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Original Recipe



Easy

Hello everyone! Totally excited to be hanging out with you today. I have been so lucky to work with some fantastic fabric for this project. I don't dip my toe into batiks often, but from now on, I would be happy to pick up a new line or two. The colors and designs are so wonderful! No cut square is the same, and I love that. For some it can throw you off because you're like what-- why is this block yellow when it started off red? But for me, I love the little switches it makes and keeps you on your toes when you are designing.

For this project I used fabric from the Breezy Batiks Collection. I love this line and have a giveaway going on the blog to win some fat quarters- 'swim' on over and sign up to win.

Ingredients:

Printed Fish Template (see Printer Friendly Version at the end of this post)

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Fish

12" X 12" square of fabric for each fish --*you can mix and match the front and back if you'd like and use smaller pieces. If this is for a game toss, then you might want to make sure 3-4 of them are matching on one side so you can sort them out for each player easily.*

Bucket

- 1 > 7" X 30" Blue for the ocean waves
- 2 > 7" X 30" Green for background and lining of basket
- 1 > 7" X 30" Fusible Fleece for stiffness
- 2 > 8" X 8" Bottom lining and outside
- 1 > 8" X 8" Fusible Fleece for stiffness

Instructions:

FISH

- 1) Print out template of fish and cut out
- 2) Lay fabric right sides facing out, pin template
- 3) Cut out using pinking shears
- 4) Sew all the way around the fish, leaving an opening for stuffing



- 5) Fill tail with poly beads, crushed walnut shells, or sand- something to give it some weight
 - 6) Stuff firmly the rest of the fish body- the weighted fill will shift, that's ok, just try to keep it inside the body and not leak out when you are stuffing the rest
 - 7) Pin closed and sew the opening closed
- Repeat with additional fish as needed



HANDLES~

Cut: 2 > 2 1/2" X 14" handles

- 1) Fold handles right sides together and sew
- 2) Turn right sides out, iron. Set aside for later

BASKET~

Sewing Instructions:

- 1) Place the fusible fleece on the wrong side of the outside fabric- right side facing out. Fuse it
- 2) Cut the blue fabric wavy with your rotary cutter. You can't mess this up. Just have fun :)
- 3) Pin the blue fabric *right sides facing out* on top of the green background, lining up the bottom straight edge
- 4) Zig-zag along the raw edge wave of the blue wave to secure
- 5) Sew additional straight lines 1/4- 1/2" from the last line sewn. Repeat 3-4 times- you will be sewing through the wave, the background and the fusible fleece



- 6) Fold in half and sew the ends together, making a tube
- 7) Fuse the fusible fleece to the bottom outside fabric

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8) Pin right sides together the bucket tube to the bottom square. It will be tricky moving around those corners, but you can make it work

*When you get to the corner- keep the needle in the down position 1/4" from the edge. Lift the pressure foot and pivot the fabric to the next side. Line up the edges and continue to sew. Repeat at each corner

9) Sew all the way around the square

LINING~

1) Fold in half and sew the ends together- leaving a 3" opening for turning later

2) Repeat steps 7-8 with the lining

3) Pin the handles to the outside fabric- the end of the handles should be lined up with the top edge of the bucket

4) Stuff the bucket lining -right sides facing - to the outside bucket. Pin- making sure the bottom squares are lining up

5) Sew along the top edge of the bucket. Make sure the handles don't shift

6) Turn right sides out through the hole in the lining

7) Stuff the lining inside the bucket and close the opening

8) Iron the top edge of the bucket. Sew 1/4" from the edge along the top

9) Fold the handles in half length wise and sew along the edge- starting and stopping 2" from the top edge of the bucket

10) Fill bucket with fish and have some fun!

Yield:

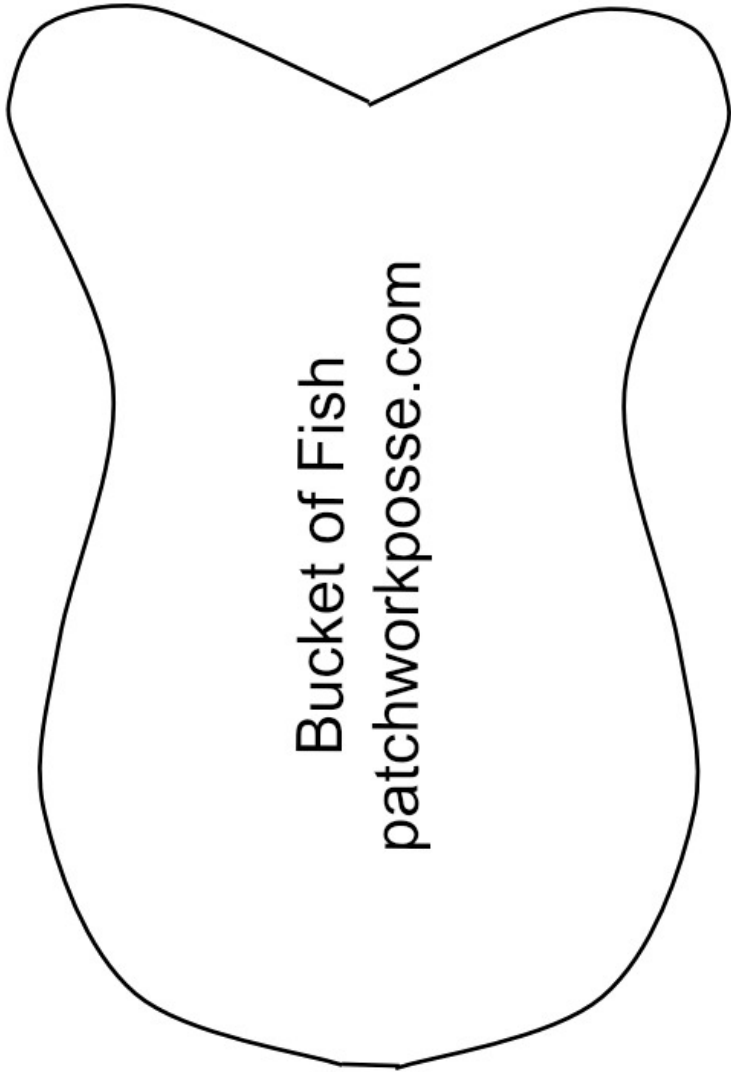
1 Bucket + Fish for tossing



Enjoy!

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