Lonely Teardrops No More by Rebecca Roach

I live in Austin, TX, and there are the cutest food trailers all around town! Their colors and shapes inspired me to create this little sewing box and bring a little bit of my adopted hometown into my sewing room.

Original Recipe can be found at www.modabakeshop.com
Ingredients:
1 Charm Pack for decorations
2-3 Coordinating Fat Quarters
½ yard Heavyweight Stabilizer
Scrap Pieces of Batting
1 Package of 1-Inch Wide Decorative Elastic
1 Package of Quarter Inch Wide Double Fold Bias Tape in Coordinating Color (or make your own!)
D-Ring Buckles
Iron-On Adornments & Various Trims
Freezer Paper
Permanent Pen
Water-Soluble Glue Stick
12 wt Cotton Thread & a Sturdy Needle
Standard Quilting Supplies - Rotary Cutter, Ruler, & Mat, Iron, Sewing Machine, Thread, Scissors, etc.

Prep Work... Print all of the templates and cut them out. You can trace them onto Freezer paper for ease of use. TIP-Print them out from the start onto letter-sized Freezer Paper sheets to avoid tracing!

Instructions:

The Trailer Roof

1. Cut out a 4 inch wide x 15.5-inch long strip from both Fat Quarters, as well as the Heavyweight Stabilizer.

2. Stack them all together with the right sides of the fabric facing out & stay stitch all along the edges. TIP- Make sure to keep your stitch line less than a quarter inch from the edge, so you can hide it later on. Finish the 4 inch wide ends by sewing on Bias Tape.

3. Measure up 4 inches from one end of this strip & place the bottom edge of the freezer paper template for the Box Opening. Make sure that it is level & centered.

4. Iron down the template to keep it from shifting & trace along its edges with a permanent pen. Then remove the template and cut out the opening by following the marked line.

Original Recipe can be found at www.modabakeshop.com
5. Cover this raw edge of the Box Opening by sewing Bias Tape all along the perimeter. To finish the end of the seam, overlap the end of the tape about a half-inch over the beginning. Fold the raw edge under about a quarter inch and sew down for a clean finish. Back stitch to secure.

6. Cut out a 2.5-inch long strip & a 3.5-inch long strip of the Elastic. Finish the cut edges, if you’d like, with Bias Tape.

7. On back side the 2.5 inch long Elastic, measure up 1.5 inches from one end and mark a line across with a permanent pen.

8. Place the Elastic through the flat part of both D-Ring buckles and align the end with the marked line to create a loop. Pin together and sew a quarter inch from the edge to secure the D-Ring buckles into this loop.

9. Take the 3.5-inch long Elastic and place one end 2.25 inches up from the top edge of the Box Opening and .75 inch from the left side of the strip. Pin and then secure into place by sewing a .5-inch wide rectangle shape with an X through the middle. Repeat on the right side to secure the D-Ring Elastic.

11. Stack two of the Elastic pieces and secure them together by sewing a line .125 inch from each of the short edges. Repeat on the other two Elastic Pieces.

12. On the interior side of Trailer Roof pattern piece, measure up 1 inch from one end and .25 inches from the left side & use a permanent pen to mark a 1-inch wide placement line. Repeat on the right side, as well as the left and right sides of the opposite end of the Trailer Roof.
13. Align the edge of one of the Stacked Elastic pieces with the first left placement line you marked and secure into place by sewing a rectangle shape with an X through the middle. Repeat on the right side.

14. Bend the Trailer Roof over so that you can align the opposite edge of the Stacked Elastic with the marked placement lines. Pin to hold into place. Repeat on the right side. Secure it into place by sewing a rectangle shape with an X through the middle. TIP - It can be tricky to wrestle this piece into your sewing machine! If you’re having trouble, try flipping it and sewing on the other side - This is the bottom of the trailer, so no one will see if your sewing is messy!

15. Cut out a 2.5 inch wide x 12-inch long strip from both Fat Quarters & sew them together along the long edges. Press the seam open.

16. Cut out a 4.5-inch wide x 12-inch long strip from one of the Fat Quarters. This will be the interior fabric.

17. Place the freezer paper template for Trailer Side A onto left side of the fabric & Trailer Side B onto the right side. Iron into place and cut around the freezer paper to make two pattern pieces. Repeat this step for the plain strip of fabric and for the Heavyweight Stabilizer by reusing the freezer paper templates. TIP - Also try cutting out these two pattern pieces in batting if you choose to quilt the sides of the trailer. By placing it between the fabric and the Heavyweight Stabilizer, it will add extra texture and dimension to your project!

Original Recipe can be found at www.modabakeshop.com
18. Layer together the exterior fabric, batting (if using!), Heavyweight Stabilizer, and interior fabric then stay stitch all around the edges. Repeat for the other side.

19. THIS IS OPTIONAL - Quilt the side pieces as desired!

20. Position the freezer paper templates for the various trailer parts onto charm squares, iron into place, and cut out your pattern pieces. TIP: Carefully cut out the pieces to preserve the Trailer Side so you can iron the body of the trailer back onto the fabric to create a placement guide!

21. Cover the back of each piece with the Water-Soluble Glue Stick and place onto the sides of the trailer, according to the placement guides from the Trailer Side A&B templates. Press with a hot iron to set the glue.
22. Carefully remove all of the Freezer Paper and stitch around each part with your favorite edge finishing stitch.

23. It’s time to personalize your project by adding all of the trims and iron-on elements you want! Go crazy!

Final Construction

24. Starting at the wheel opening, align one of the Trailer Sides with the end of the Trailer Roof & pin it in place.

25. With a Sturdy Needle and 12wt Thread, begin to whipstitch the Trailer Side to the Trailer roof by using the stay stitch line as a guide. Be sure to thoroughly secure both ends. Repeat for the other side.

26. Use Bias Tape to cover the whip stitches and secure into place by hand stitching the same way you would finish a quilt binding.
27. Finally, load two spools of thread inside the elastics to make the wheels.

Yield:

One cute trailer!

Rebecca Roach
{frybreadquilts.wordpress.com}