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in the Middle*

Rainbow Showers Quilt

Skill Level: Beginner

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A rainbow hued quilt with 3 dimensional, satin-stitched applique cloud, raindrops and umbrella, colorful border blocks and variegated rainbow thread and painted Lutradur accents for detailing. Perfect for spring decor or for a child's room.

Fabrics Needed

Red, Orange, yellow, blue, green
purple, pink, brown and white fabrics
Sky Blue

One fat quarter each color
3 yards

Materials Needed

Pellon® TP971F Fusible Thermolam® Plus
Pellon® 542 Stick-N-Washaway™
Pellon® 805 Wonder-Under
Pellon® 2520 Lutradur®
Pellon® Legacy Wool Batting
Embroidery Thread
Thread
Marking Pen
Pencil
Iridescent Glitter Fabric Paint
Sponge Paint Brush
Freezer Paper

1/2 yard
1/2 yard
1/2 yard
1/8 yard
Crib size
Variegated rainbow hue
9 coordinating colors

Tools Needed

Sewing Machine and related supplies
Iron
Yardstick/Ruler

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Cutting Instructions

From each of the fat quarters cut 3 1/2" squares as follows:

9 red, 10 orange, 10 yellow, 9 blue, 9 green, 9 purple

Cut the following rectangles from the main fabric:

33 1/2" x 39 1/2" (front panel)

41" x 47" (backing)

Cut the Pellon® Legacy Batting 39" x 45".

Follow instructions on template pages for creating template pieces.

Using templates pieces cut the following:

Large raindrops, cut one each from red, orange, yellow, blue, green, purple fabrics, six from Pellon® Wonder-Under®, twelve from Pellon® Fusible Thermolam, and six slightly larger pieces from Pellon® Stick-N-Washaway.

Small raindrops, cut six from Pellon® Lutradur®.

Cloud, cut one from white fabric, two from Pellon® Fusible Thermolam®, one from Pellon® Wonder-Under®, and one slight larger piece from Pellon® Stick-N-Washaway.

Umbrella top, cut one from pink fabric, two from Pellon® Fusible Thermolam®, one from Pellon® Wonder-Under® and one slightly larger piece from Pellon® Stick-N-Washaway.

Umbrella handle, cut one from brown fabric, one from Pellon® Fusible Thermolam®, one from Pellon® Wonder-Under®, and one slightly larger piece from Pellon® Stick-N-Washaway.

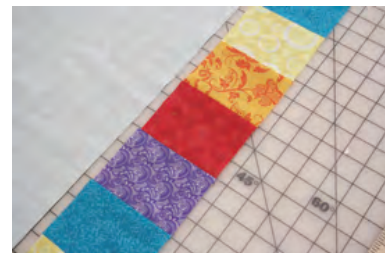
Sewing Instructions

Block Border Assembly

Lay out blocks in the following order (red, orange, yellow, blue, green, purple) around center rectangle of quilt. The top and bottom border will have 12 squares and the side borders will have 16 squares.



With right sides together, using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew two strips of twelve squares for top and bottom borders. Sew two strips of sixteen squares for side borders. Press seams toward the center of the border strips.



With right sides facing, sew the top and bottom strips to the center quilt rectangle using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams toward border squares.

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Applique Assembly

Trim the Thermolam® Plus and Wonder-Under® pieces slightly smaller than the applique pieces (approximately 1/4").

Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse a layer of Thermolam® Plus to the wrong side of each fabric shape.

Fuse a second layer.

Fuse a layer of Wonder-Under® (paper side up).

When cooled, peel paper off and place on center quilt rectangle.

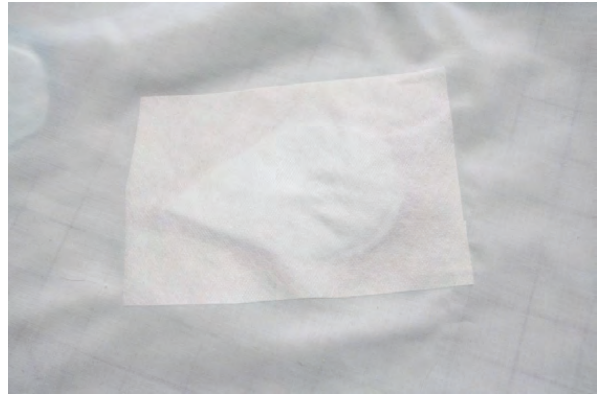


Lay out applique pieces as shown, angling cloud so that it is 3" left of the right side border and 2" below top border to help in setting even placement of other pieces.

Fuse applique pieces to right side of center rectangle of the quilt.



Peel paper backing off the Stick-N-Washaway™ and stick pieces over the appliques on the wrong side of the fabric.



Using coordinated thread color, satin stitch around each applique. Rinse away Stick-N-Washaway™ as directed on package and dry fabric.



Lay backing fabric, right side facing down. Layer batting on top, then the quilt top right side facing up so there is 1" of backing fabric visible on all sides.



Pin all layers together along the front, keeping fabric smooth with no ripples or bunching.



Fold backing fabric inward 1/2" on all sides, pressing in place with iron.



Fold inward again so fabric covers the raw edges of the quilt top, creating a binding. Pin into place.



At corners, pull fabric outward to a point. Loosely fold pointed end under the folded edge of one of the sides.



Fold the corner on a diagonal and temporarily pin down. Do the same for the other side of the corner, overlap and pin in place. Repeat for other corners.



Sew border in place 1/8" from folded edge around entire quilt.



Quilting

Starting at the top left corner, measure 2" down and mark a diagonal line.



Repeat every 2" along the entire quilt front, not marking over the appliques.



