

Merry & Bright Class Plan

From *Celebrate the Seasons* by Cherry Guidry

Make a whimsical and easy holiday quilt while learning the wonderful technique of fusible appliqué

Class Description

A fun project for all skill levels. This class will focus on teaching the technique of fusible appliqué, from preparing the appliqué pieces, background fabrics, to thread choices, and helpful tips on making this an enjoyable process. Students may choose to complete the full project or work on the center block in the design.

Class Length

3 Hours: this class can be offered as a fusible appliqué technique class where the focus is on learning the technique and students work on elements of the quilt's center block.

Two Days (6 hours each): on Day One, the students learn the technique and work on the appliquéd center block, they are then responsible for finishing all the appliqué blocks at home; on Day Two, the students come prepared to finish the quilt (depending on their skill level, it's very helpful if they precut all the quilt's fabrics at home).

Class Supply List

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- Fabric:
 - 3 Hour Class:
 - One 22" x 24" background fabric
 - Scraps for the appliqués in red, green, aqua, gray, teal, white, orange, black
 - Two Day Class:
 - 1 yd total of large scraps: 3 red, 4 green, aqua, gray, teal, white, orange, black
 - 3¼ yds white background fabric
 - 1¼ yds green fabric
 - ½ yd red dot fabric
 - 1 5/8 yds aqua fabric
 - 5/8 yd large print
 - ½ yd red strip for binding (¾ yd for bias)
- Paper backed fusible: 1 yd for 3 Hour Class; 2½ yds for Two Day Class
- Thread to match the appliqués
- Thread to sew the quilt
- Green embroidery floss
- Embroidery needle #10

- Micron Pen to trace embroidery lines
- An ultra fine tip Sharpie pen to trace templates
- Sharp paper scissors
- Sharp fabric scissors
- Spray starch
- Sewing machine in good working order; optional but very helpful, an open-toe presser foot; extra needles, your machine's manual
- Your sewing kit (seam ripper, pins, etc.)
- Rotary cutter, ruler and mat
- **Optional:** Silicone Release Paper by C&T Publishing or a translucent pressing sheet
- **Optional:** light box

Classroom Preparation

Each student will need table space and access to an outlet for their sewing machine. A pressing station for every 3 students attending.

Class Agenda

Instructions for Merry & Bright are found on pages 14-15

1. Prepare the background fabric for Block B
 2. Prepare the appliqués that will be used to learn the technique
 3. Fuse and stitch the appliqués onto the background fabric
 4. Additional steps for the Two Day Class:
 - a. Day One: complete the appliqués for Block B;
 - i. assign appliqué blocks to be finished at home
 - b. Day Two: piece background Blocks A, B, C, and D
 - i. sew pieced Blocks E, F, and G
 - ii. assemble the quilt top
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