

Christmas Bubble Wreath Cushion



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Read instructions carefully before starting the project.

Tools Required:

- Brother Sewing Machine
- Brother ScanNCut Machine
- Walking foot and Brother quilting guide
- Co-ordinating thread for quilting and machine appliqué
- 1 x Compass
- 1 x Pencil
- Fabric pen/pencil
- Template plastic or thin cardboard
- General Sewing supplies

Optional:

- Circles Templates. You will need 2¼", 3", 3½" and 4½"
- Dinner plate

- Round serving plate
- at least 3m of Pom Pom Trim
- Pinking shears

Materials:

- 1 x 22" x 22" piece of background fabric
- 1 x 23" x 23" piece of batting
- 1 x 24" x 24" piece of muslin for backing fabric
- 7 x Fat Eighths (18" x 11") of various greens, blues and accent colour (red)
- 1 x 28" x 16" fusible web suitable for machine applique
- 1 x 22" x 22" fabric for cushion back
- 1 x 18" zipper
- 1 x 22" cushion insert

Method:

Step 1: Prepare a quilt sandwich using your background fabric, batting and muslin backing.

Step 2: Quilt the background fabric in your preferred style. In this example the cushion background is quilted at 1" intervals in straight lines with varying stitch lengths to create interest.- you can use the Brother walking foot and quilters guide to achieve this easily. Background is quilted with a thread that blends with the background fabric to create texture.

Step 3: Once quilted put your cushion background aside and make your wreath's bubbles..

TIP: If you own a Brother ScanNCut skip step 4 – 8 and follow the directions in your manual for cutting out fabric shapes using the Iron-On Fabric Appliquè Contact Sheet. Circle diameters are 2¼", 3", 3½" and 4½".

Step 4: Using your compass and template plastic or cardboard make 4 circle templates. Circle diameters are 2¼", 3", 3½" and 4½".

Step 5: Following the instructions for your brand of fusible web draw 7 of each sized circles on the fusible web using your pencil. Leave enough space between the circles so that you can cut them out without having to cut on the line of the circle. (Do not use a Frixion pen for this step as the heat from applying the fusible web will remove the circle markings.)

Step 6: Cut out the circles from the fusible web leaving approximately ¼" around the circles lines. (This is not seam allowance, it just allows you to get a nicer finish on your circles when you cut them out.)

Step 7: Following the instructions for your brand of fusible web adhere the circles to the backs of your fabrics.

TIP: The interest in this design comes from the mix and match of fabrics and shapes. Try to vary which fabrics you use with each shapes so that you've got depth and variety.

Step 8: Once the fusible web is adhered cut along the line of the circle. Take your time with this step to get nice round circles. You can use your pinking shears at this step with all or some of your circles. In the example provided only some of the circles have been cut with pinking shears.

Step 9: Square your cushion background up so that it measures 21" square. Using a ruler find the centre point of your background. Mark this point with either a pin or a fabric marker (be sure the fabric marker can be removed as you will see this piece of the cushion background in the final product), this is your centre point.

Step 10: Using either your compass or a dinner plate mark a 10¾" circle (using the centre point of your background cushion as the centre of your circle) with a fabric pen or pencil.

Step 11: Again using the centre point mark a 12¾" circle (if you have a round serving plate that's approximately 1" wider than your dinner plate this will work well as a template for this circle) with a fabric pen or pencil. You will not see these marks when done applying the circles. The gap between these two circles will make a 1" guide.

Step 12: Starting with the 7 largest circles arrange them evenly around the guide in a pleasing arrangement.

Step 13: Apply these circles to your cushion background as per the fusible web instructions.

Step 14: Using your sewing machine and coordinating thread (you want to match the thread as best you can to the fabric colour so that it disappears) stitch a line 1/8" in from the edge of your appliqué circles.

TIP: If your sewing machine allows it, use your speed setting to set the speed as low as you can comfortably work to ensure a neat circle of stitches.

Step 15: Once you have sewn around all 7 circles, repeat the process for the remaining circles working from biggest to smallest. You will want to slightly overlap each additional round of circles to create the wreath look.

TIP: You may find that you don't want to use all the circles you prepared and this is ok. You may also find that you would like to add more. Simply follow the early steps to make more bubbles. The goal is to end up with a circle of bubbles that is pleasing to your eye. Be mindful not to use the same fabric near each other as you will lose the definition of your circles.

Making the Cushion

If you have a preferred method for completing the cushion then apply that. Or alternatively you can turn the cushion cover into a mini quilt wall hanging.

TIP: If you would like to add pompom trim to your cushion you can find a tutorial on how to do that here: <http://gnomeangel.com/how-to-add-pompoms-to-a-cushion/>

Step 16: Place your cushion front and cushion back right sides together and baste stitch ½” seam along the bottom of the cushion. Be sure to backstitch the seam to reinforce it.

Step 17: Iron the seam open.

Step 18: Pin the zipper face down on the wrong side of the cushion along the seam making sure to centre the zipper on the seam. (You are going to unpick the baste stitch to reveal the zipper.)

Step 19: Flip the cushion over and top stitch around the zipper. You will form a rectangle with your stitches. Be careful when stitching over the ends of your zipper. Using the Brother Piping and zipper foot and a jeans needle may help with this step.

Step 20: Use your seam ripper to remove the baste seam and expose the zipper.

Step 21: Partially open the zipper (so you can flip the cushion inside out). Put the cushion front and back together right sides facing and stitch a ½” seam around the remaining edges.

Step 22: Trim all four corners on the diagonal to remove the bulk from the seams.

Step 22: Turn the cushion cover right side out and give it a light press. Insert cushion insert.

Congratulations your bubble Wreath Cushion is complete!



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