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*The Magic
in the Middle*

Bulletin Board

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Add a photo of your child's favorite pet while creating this useful cloth bulletin board. The bulletin board features a checkerboard border that can be matched to the room's decor. The finished bulletin board measures 18" x 20".

Fabrics Needed

Light fabric for checkerboard

Medium fabric for checkerboard

White fabric for background

Backing fabric

1/4 yard width of fabric cut

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1/2 yard

One 22" x 20" rectangle

Materials Needed

Pellon[®] 520 Deco-Fuse[™]

Pellon[®] 987F Fusible Fleece

Pellon[®] EK-130 Easy-Knit[®]

Photo Transfer Sheet

Jumbo rick rack

3/4" decorative ribbon

1/2" decorative ribbon (optional)

Cording

Decorative straight pins

Thread

1-1/2 yards

1 yard

1/2 yard

1

3 yards

1 spool

1 spool

One 14" piece

Several

Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies

Rotary cutter and related supplies

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Directions

Use 1/4" seam allowances throughout.

Step 1. Cut one 11-1/2" x 14-1/2" rectangle and one 5-1/2" x 10-1/2" rectangle from the white background fabric.

Cut three 1-1/2" width of fabric strips from each of the light and medium fabrics.

Cut one 11-1/2" x 14-1/2" rectangle and one 5-1/2" x 10-1/2" rectangle from the Easy-Knit®.

Step 2. Size photo to 5" x 4" at 300dpi and print onto the photo transfer sheet following manufacturer's instructions.

Trim photo leaving a 1/4" seam allowance around all sides.



Step 3. Place the fusible side of the Easy-Knit® rectangles on the wrong side of the corresponding white rectangles. Fuse following manufacturer's instructions.

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Step 4. Place the bottom of the photo right sides together with one 5-1/2" edge of the 5-1/2" x 10-1/2" white rectangle. Stitch. Press seam to one side.



Step 5. Place the left side of the photo unit just created right sides together with one 14-1/2" side of the 11-1/2" x 14-1/2" white rectangle. Stitch. Press seam to one side.



Step 6. Place one each of the 1-1/2" light and medium strips right sides together with the light on top. Stitch. Press seam toward medium strip. Make three.



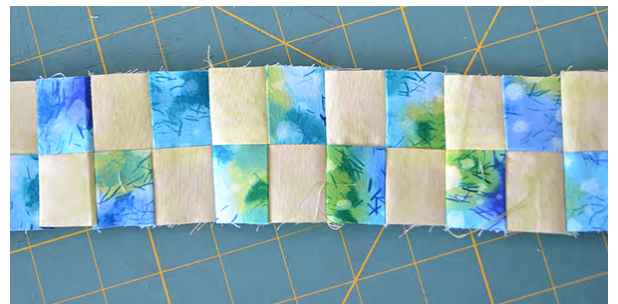
Step 7. Cut the strips just sewn into 1-1/2" pieces.



Step 8. Place two pieces right sides together, with like fabrics opposite, butting the seam lines. Stitch. Press seam in one direction.



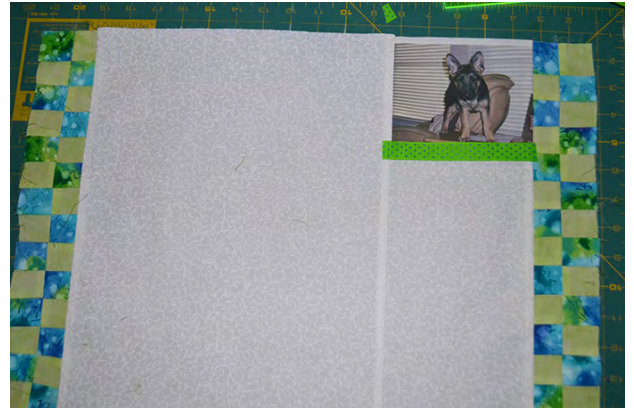
Step 9. Stitch the checkerboard units into two 14-1/2" checkerboard strips and two 20-1/2" checkerboard strips. Press all seams in the same direction.



Step 10. Place one 14-1/2" checkerboard strip on each side of the bulletin board with right sides together. Stitch. Press seam toward the white background fabric.



Step 11. Cut one 5-1/2" piece of decorative ribbon. Place the ribbon over the seam line between the photo and the 5" white piece as shown. Baste on both ends to hold in place.



Step 11. Place one 20-1/2" checkboard strip on the top of the bulletin board with right sides together. Stitch. Press seam toward the checkerboard unit. Repeat with remaining checkerboard strip and the bottom of the bulletin board.

Step 12. Cut three 14-1/2" pieces of the 3/4" decorative ribbon. Place the ribbon over the side seams between the checkerboard strips and the white rectangles and the seam between the two white rectangles. Be sure to cover the ends of the ribbon at the bottom of the photo. Pin in place. Baste along the center of the ribbons to hold.



Step 13. Measure the bulletin board both horizontally and vertically. Cut one rectangle of Fusible Fleece that is 3/8" smaller on all sides than those measurements. Fuse to the wrong side of the Bulletin Board following manufacturer's instructions.

Step 14. To create insert, cut two rectangles of Fusible Fleece and two rectangles of Deco-Fuse™ 1/2" smaller on all sides than the measurements determined in Step 13. Place the two layers of Deco-Fuse™ between the two rectangles of Fusible Fleece with the fusible sides of the Fusible Fleece facing each other. Fuse following manufacturer's instructions.

Step 15. Cut a rectangle of backing fabric that is the same measurement as the front of the bulletin board. Place the back and front of the bulletin board right sides together. Stitch three sides leaving one short side open. Trim corners and turn right side out. Poke out the corners and press.

Step 16. Place the fused insert into the open end. Fold the open end in 1/4", covering the insert with the backing fabric. Baste in place.

Step 17. Stitch jumbo rick rack around the outer edge, mitering the rick rack on the corners.

Step 18. Cut two pieces of ribbon the length of the seam between the top and bottom checkerboard strips and the center measurement of the bulletin board plus 1". Fold in the ends of the ribbon and pin in place covering the ends of the other ribbons. Stitch along all edges of the ribbons, including the ribbons previously basted in place. Stitch carefully through all layers.



Step 19. Cut two 6-1/2" cording pieces. Fold each piece in half to create a loop. Stitch 1/2" inside the cut ends to the top of the board, 3" in from each edge. Backstitch to strengthen the cords.

Embellish bulletin board with bows if desired.