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Jovial Christmas Tree Wall Hanging by Karin Hellaby

Hello to all Moda Bake Shop readers!

My name is Karin and I am the owner of Quilters Haven UK. I also write quilting books. This yo-yo Christmas tree was originally a project I designed and taught on a Northern Lights quilting cruise, sailing along the coast of Norway, and organised by {arenatravel.com}. Thanks go to Sharon (one of the quilters on the tour) who had the idea of adding presents to the tree.

By the way... over here in the UK, yo-yo's are called Suffolk Puffs. Maybe they originally came from Suffolk, the county where my shop is situated? I like to think so! Quilters Haven is in a 650 year old pre-Tudor building. Do go and take a look {quilters-haven.co.uk}.

I hope you will enjoy my first Bake Shop pattern.

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Ingredients:



One Jovial Charm Pack

15" x 17" background fabric Jovial 30266 - 12 (white)

one fat quarter backing and binding fabric Jovial 30267-17 (red)

16"x18" cotton batting

Neutral coloured strong thread, I use a quilting thread

A Clover yo-yo maker in the large size

21 assorted buttons for the yo-yos plus a star button for the top of the tree

King Tut thread colour 958 for quilting the background fabric

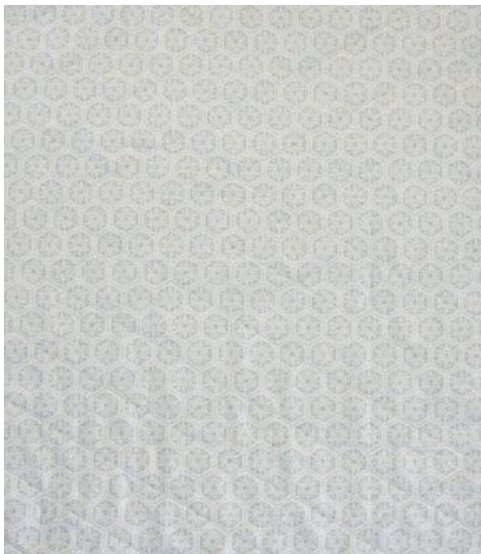
12" square Steam a Seam 2 (no sew applique fusible) Read the instructions before using.

Garnishes (optional):

Small ribbon bows to decorate parcels and tree

Snowflake buttons to embellish the background.

Instructions:



1. Choose 21 charm squares. Make 21 yo-yo's using the large yo-yo maker, following the instructions in the packet. Sew with a strong quilting thread, knot and leave at least a 10" tail of thread for attaching a button and sewing to the background fabric.

2. Pin the background fabric Jovial 30266 - 12, right side up on top of the batting.

Quilt a crosshatch design using the lines of the hexagon background print as a guide for quilting lines. Don't you think this fabric is wonderful for straight-line quilting?

The King Tut thread I chose matches the fabric well, but you could go for a lighter or darker shade. I like this variegated thread as it is 'forgiving' if I have a wobble in my machine quilting. After quilting, trim away any excess batting.



3. Stitch the first yo-yo in place with a button on top of the 'gathered hole'. The first yo-yo edge is about 3" below the top of the background. Do check it is central.

Arrange the remaining yo-yo's in rows, pinning well, before stitching each time with a button and attaching to the background fabric.



4. Choose a dark tree trunk fabric from the charm pack. Cut a 2" x 5" piece and turn under raw edges. Appliqué in position. Alternatively, you can choose to fuse it into position using Steam a Seam 2.



5. Press the 'presents' charm squares to one side of the Steam a seam 2 fusible. Cut out presents and arrange under the tree. Bond into position.



6. Layer the backing and top. Baste together, I like to use safety pins.

7. Trim away the backing 1½" away from the outside edges of the quilted tree background.



8. Fold the backing fabric over twice to form a ½" binding for the quilt. Stitch in place on the front of the quilt.



And with snowflakes.....

Yield:

Makes one wall hanging 15"x17" or you could make it into a pillow.

A kit for this project is available from my UK quilt shop {quilters-haven.co.uk}.

We would love you to visit!

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