

Nursery Rhymes Alphabet Blocks and Wallhanging

“Nursery Rhymes” quilt patterned in
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(24" x 24-1/2")

Web Bonus pattern for wallhanging
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(4" Blocks)

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Nursery Rhymes Alphabet Blocks

Materials You Will Need: (Makes 3 Blocks)

- 1/4 yard of a small character print
- 1/2 yard of a framed character print
- 1/4 yard each of a red, blue, light brown, and green print
- Scrap each of a red, blue, and brown solid
- 1/4 yard of a beige fabric for lining
- 1/4 yard of paper backed fusible web
- 1/4 yard of a lightweight cotton batting
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing

Preparation:

Trace each of the templates to the paper side of the fusible web. Templates A and B include seam allowances; the letter templates do not. Roughly cut out each leaving at least 1/2" around each template.

Cutting Directions: (Cutting instructions for 1 block)

From the small character print, cut:

(2) 3" squares with the same character centered in each

From the framed character print, cut:

(2) of Template A, with the same character centered in each

From each of the red and blue prints, cut:

(8) 1-1/4" x 3" strips

From the green print, cut:

(2) letters (Fuse two of the letter templates to the wrong side of the green print. Cut out exactly.

(8) 1-1/4" x 3" strips

From the light brown print, cut:

(8) of Template B

(2) 3" squares

From each of the red, blue, and brown solids, cut:

(8) 1-1/4" squares

From the beige solid, cut:

(6) 4-1/2" lining squares

From the batting, cut:

(6) 4-1/2" squares

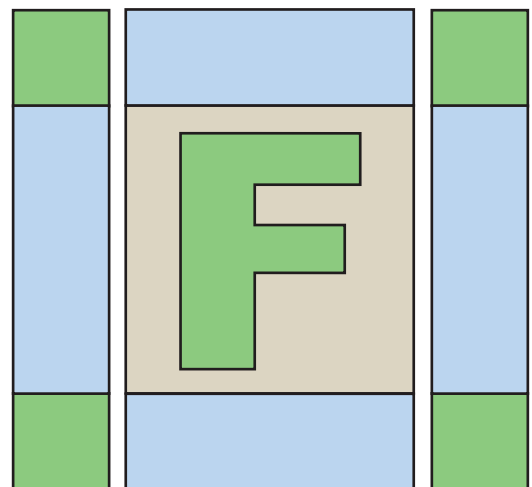
Sewing Directions: *(Seam allowance is 1/4" unless stated otherwise)*

Refer to the Basic Directions for tips on quiltmaking.

1. MAKING THE LETTER SQUARES

Peel paper backing off of the (2) green applique letters.

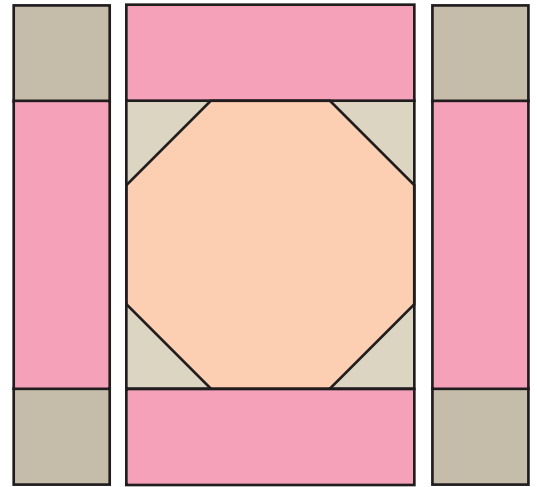
Center each on a 3" light brown square and fuse in place. Sew a machine satin or zigzag stitch around edges of letters. Sew a 1-1/4" x 3" blue print strip to the top and bottom of each letter square. Sew a 1-1/4" red square to each end of the remaining 1-1/4" x 3" blue print strips. Sew these strips to the sides of the letter square. (Make 2)



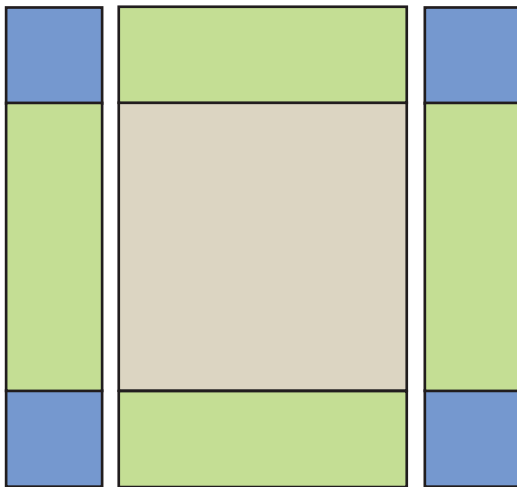
Making the Letter Squares

2. MAKING THE OCTAGON SQUARES

Sew a Template B triangle to each corner of each Template A octagon. Sew a 1-1/4" x 3" red print strip to the top and bottom of each octagon square. Sew a 1-1/4" brown square to each end of the remaining 1-1/4" x 3" red print strips; sew these strips to the sides of the octagon square. (Make 2)



