



Pattern of the Month - December 2017

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Snow Globes

Winter-themed fabrics with snowy scenes and other holiday motifs are perfect to fussy-cut into circles for your Snow Globes.

Instructions are given for fusible applique technique, but if you prefer needle turn or faced applique technique, add the seam allowances, which are included on the templates (page 2).

9½" background square

Snowy print with approx. 4½" diameter motif, for globe

3" x 5" piece (dark) for base

Wonder Under® or other paper-backed fusible of your choice

Fusing Tips: To protect your ironing surface, cover it with an applique pressing sheet or a piece of baker's parchment paper. Cut fabric pieces slightly larger than paper-backed fusible pieces.

Trace templates A (globe) and B (base) shapes onto paper side of Wonder Under. Cut out leaving a small extra margin around shapes. Select motif you wish to be centered on globe and use pins to mark position on right side of fabric. Turn fabric over, and from wrong side, use pin to guide placement of fusible circle piece. (On some prints you may be able to determine the position from the wrong side of fabric; otherwise, you'll need to mark it.) Remove pin; then, following manufacturer's instructions, iron fusible side of Wonder Under to wrong side of fabric. Also, fuse the base shape to wrong side of selected base fabric.

Cut out fused pieces on inner, dark line.

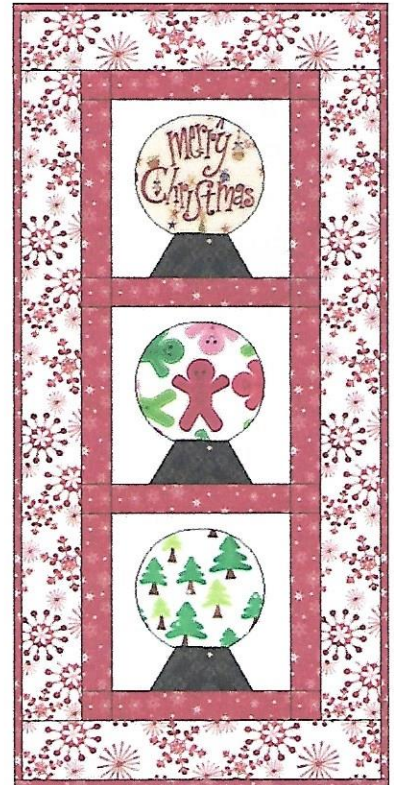
Cool fused pieces at least 5 minutes before removing paper backing. Score paper with a pin to make it easier to lift paper from fabric.

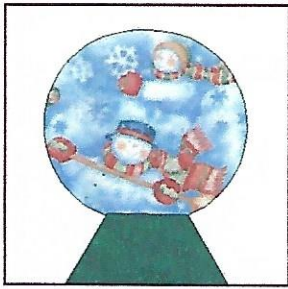
Remove paper backing from cut-out shapes. With background square right side up, center base about 1/16" above lower edge (raw edge will then be hidden in seam allowance).

Lift upper edge of base and slip bottom edge of circle under it, keeping both pieces centered, with globe nestled slightly down into base. Fuse in place, following manufacturer's directions.

Stitch around globe first, then base, with a straight stitch 1/8" from raw edges, or use zigzag, blanket stitch or other decorative stitch by machine or hand.

Ideas: Combine several blocks into a wall hanging or table runner by adding sashing and borders; make a bigger one for a pillow; or add some to a holiday quilt!





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Outer line indicates seam allowance, for needle turn applique; inner dark line is cutting line for fused applique shapes. See full directions in December 2017 Pattern of the Month, page 1.