Stitch along marked lines, except the area between the cloud, raindrops and umbrella (this will be done in rainbow thread).

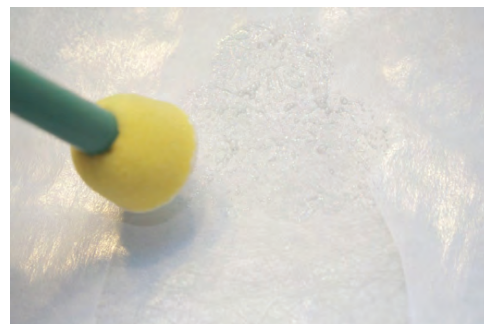


Using rainbow thread and starting just under the cloud applique, sew along the remaining quilting lines.



Lutradur Appliques

Place Lutradur appliques on top of the plastic side of freezer paper. Place a blob of the glitter fabric paint on a piece of freezer paper. Dab the sponge brush into the glitter paint. Dab brush over each raindrop applique, covering completely.



Let dry for five minutes, then peel Lutradur® from freezer paper and allow to fully dry.



Pin raindrops in between applied raindrops and tack into place with a few stitches at the top.



A large, stylized cloud shape with a solid black outline. A vertical dashed line runs along the right edge of the cloud, indicating where to cut or fold.

Raincloud Template

Print this template out full size. Cut out template and overlap it with Cloud B template on the dashed line. Tape in place.

See cutting instructions for directions.

Cloud A

A large, irregular cloud-like shape with a dashed vertical line on the left side, intended for cutting out.

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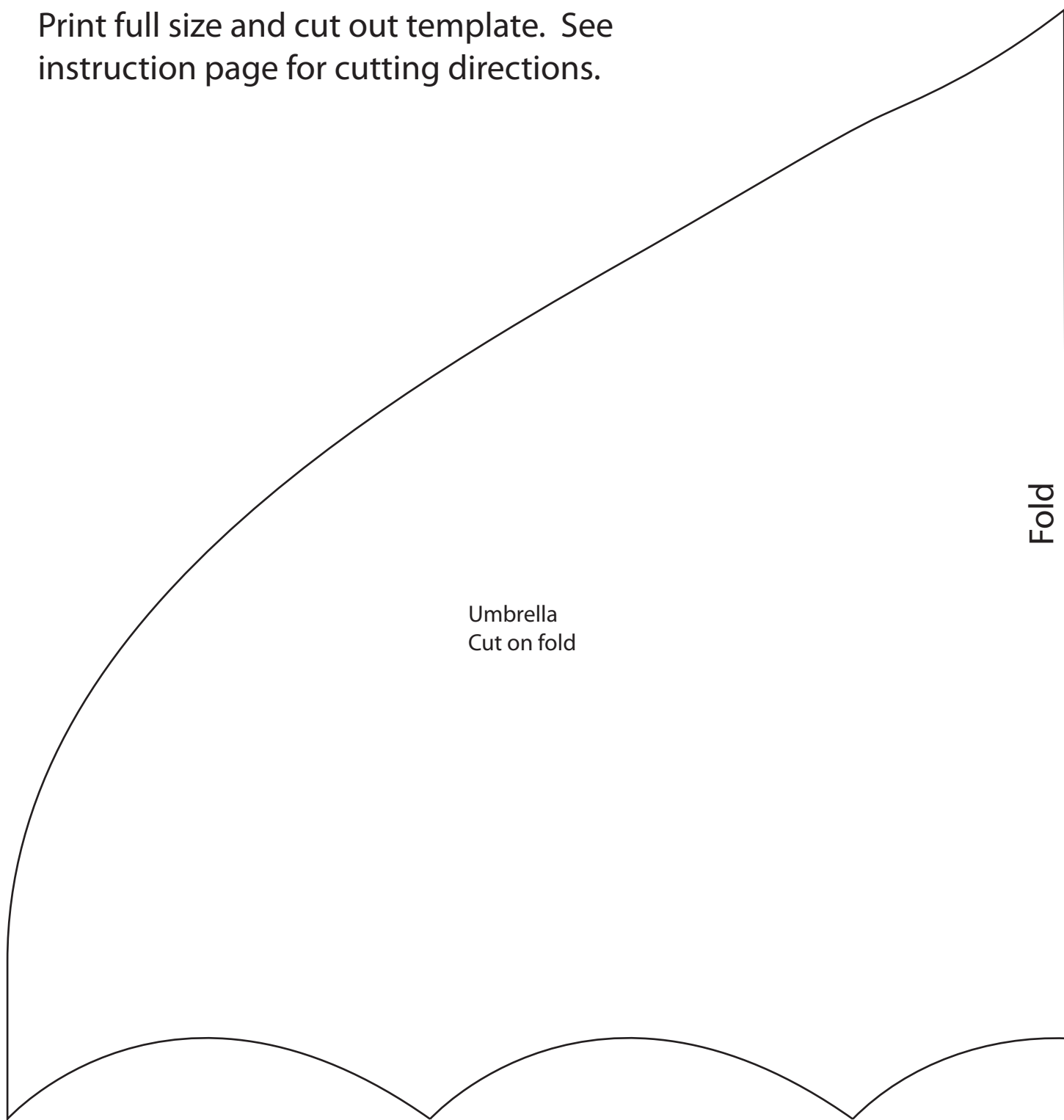
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Cloud B

Umbrella Top Template

Print full size and cut out template. See instruction page for cutting directions.



Umbrella Handle

Print full size template. Cut out both pieces. Line up pieces on the dashed line. Tape in place.

Cut one from handle fabric.

