

JUNE BOM DIRECTIONS 'GONE FISHIN'

It's time to consider favorite summertime activities. How about catchin' some 3-D quilted fish?

This block is made up of half square triangles—fins, fish body and undersea blue fabric. Your fish can be any color, after all, there are so many varieties of fish in the sea.

The 7 1/2" square for the fish body should be lighter than the fin fabric you choose.

For each fabulous fish you will need:

From the undersea blue fabric cut:

3 " squares

7 1/4" x 3" strips

5 1/4" square

2 2" x 14" strips

Also cut:

5 1/4" square of fin fabric

3 3" squares of fin fabric

7 1/2" square of lighter fabric for the fish body

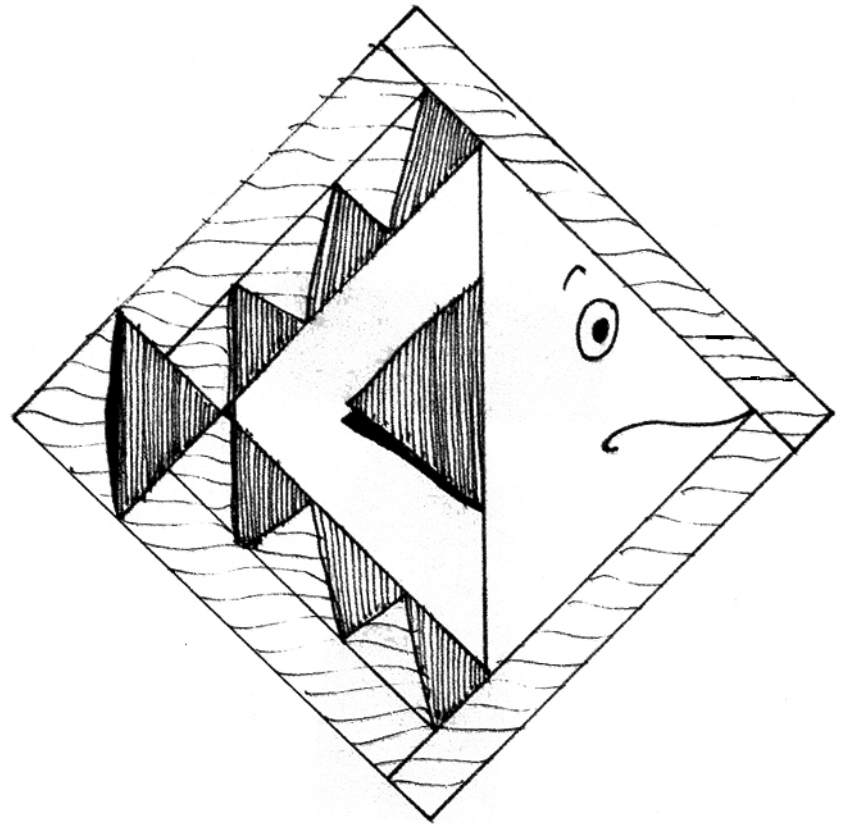
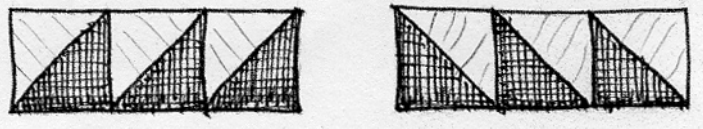


Diagram A



To create your fishy fins, pair each of the blue undersea 3" squares with the 3" squares of fin fabric, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the lighter of the fabrics with a pencil or permanent marker. Stitch 1/4" from both sides of the line you drew. Cut on the line and press seam allowances toward the darker fabric to create 2" fins." Do this for the other two squares for a total of 6 fins. Sew the fins into 2 sets of three to create the top and side fins. Press seams open to reduce bulk. Make sure that your fin sets are facing in different directions! (Diagram A)..

Sew a 7 1/4" x 3" strip of undersea blue fabric to the tips of each fin set.

To create your 3-D fish tail, place the 5 1/4" square of fin fabric—folded diagonally and pressed—and pin it to a corner of the 5 1/4" square of undersea blue fabric, with the fold diagonally across the square. Sew one fin set to the tail fin unit, making sure that the fins and tail are heading in the same direction!

To create the fish body: Cut the 7 1/2" square of fish body fabric in half diagonally. Fold the 5 1/4" fin square diagonally in half TWICE and press. You will have created a prairie point—two sides of the triangle are folded edges. Center the raw edges of the prairie point between the fish body fabric triangles that you created and stitch.

Sew the other fin section to the body. Stitch a 2" x 14" strip of undersea blue fabric to both the bottom and right side of the fish body, pressing the seam allowances to the outside edges. Trim if needed. Your finished square should be 12 1/2" and on point.

Feel free to embellish with a thread mouth, eye, fishhook, seaweed, or bubbles. Use thread, buttons, beads, sequins or whatever. Your fabulous fish is now ready to swim to our next meeting!

If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to call Lynda Burns, 927-0848.