

Surfside Quilters Guild

A Block A Month
May 2010

Palm Trees

9 1/2" x 18 1/2" unfinished block using appliqué method of your choice

Surfside Quilters Guild is up! Each month make blocks for your own Surf's Up sampler quilt. This month make one Palm Tree block. No pictorial tutorial is given this month as this block is SO easy! Check fusing instructions on the Beach Ball tutorial if needed.



Cut the following fabric piece: Background fabric (sky) 10 1/2" x 19 1/2"

Instructions:

1. Using your favorite appliqué method, **trace** appliqué pieces onto Steam-a-Seam 2, fusible Pellon or freezer paper. The pattern needs to be reversed for fusible appliqué.
2. Roughly **cut** fusible paper out around the outline of shapes. **Fuse** to desired fabric. **Cut out** pieces.
3. Peel paper off back off appliqué pieces. Place on background according to palm tree picture on the left starting with the sand then tree trunks and palm fronds last.
4. Fuse in place.

5. Cut a piece of stabilizer (commercial stabilizer or tissue paper) and place under fused piece.
6. Machine appliqué as desired. Our block was zigzagged with a small, short stitch using invisible nylon thread (stitch length .05 and stitch width 1.5).
7. Press block and trim up to 9 1/2" x 18 1/2".
8. To make sand flow into the water when sewing block to the Surf's Up block next to it, a 3" square of water fabric with fusible on the back was cut in half diagonally and fused to the sand piece. See picture of completed quilt above. Also, the bottom water triangle on the Surf's Up block was ripped, cut straight and a triangle (cut a 3" square in half diagonally) of sky added to make the water flow onto the beach.

Instructions for sewing all Blocks of the Month together:

1. Layout all blocks on design surface or floor. Rearrange blocks as needed to create a balanced look with background fabrics.
2. Sew together in horizontal rows pressing each row in opposite directions so that seams will butt up next to each other when sewing the rows together.
3. Sew rows together, pressing in either direction.
4. **Borders (which haven't been added yet) will be:** 1" (finished) narrow first border, a 2"-3" (finished) second border and a 4"-6" (finished) outside border. Other measurements can be used if desired.

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