

FISH WALLHANGING



This fish wallhanging is bright and cheerful – a perfect make for a sunny summer's day.

You can make the fish in whatever fabric you like - if you have visited the seaside over the summer or an aquarium, perhaps you could use a colour which reminds you of fish you have seen? Or you might have fish at home you would like to do a picture of? Otherwise, use your imagination or favourite fabric to make the fish in any colour of the rainbow - like these here which look very tropical!!

Requirements – finished picture approx 29 x 19cm

1 piece of background fabric – 30 x 20cm

1 piece of backing fabric – 30 x 20cm

1 piece of wadding – 30 x 20cm

Scraps of colourful fabric for the fish

Bondaweb / Heatnbond or similar

Sequins for the air bubbles

Beads for the eyes

Threads

**** this project involves using the iron – check with an adult before you start**

Instructions

- 1 Cut out the templates on the last page of these instructions. Draw around the templates onto the bondaweb / heatnbond – remember to draw onto the paper side.

When you have done this cut roughly around the shapes – do not cut on the lines yet! Remember, you should have two large triangles and two small ones.

- 2 Iron the bondaweb / heatnbond shapes onto the wrong side of the brightly coloured fish fabric (it is a good idea to ask an adult for help at this point). Remember to iron with the paper side up.

You can now cut out the shapes on the drawn lines.

- 3 Get your piece of background fabric and decide where you want your fish to be swimming. Remove the backing paper from the fish and place them onto the background with the sticky side down (right side of the fabric up) and press. Again, if you are unsure about this, ask an adult for help.

- 4 You are now ready to make your quilt 'sandwich' - put your fish picture and backing fabric right sides together and put the wadding on top of these. Pin the layers together keeping them as flat as possible.

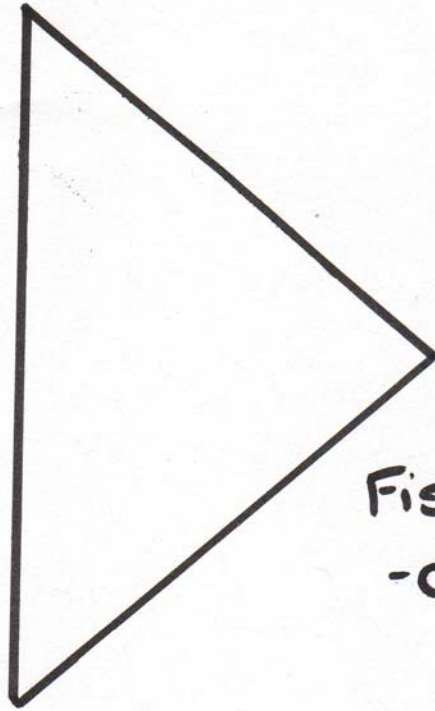
Starting in the middle of a long seam, sew around the edges using a running stitch – you can do this by hand or machine. Sew around all four sides but make sure you leave a gap for turning.

- 5 Trim the wadding and turn the picture right side out – make sure you turn the corners out completely. Press and sew up the gap you left for turning.

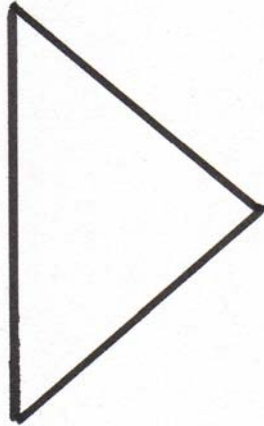
- 6 You can now decorate your picture:
 - sew on beads for the eyes
 - sew on sequins for the air bubbles
 - quilt wavy lines across the background for the waves of the sea
 - add any other decoration you wish.

- 7 Sew two brass rings onto the back to hang your picture by.

Well done – your picture is complete.



Fish body
-cut 2



Fish tail
-cut 2