

Block of the Month 2024

Block 5: Baltimore Block

What you'll need:

- 1 block of 10.5 x 10.5 inches as a background fabric.
- Different types of fabric to taste.
- Scissors, rotary cutter, ruler.
- Needles, pins.
- Pencil, chalk pen or Frixion pen.
- The templates for the block. There are 3 pages. Pages 1 and 2 need to be stuck together to get the complete block. Page 3 are the templates with seam allowance.

Traditional applique or needle turn applique

Decide which colors and fabrics you want to use for which form. You can cut out the templates of page 3. These are the ones with seam allowance. Draw the template on fabric and cut out. Fold the seam allowance inwards, with round shapes it is useful to make cuts in the edge of the seam allowance. Cut the background to size of 10.5 by 10.5 inches. Fold in half from the corners so you can more easily determine the center. You can also use a friction pen and light box to place the design under the background fabric and trace it, so you know exactly where everything from has to be placed. Sew the shape on the background fabric with very small stitches. There are other ways in which glue is also used. There are plenty of videos on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=khZnGx9U5Y4>

<https://youtu.be/gAo4NG53rVs?si=GiFYNSEP6o2NSOjC>

Raw edge applique.

If you want the fast way to applique, you can use fusible web. Use the templates without the seam allowance. I use a lightbox to trace the template on the fusible web. Iron on the fabrics and cut out. Place on background and iron. Sewn onto the fabric with a small zigzag or blanket stitch.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3-2M5lI9sE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GoAclMt-L8Y>