The Rainbow Lorikeet



A fun fusible applique design!

How to Applique

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Size

Applique design is 36 cm (14") tall and will fit into a 30 cm x 40 cm ($12'' \times 16''$) frame or will make a 45 cm (18'') cushion.

Requirements

50 cm (20") square for the background, we used a linen and cotton blend fabric. Different coloured fabric scraps for the applique, we used batik fabric. 50 cm (1/2 yard) of fusible web to apply the shapes onto the background fabric. Your choice of thread to stitch around the edge of the applique shapes. Optional 30 cm x 40 cm ($12" \times 16"$) picture frame.

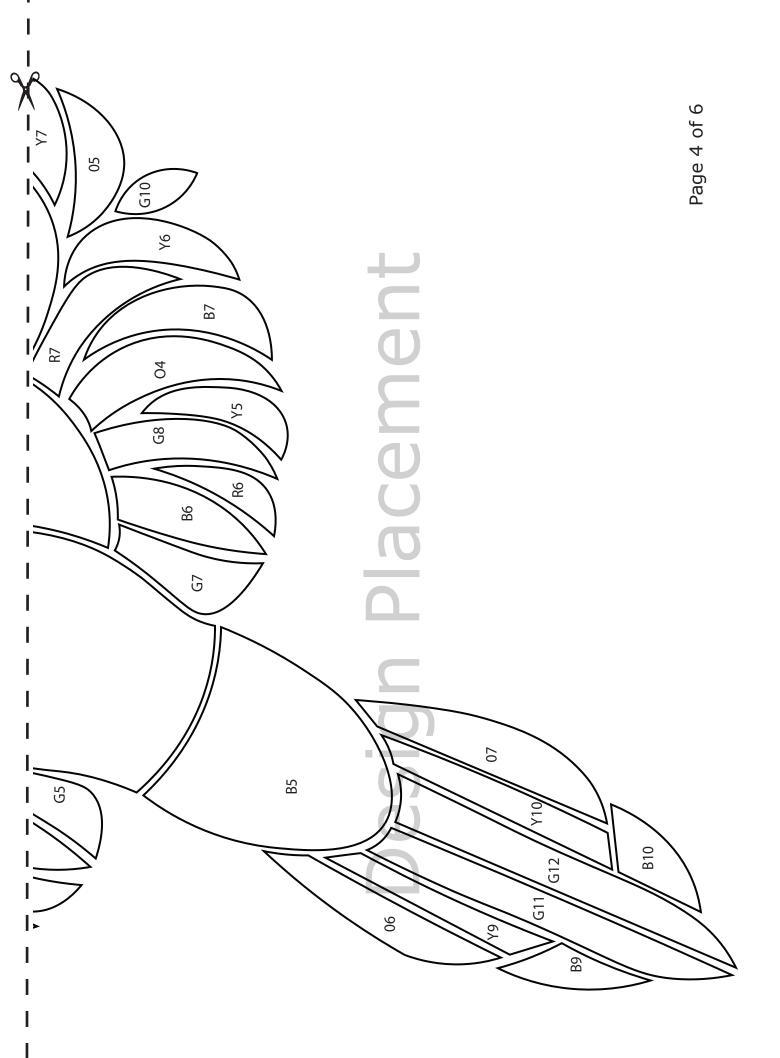
Instructions (You can also see an applique tutorial on our website: <u>www.patternpoole.com</u>)

- 1. Print pages 3 to 6 of the applique design, making sure that you tick the **ACTUAL SIZE BOX** before you begin printing.
- 2. Join pages 3 and 4 together on line A to make the complete design placement page. Hold together with sticky tape.
- 3. Join pages 5 and 6 together on line B to make the complete applique shapes page. Hold together with sticky tape. (The applique shapes are in reverse and will be facing the correct way when they have been applied onto the background fabric using the fusible web).
- 4. Cut a 50 cm (20") square for the background fabric. This is a little bigger than required but can be trimmed to size for your desired project.
- 5. To transfer the position of the applique design onto the background fabric, place the design placement (pages 3 and 4) under the background fabric with the right side facing up. Centre the design under the fabric and hold in place with pins. Lightly trace the design using a fabric marker that can be easily erased from the fabric. You may need to hold the design up to a window or use a light box so that you can see the design through the fabric.
- 6. Using a lead pencil, trace all the applique shapes from pages 5 and 6 onto the smooth side of the fusible web, leaving a space between each piece. The eyes are layered so trace each section separately and as a full piece. Number each piece.
- 7. Roughly cut around the fusible web shapes, do not cut them out exactly just yet.
- 8. The next step is to have fun working out your colour combination, you can follow the sample picture as a guide or come up with your own original combination.
- 9. Iron the rough side of the shapes onto the wrong side of your chosen fabrics using a dry ion on the cotton setting. The shapes will fuse to the applique fabrics.
- 10. Cut each shape out neatly on the line.
- 11. Peel away the paper backing from the applique shapes and position them onto the background fabric using the numbers as a guide. Iron to fuse the shapes in place.
- 12. Stitch around the edge of the applique shapes by hand or machine using your preferred method.
- 13. When your applique is complete, simply mount it in a 30 cm x 40 cm ($12'' \times 16''$) photo frame using a strong adhesive tape to secure it to the mounting board or make it into a cushion.

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