

Harvest Moon

October Block of the Month

Freezer Paper Reverse Applique and Fusible Applique--

REQG make a block (or more) bring to meeting, put in the drawing and you might win a group of them.

Don't let the long instructions fool you...this is pretty easy. Maybe it's a new technique for you? This is a good way to try it out ☺

If you want more pictures, visit my website and view the blog about this technique.

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8 x 8" square	Background	<i>Midnight Blue or Purple</i>
6 1/2" square	Moon	<i>Orange, yellow, white almost solid</i>
5" scrap	Bat	Black
Two 8" sq	Freezer Paper	
6" square		Paper backed Fusible I used Wonder Under 805R
		Spray sizing, or starch
Glue		Glue stick, Roxannes, or Elmers



Freezer Paper Applique Instructions (Moon)

- Place freezer paper (wax side down) over **5" circle** pattern—**trace** with pencil.
 - Center it, or move slightly one way or other be sure to leave at least 1" at edge.
- Put this piece over the other blank freezer paper piece (wax down). Press with iron.
 - this glues the two pieces together and makes a stiff template.
- Puncture inside of circle with tip of scissor, then cut entire circle out using smooth strokes.
- Place 8" background square (face down) on ironing board.
- Put freezer paper template (wax down) over midnight background. Press.
 - The wax should adhere to the fabric.
 - Lift and trim out the center of the circle leaving about a 1/2" seam allowance.
 - Clip into seam allowance at 1/2 to 3/4" intervals all around circle.
 - Spray a bit of sizing in lid—use a Q-Tip or small paint brush to wet the clipped area around the circle with sizing or starch.
 - Fold the clipped area back over template and press with the tip of your iron. Correct any areas that are not smooth. (needs to be dry)
 - Carefully put glue around the fold of the circle seam allowance.
 - Place Moon fabric over the opening right side down—Press to dry glue.
 - Remove template from background –gently.
 - Either-- turn wrong side down, lift the background fabric, and straight stitch in the fold.
 - OR— Top-stitch with zig-zag or blanket stitch – with stitches catching outside edge of circle.

Fusible Applique Instructions (Bat)

- Place fusible over the bat pattern paper side up--and trace with a pencil or permanent marker.
- Choose your black bat fabric, place fusible—glue side down—on the back side of fabric. Press as your fusible instructions indicate. Let cool.--
- Cut out bat piece using lines on the paper as guide.
- Place bat wherever you'd like on the moon and stitch him down.
- Choose a thread to enhance and stitch (narrow zigzag or blanket stitch) all around all pattern piece.

Tip: When the needle goes down to the right, it should just fall off the edge of the applique piece. When it swings to the left it should take a bite out of the applique piece.

- Press –
- Great job!

