

Childhood Wonders Quilt

Finished size is approximately 45" x 61"

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Required Designs/Software:

ADP-18J Childhood Wonders, designs #001, #002, #004, #005, #006, #007, #010, #011, #012, #013, #014, #016, #017, #018, #019, and #020

- Amazing Designs® Digitize N Stitch™ software program
- Amazing Designs Amazing Box MAX™ if a transfer system is required for your machine

Instructions:

Please read all instructions before making the quilt. Choose fabric that has very mellow colors because they work well with the colors of the designs. The red and brown were “soft” colors; the print fabrics and the striped fabric all had beige backgrounds. This quilt requires more time than most projects but when finished you will have created an “heirloom”.

(Note: The instructions for this quilt have been changed slightly from the picture to make construction easier, the section with the “Childhood Wonders” lettering has been changed to a solid piece of fabric.)

Supplies: (All fabrics are 100% cotton.)

- Embroidery/Sewing machine with a 5" by 7" hoop or larger
- Assorted embroidery threads and machine embroidery bobbin thread
- Dressmaker thread to construct the quilt
- Amazing Designs Stabilize It! Medium Weight Tear-Away stabilizer
- Cutting mat and rotary cutter
- Ruler
- Fabric marking pen/chalk
- 1-½ yards of 44/45" wide red fabric for border, binding and sashing
- 1-½ yards of 44/45" wide small red strip fabric for blocks and sashing
- 1-½ yards of 44/45" wide white fabric for embroidered squares
- ½ yard of 44/45" wide muslin fabric for pieced blocks and center rectangle
- ½ yard of 44/45" wide red print fabric with beige background for pieced blocks
- ½ yard of 44/45" wide beige fabric with small red print for pieced blocks
- ½ yard of 44/45" wide brown/tan fabric for pieced blocks for pieced blocks
- 46" by 62" piece of fabric for backing
- Low loft batting

DIRECTIONS:

At the computer:

1. Open Digitize 'N Stitch™
2. Click on the “Select Hoop” tool and choose the 130 by 180 (5" by 7") hoop size
3. Click on the “Appliqué Wizard” tool, Click “Next”
4. Under “Shape” select the “Oval”
5. Under “Type” click on the “down arrow”, select “Decorative Stitch” and click on the stitch you prefer. Click “Add”
6. Move the design so it is in one corner, pull on a “corner handle” and pull the oval to fill the width of the hoop, then catch the “center handle” and pull the oval to fit the length of the hoop. Click “Next”
7. Click “Finished” and then click “Center” tool
8. The size of the oval should be approximately 123 by 175 mm. “Save As” in your sewing machine format.



Making the appliqué letters on the quilt is optional. You may wish to use Personalize 'N Stitch™ instead, however if you use Digitize 'N Stitch™, follow the directions below:

1. Click on the "Appliqué Wizard"
2. Click on "Next"
3. Click on the "backdrop" tool
4. Locate a font that is stored on your computer. Click on the "C" and on "Open"
5. Make the width and height 75 mm and click on "OK"
6. Click on the *Magic Wand* tool and then click on the edge of the "C"
7. Click on "Next" and on "Finished"
8. "Save As" in your sewing machine format. (The size of the finished letter will be slightly smaller than the size of the backdrop. Use the 75 by 75 mm backdrop letter size for all letters so they will be the same height. (**Note:** When making a letter with a "hole" in it, P, O, A, Q, D, or B click the Magic wand on the outside of the letter and then again on the inside. It will show the appliqué in two colors, but they should be stitched in the same color. After you sew the tack down straight stitch for the center of the letter(s) you will cut out the center of the letter fabric by very carefully making a hole in the fabric with pointed scissors and then cutting away the applique fabric close to the straight stitch line so the background fabric shows in the center of the letter.)

Cutting instructions

(The squares for the block are cut larger than the 8-1/2" square to make the hooping easier but will be re-cut after embroidery.)

From the white fabric, cut 16 blocks 9" x 12".

From the small red striped fabric: Cut 10 blocks 9" by 12". Cut four strips that are 8-1/2" long by 1-1/2" wide for sashing. Cut three strips that are 26-1/2" long by 1-1/2" wide for sashing. Cut two strips that are 19-1/2" long by 1-1/2" wide for sashing.

From the red fabric, cut two strips that are 43 long by 3" wide. Cut three strips that are 19-1/2" long by 3" wide for sashing. Cut two pieces that are 45-1/2" by 3" wide and two strips that are 56-1/2" long by 3" wide (will have to be pieced) for the border. Cut five strips that are 44/45" long by 2" wide for French Fold binding.

