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EISHA ELEPHANT

The Elephant Festival in Jaipur India is celebrated in the beginning of March. Take a look on-line at the beautifully painted elephants to find some inspiration and have your elephant ready for the parade! ~Robin Engleman & Joy West

Fabrics & Cutting - Number the cut pieces with pins or stickers for easy reference.

Elephant Body Contrast to background

- 1 8.5" w x 7.5" h
- 2 Cut two: 2.5" w x 4" h
- 3 4.5" w x 5.5" h
- 4 1.5" w x 5.5" h
- 5 Cut 2: 1.5" squares (on only one of the squares, draw a diagonal line from one corner across)

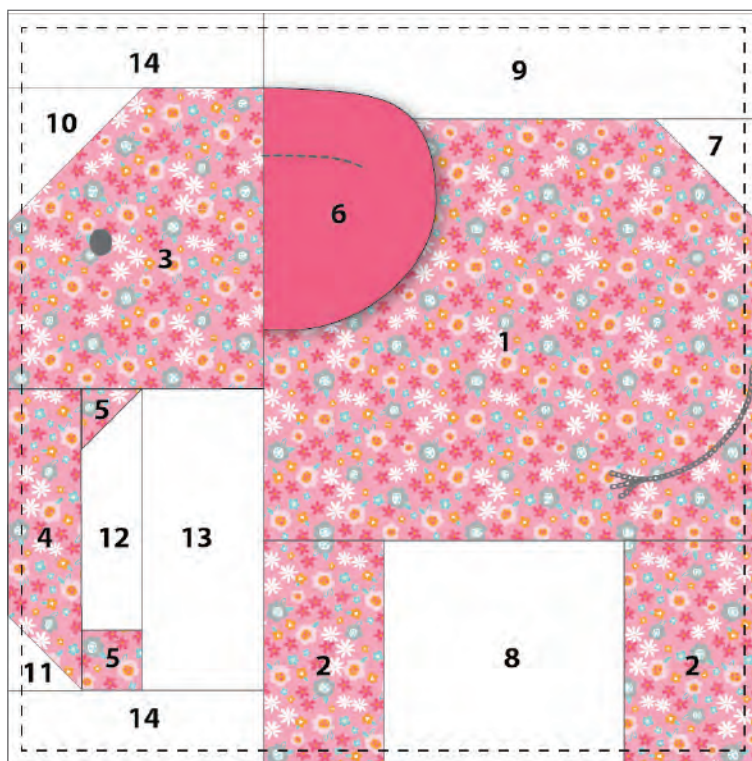
Elephant Ear Coordinating with body

- 6 Cut two: 3.5" w x 4.5" h (Trace the ear shape, following instructions with template, page 2)

Background Contrast to Elephant

- 7 2" square (Draw a diagonal line.)
- 8 4.5" w x 4" h
- 9 8.5" w x 2" h
- 10 2.5" square (Draw a diagonal line.)
- 11 1.5" square (Draw a diagonal line.)
- 12 1.5" w x 4.5" h
- 13 2.5" w x 5.5" h
- 14 Cut two: 4.5" w x 1.5" h

Piecing Chart



Sewing instructions

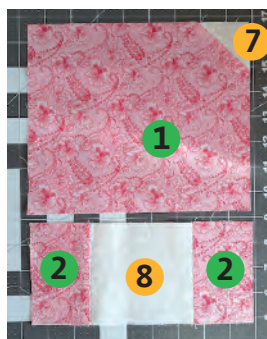
All seam allowances are 1/4".

STEP 1: Elephant Body & Legs

- Place elephant body piece #1 horizontally, face-up. Pin background #7 to the top right hand corner. Stitch along the diagonal line, trim away the corner to 1/4" seam allowance and press the seam towards the elephant body. (fig. 1)
- Sew the legs, #2, to each side of background #8. Press the seams towards the legs. (fig. 2)
- To complete this half of the block, sew the leg section to the bottom of the body and the #9 background piece to the top of the body. Press the seams towards the main body.



(fig. 1)



(fig. 2)

STEP 2: Head & Trunk

A time saving trick: Prepare several pieces to sew at the same time in a chain without stopping to cut the thread in between them until you have sewn them all.