Making the Octagon Squares



Making the Framed Squares

3. MAKING THE FRAMED SQUARES

Sew a 1-1/4" x 3" green print strip to the top and bottom of each 3" light brown square. Sew a 1-1/4" blue square to each end of the remaining 1-1/4" x 3" green print strips; sew these strips to the sides of the 3" light brown square. (Make 2)

4. ASSEMBLING THE ALPHABET BLOCKS

Layer each of the letter, octagon and framed squares with a batting square and a beige solid lining square. Pin layers together and quilt by stitching along the previous stitching lines. Sew (4) squares together in a row, stopping 1/4" from each end of each stitching line. Sew the outer edges of the row together in the same way to form a tube. Sew another square to the top of the tube, pivoting needle at each corner. Sew the last square to the bottom of the tube in the same way, leaving a 2" opening along one side for turning.

5. FINISHING

Turn block right side out. Stuff firmly; slipstitch opening closed.

Nursery Rhymes Wallhanging

Materials You Will Need:

- 1 yard of oval motif fabric
- 1/2 yard of brown print fabric
- 1/2 yard of green print fabric
- 1 yard of green character print fabric
- 1/4 yard of taupe fabric
- Scraps of red, blue and light brown print fabrics, and a solid white fabric
- 27" square of batting

Cutting Directions:

From the oval motif print, cut:

- (2) 18" x 5" strips with (2) oval motifs (and portions of another on either end) centered lengthwise on strip (center panel)
- (1) 18" x 5" strip with (3) oval motifs centered lengthwise on strip (center panel)
- (7) 4-1/4" x 5-1/4" rectangles with assorted oval motifs centered on each (photo pockets)

From the brown print, cut:

- (2) 18" x 1-1/2" strips (inner side border)
- (2) 17-1/4" x 1-1/2" strips (inner top and bottom borders)
- (4) 2-1/4" x 26" bias strips (binding)

From the green print, cut:

- (2) 25" x 3" strips (outer side borders)
- (2) 19-1/4" x 3" strips (outer top and bottom borders)

From the green character print, cut:

- (1) 26" x 26" square (backing)
- (7) 4-1/4" x 5-1/4" rectangles (photo pockets)
- (3) 4" x 5-1/2" rectangles (hanging pockets)
- (6) 2" x 2-3/4" motifs, characters centered lengthwise on each piece

From the taupe fabric, cut:

- (7) 4" x 5" rectangles (frame facings)

From the scraps of red, blue, light brown, (use some of green print scraps among these), cut a total of:

- (26) 1-1/4" x 2" rectangles
- (4) 1-1/2" squares of light brown print (inner border corners)

From the solid white fabric, cut:

- (52) 1-1/4" squares

Sewing:

1. MAKING THE FLYING GEESE STRIPS

Mark a diagonal line through the center of each 1-1/4" white square. Sew a marked square to one end of each of the 1-1/4" x 2" assorted print rectangles, stitching along marked line. Trim 1/4" from stitching; press seam toward darker area. Sew a marked square to the other end of each rectangle; trim and press to make the flying geese blocks. Sew these blocks together into (6) strips of 3 and (2) strips of 4.

2. ASSEMBLING THE CENTER PANEL

To make the (2) motif strips, arrange (3) 3-block flying geese strips and (1) 4-block strip alternating with (3) green character print motifs. Sew together to form 2" x 18" strip. Sew a strip to each side of the 3-oval motif strip, and sew each 2-motif strip to either side of this piece, forming center panel.

3. ADDING THE BORDERS

Inner Border: Sew brown borders to sides of center panel. Sew light brown patterned squares to either end of remaining brown border strips and sew to top and bottom of center panel.

Outer Border: Sew green print strips to top and bottom of center panel. Sew remaining strips to sides.

4. ATTACHING THE POCKET FACINGS

Turn under 1/4" on all sides of taupe rectangles; press and stitch close to edges to hem. Center each rectangle over each complete oval motif, right sides facing, and working from the back (so you can see the lines of the oval) stitch around the innermost oval line (this piece will be trimmed later to form the pocket frames).

5. FINISHING

Refer to the Basic Directions for tips on adding the backing and batting. Quilt along each side of pieced strips and around inner border. Following previous stitching, stitch again, through all layers, around each oval and facing. Cut out center of oval through taupe backing and face fabric to within 1/4" of stitching. Clip curves and fold facing to the back, pinning it in place. Stitch/quilt on next visible oval line, about 1/8" from the first stitching line, completing the pocket frame. On back of quilt, hand stitch edges of facing to backing fabric. Finish quilting around ovals as desired. Use the 2-1/4" brown print strips for binding. Finish quilting outer border as desired.

With right sides facing, stitch each oval motif to one green print rectangle, leaving small opening for turning. Trim corners, turn and slipstitch opening closed. Pin each motif, centered, behind each opening. Stitch by hand in place to backing, leaving the top edge open.

Fold each 4" x 5-1/2" green character print rectangle in half lengthwise and stitch one short and long edge. Turn right side out and slipstitch remaining short edge. Place one on either end of hanging back, and one in center, just under binding. Handstitch in place along upper and lower edges, leaving a little excess to hold dowel for hanging.

Place photos in pockets.

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