan (Background)
- 1- 6" Square 1st Green Print (Dress, Sleeve, Hatband)
- 1- 4" Square Red Print (Ribbon, Stockings)
- 1- 4" Square Red & Cream Stripe (Apron)
- 1- 4" Square Rock Print (Fireplace)
- 1- 3" x 6" Wood Grain (Fireplace Frame Top/Sides)
- 1- 3" x 5" Black Solid (Fireplace Background, Shoes)
- 1- 3" x 4" Dark Red Print (Hat, Apron Strings, Pocket)
- 1- 3" x 4" 2nd Green Print (Wreath, Stocking Toes)
- 1- 2" x 6" Gray (Hearth)
- 1- 2" x 6" Brown (Mantel)
- 1- 2" x 2" Orange (Fire)
- 1- 1" x 3" Flesh (Arm)
- 1- 1" x 3" Cream (Bloomers, Stocking Top)
- 24- Small Red Beads
- 2- Small 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. You may want to sew a feather stitch as garland before fusing the stockings (shown as a blue line on the placement pattern). Stitch a blanket or other desired stitch around the appliques. Sew on green beads on the back of the dress as indicated by green circles on the placement pattern. Sew 3 red beads in clusters on the garland and wreath as indicated by light green circles on the placement pattern. Trim block to 12¹/₂". Ready for next block!

How to Apply Fusible

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



(Make 2) Mantel- Brown, Gray- Hearth

Fireplace Frame Top

Fireplace Background
Apron Strings
Arm

(Make 2) Fireplace Frame Sides- Wood
Fireplace- Rock
Make 3 Stocking Top
Make 3 Stocking Heel/Toe
Make 3 Stocking
Fire
Dress
Pocket

Hat
Ribbon
Hatband

Shoes Make 2
Apron
Shoulder
Bloomers Make 2

Wreath

Placement Pattern

Note: Edges of some applique pieces will hang over edge of placement pattern.

Green Circles for Green beads

Light Green Circles for red beads

Blue Lines for Feather Stitch (Garland Detail)