- Place the head piece #3 vertically and pin #10 to the upper left corner, the diagonal line across the corner. Place the trunk #4 vertically and pin #11 to the bottom so the triangle will position at the left corner (see placement chart) Place Background #12 vertically and pin #5 to the top left corner.
- Sew the three pieces one after the other on the diagonal lines leaving at least a 1/4" between each piece. Cut them apart, trim each corner to 1/4" and press toward the elephant fabric.



(fig. 3)



Stitch one after the other, clip apart, and trim 1/4" from the seams.



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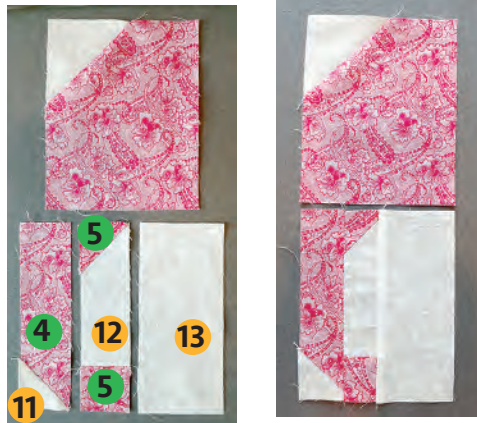
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Eisha is a female Hindu name meaning "attractive, desire".

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- Sew the other #5 piece to the opposite end of #12 and press.
- Complete the trunk by sewing together the #12 group to the right side of the trunk #4 (ref chart.) Sew background #13 to the right side of the completed trunk.
- Sew the completed trunk section to the bottom of the head. Sew one #14 background to the top of the head and the other to the bottom edge below the trunk.



Do NOT sew the head to the body until you have completed the 3D EAR (see next page.)

STEP 3: Ear

Stitch and turn out the 3D ear as instructed. If you wish to add embroidery or an edge stitch, do so before final assembly.



STEP 4:

Final Assembly

- Pin the ear to the top of the head, just below the head seam, and baste 1/8" from the edge so the basting stitch won't show when finished.
- Stitch all layers of the head and the body of the elephant together.
- Press the seam towards the head so that the ear flops towards the body.
- A stitch across part of the middle of the ear looks decorative and keeps the ear in place.

Embroider an eye and tail to finish!



Post your block to our Facebook page!



Join our **BQG Block of the Month Group** (<https://tinyurl.com/y99wbfgy>) where you can share your block and enter the on-line lottery to win this month's collection of blocks!

To enter the drawing, post your completed BOM by 10 am before our Guild Meeting, the third Saturday of the month. Each completed block gives you a chance to win. A name will be pulled live during the meeting. Everyone will privately mail their block/s to the winner.

Please post your block even if you wish to keep it! Just note that it is not for the contest.

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You can still participate! For details, email: margaret.marcy@gmail.com

The finished block should measure about 12.5" inches square. (12" block with 1/4" seam allowance all the way around.)





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STITCH-N-TURN APPLIQUE EAR

3D applique details are a popular trend now in children's clothing. Such fun for a baby quilt!

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Make a 3D ear that flaps!

Put the two pieces of fabric for the ear facing together. The piece that you want visible should be on top. If your fabric is very thin or see-through add a layer of interfacing or white fabric on top of that.



Using the template, trace the stitch line onto the top layer, matching up the straight edge of the template to the straight edge of the ear. (A 1/4" seam allowance is already added to the straight edge. The ear is a mirror image of what it will be when finished, because it is inside out.)



Stitch the layers together on the tracing line. Trim to 1/4" seam allowance. To decrease the bulk trim one of the edges to 1/8".



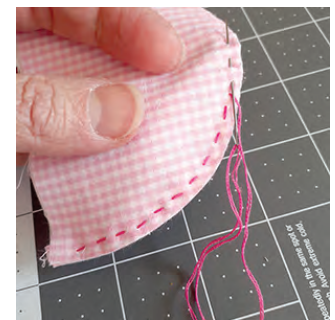
When you turn the shape inside out the seam allowance will pucker and not lie straight. To prevent this cut small triangles into the seam allowance. Be careful not to cut all the way into the seam! Turn the ear out. Use your fingers or a tool to push the seam out to a perfect curve and press with an iron.



As a decorative option you can top stitch along the edge by hand or machine, or add embroidery to the edge or the center of the ear.



Choose fun fabrics to add texture such as corduroy or fleece when constructing a baby quilt. Just make sure that what ever you add to an item for a baby is securely stitched.



Enjoy!

Template (cut 2)

two layers of fabric, face together
trace on back side of fabric

