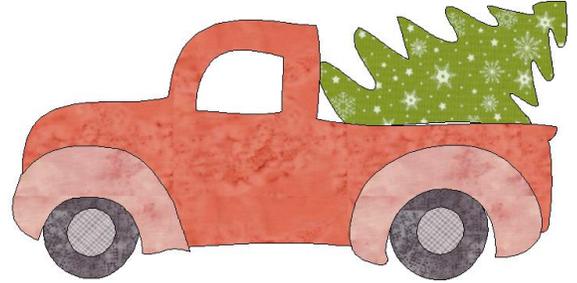




Pattern of the Month - November 2018

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Little Red Pickup Truck



This is a busy little truck, ready to carry big loads of wonderful stuff for the whole family. At Christmas time, he brings home a great big tree, but the rest of the year he's busy, too - can't you just imagine a whole quilt of Little Red Pickup Truck adventures? He could be going to the beach, county fair or farmer's market, or anywhere he's needed to carry a special load -- mountain bikes, picnic gear, pumpkins, a load of hay, a snowman, or maybe just kids or a happy dog riding along. Use your imagination, and look for novelty fabrics with various motifs to cut out and put in the back of the truck, or in the window. A tree-carrying pickup would be a fun addition to a quilt of holiday blocks. Little trucks in assorted colors could make a playful child's quilt, or they could decorate throw pillows, runners or wall hangings for special seasons.

Design shown fills about a 6" x 9" space. Enlarge or reduce pattern as needed.

Use the templates provided to cut out truck parts (in any colors you want, of course) and use your favorite applique technique to fuse and/or sew the parts to a background square or rectangle.

FOR FUSIBLE APPLIQUE, follow manufacturer's directions on the package.

For most fusible products, it is recommended that you prewash all fabrics without using any fabric softeners in the washer or dryer; fabric softeners can interfere with bonding.

Trace shapes as shown, without seam allowances; keep in mind that images will be reversed when using paper-backed fusible applique. As printed, truck will end up facing right; if you want it facing left, make an extra copy of template page, cut out all the shapes (except wheels, which are the same turned either way), and *turn them over* to draw them on the paper side of the fusible. *Whichever way they appear traced onto paper side of fusible, they will be facing the opposite way on the block.*

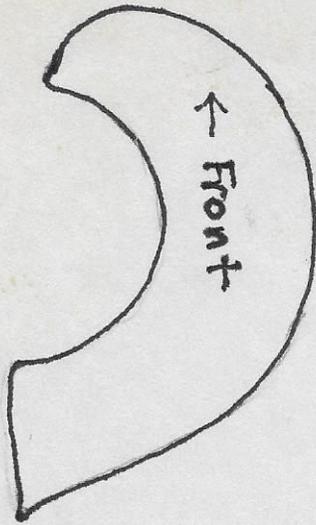
Fuse to wrong side of fabric, then cut out, remove paper backing and fuse shapes to background fabric.

FOR NEEDLE TURN APPLIQUE, add $\frac{1}{4}$ " extra for seam allowance around the shapes when you cut them out of your selected fabrics.

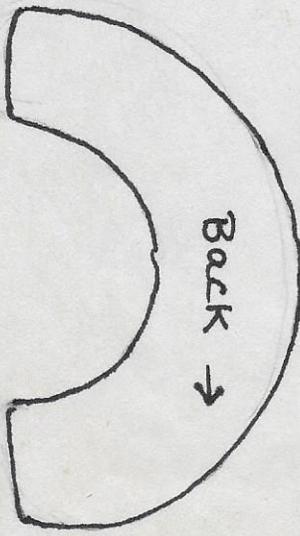
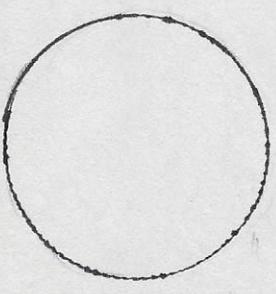
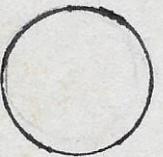
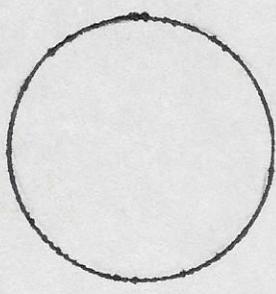
WINDOW: If you want a passenger or driver in the window, this can be done either by cutting out the window opening so you can slide another piece of fabric underneath, or else the window piece can be applied on top (remember to include seam allowance if applicable).

Carefully position pieces on background fabric, making sure tree is tucked slightly under edge of truck, and that fenders are positioned to cover just a little bit of the tires.

Fuse (or pin) pieces in place. Stitch by hand or machine as desired.



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