CONCH SHELL

Fusible Appliqué Directions

Unaltered finished design size - 5" x 91/2"

Supplies Needed -

6" x 10" fabric for shell 4" x 10" scrap for shell lip 2" x 4" scrap of pink or orange for inside shell 3" x 4" scrap for coral Scraps of black and white for eyes Fusible web such as Wonder Under or Soft Fuse Appliqué nonstick pressing sheet (optional) Background fabric (or pre-washed garment) Appliqué Stabilizer for machine appliqué

Note: be sure to read and follow the manufacturer's directions on time and temperature when using the fusible product.

- 1. With a pencil or fine point pen, trace the pattern pieces onto the smooth, paper side of the fusible webbing. (The pattern pieces are reversed from the finished design.)
- 2. Roughly cut around each pattern piece, leaving a small amount of paper beyond the drawn lines.
- 3. Place the rough side of webbing onto the wrong side of fabric. Fuse to fabric.
- 4. Using sharp scissors, cut out each piece on the drawn line. Remove paper backing.
- 5. On the selected background fabric, assemble the animal pieces and fuse them.
- 6. For a pattern with several interlocking pieces (like this conch), it is very helpful to use an appliqué pressing sheet. Place the animal pattern page on the pressing surface. Lay the pressing sheet over it. Follow the pattern to layer and assemble the animal, (fusible side down/right sides up) placing underneath pieces first.. Gently peel the appliqué off the pressing sheet and position it on the background block.

7. Give the whole appliqué a good pressing on both front and back.

Machine appliqué -

Pin or baste appliqué stabilizer to the back of the background fabric.

Before stitching, always test stitch length, style of zig zag (or other stitch) and width on a fabric scrap.

- 1. Stitch the parts of the conch that are underneath other pieces first. (Stitch the small inside of shell before the lip. Then stitch the outer shell last.)
- 2. Use a smaller stitch when going around the parts of the eyes. Stitch the whites first, and then the black parts of the eyes.
- 3. Stitch around the coral.
- 4. Gently remove the stabilizer.

Conch Shell is just one of the 17 sea animals included in the *Ocean Friends* quilt pattern by **Pamalama Jo Designs**. Visit www.pamalamajodesigns.com to view and purchase the complete quilt pattern.

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