The following colors will be cut in 1-1/2" squares for the pieced blocks. If you are an experienced quilter you may wish to "strip piece" the blocks so you would cut the fabric in 1-1/2" wide strips.

From the brown/tan fabric: cut 160 blocks that are 1-1/2" square

From the red print fabric: cut 170 blocks that are 1-1/2" square

From the beige/red print fabric: cut 150 blocks that are 1-1/2" square

From the muslin cut: 160 blocks that are 1-1/2" square

From the muslin: cut a rectangle that is 19-1/2" long by 7-1/2" wide.

At the embroidery machine:

Use a fabric marking pen/chalk and mark the center of each white fabric blocks (9" by 12") horizontally and vertically.

(Note: The designs in the center panel of the quilt can be changed to other unused designs if desired. They are: design #005, #017, #018, #019, #013, and #014. The designs that are to be appliquéd were selected because they will fit in the appliqué oval created in Digitize N Stitch™, they are: design#002, #006, #007, #001, #004, #012, #010, #011, #020 and #016.) Hoop fabric and stabilizer lining up the marks on the fabric with the embroidery hoop and embroider each of the above designs.

- Use a fabric marking pen/chalk and mark the center of each of the small red strip blocks (9" by 12") horizontally and vertically. Hoop the fabric and stabilizer lining up the marks on the fabric with the embroidery hoop and appliquéd each of the designs that go in the oval. In machine appliqué you have three parts to each design: the target stitch (shows you where to place appliqué fabric), the tack down stitch (holds the appliqué fabric in place) and the satin/decorative/E stitch to cover the raw edge of the appliqué. Start the machine and sew the "target stitch", place one of the embroidered designs on top of the target stitch, center the design and start machine again to sew the "tack down" stitch. (Tip: To hold the appliqué fabric in place spray lightly on back with a temporary fabric adhesive.) Remove the hoop from the machine, DO NOT REMOVE FABRIC FROM HOOP, and cut close to the straight stitch around the oval, place hoop back on machine and stitch the decorative stitch.
- Repeat the step above to appliquéd the other 9 designs to the small red strip fabric.
- Re-cut the center panel and the appliqué designs to 8-1/2" squares. Be sure to center the design.
- Embroider the appliquéd or Personalize N Stitch™ letters on the 19-1/2" by 7-1/2" muslin rectangle.

Assembling the quilt:

All seam allowances are 1/4 inch.

- Make 10 of the pieced blocks. Use the drawing at right for reference to assemble blocks. Each finished block should be 8-1/2" square. Press seams while making blocks.
- The diagram of the quilt will assist you in the assembly of the quilt. "A" is embroidered oval appliquéd blocks. "B" is pieced blocks. "C" is center panel white embroidered blocks. "D" is the red border and sashing. "E" is the small red strip sashing.
- Make the center panel by stitching an 8-1/2" by 1-1/2" small red strip sashing piece to the bottom of one of the white square with embroidered design. Press seam to one side.
- Stitch a block to the bottom of the above sashing, press seam.
- Sew a sashing piece to the above block, press.
- Stitch a block on the bottom of the sashing. You have just completed the left vertical section of the center panel.
- Repeat the above steps 3 through 6 to make the right side.
- Stitch one of the 26-1/2" by 1-1/2" sashing strips to the right side of the first section, press seam.
- Stitch the second section to the sashing, press seam.
- Stitch the two remaining 26-1/2" by 1-1/2" sashing strips to each side of the section you have just completed.
- Stitch a 19-1/2" by 1-1/2" sashing strip to the top and the bottom of the section.
- Stitch one of the 19-1/2" by 3" red sashing strip to the bottom of this section and one to the top.
- Stitch the 19-1/2" by 7-1/2" muslin piece with the lettering to the top of this section.
- Stitch the last 19-1/2" red sashing strip to the top of the muslin piece.
- Stitch a 43" by 3" red sashing strip to each end of this section to complete it.
- Use the diagram to stitch the pieced blocks and embroidered/appliquéd blocks to the center section.
- Stitch a 56-1/2" by 3" border piece to each side of quilt body.
- Stitch a 45-1/2" by 3" border piece to end of the quilt body.
- Stitch the binding pieces together, press seams open and fold in half, wrong sides together, and press. Apply binding around the quilt.

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