

# Hello Quilting Friends!

We hope this finds you safe and well!  
Even though we are not traveling we  
are busy as a bee providing free patterns!

Gingerbread Stitches is now in block 2 and has been wildly popular!  
Download a free pattern or order the kits!  
We do have kits, embellishment packs and thread packs available!  
We also have a dedicated Facebook Group for News, Tutorial Videos and more ! Join today!

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## *Woolen Oak Mystery Stitch-A-Long.*

Another free pattern! Here is the finishing pattern for the woolen Oak mystery Stich Along. Individual block patterns still available for download and kits still for sale!

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Watch for one of our designs featured in the Fall issue of

## ***Quilt Mania's Simply Vintage***

At newsstands or on our website mid September!

Thanks again for participating!

ENJOY and STAY SAFE!

Vicki & Tom 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 8

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### Fabric Requirements:

- 1- 14" Tan (Background)
- 1- 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Square Red Print (Dress, Sleeve, Hatband)
- 1- 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Square Light Green (Bonnet, Tree 2, Pocket)
- 1- 4" Square Dark Green (Tree 1, Tree 3)
- 1- 3" x 7" Green Stripe (Front Ruffle, Coat Tail Ruffle, Bow)
- 1- 3" x 6" Black (Sled Runners, Shoes)
- 1- 2" x 4" Brown (Trunk 1,2,3, Sled)
- 1- 2" Square Flesh (Arm)
- 1- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" Tan (Bloomers)
- 5- Large Green Seed 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 "ground" (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 heavy stitch on the  
drawn lines. Repeat for the pull rope on the Sled. Remove the stabilizer.

Sew five green seed beads spread evenly on the front ruffle (use phot for placement).

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



### How to Apply Fusible

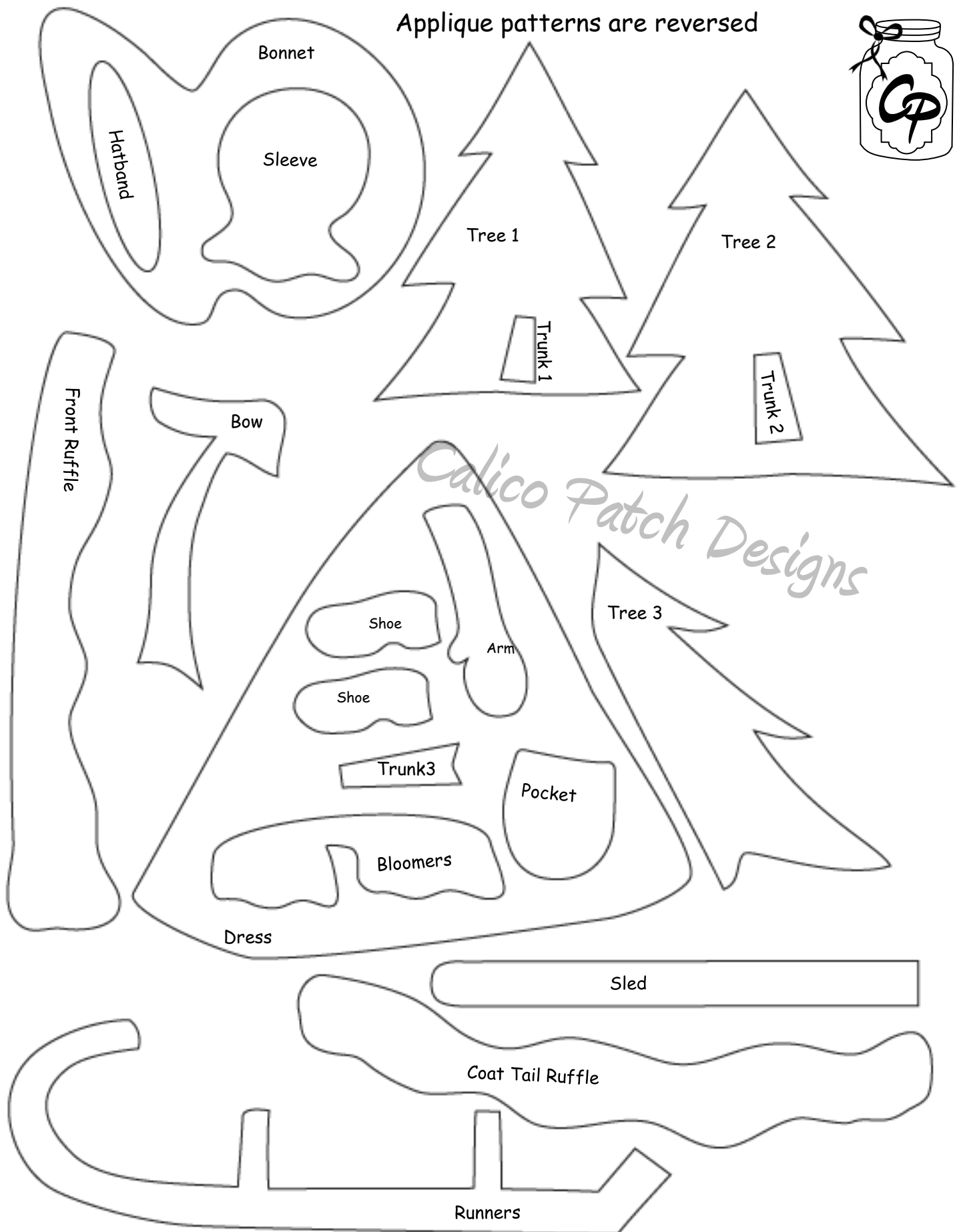
Our Laser Cut Kits Have Soft Fuse.

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



# Placement Pattern



Blue Line for Stitching

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