

LADYBUG QUILT BLOCK TUTORIAL

Finished Block Size: 30 cm x 30 cm (12" x 12")

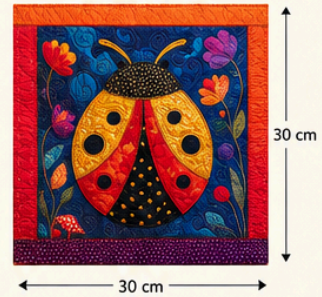
OVERVIEW

This cheerful ladybug block is made using fusible applique and machine quilting. The block finishes at 30 cm square, perfect for quilts, wall hangings, or decorative projects.

MATERIALS

- Assorted quilting cotton fabrics
- Fusible web (lightweight)
- Polyester thread (matching colors)
- Batting
- Fabric for backing
- Sewing machine with 1/4" foot
- Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler
- Iron and pressing surface
- Applique scissors (optional)
- Pins or fabric clips
- Fabric marking pen (water erasable)

FINISHED BLOCK



1. DESIGN & CUTTING PLAN (All measurements include 0,7 cm seam allowance)

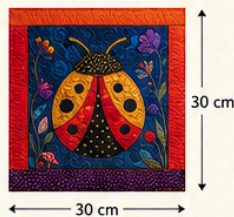
<p>1 Ladybug Head Black with dots Cut 1</p>	<p>2 Left Wing (Top) Yellow print Cut 1</p>	<p>3 Right Wing (Top) Yellow print Cut 1</p>	<p>4 Left Wing (Bottom) Red print Cut 1</p>	<p>5 Right Wing (Bottom) Red print Cut 1</p>	<p>6 Body Black with dots Cut 1</p>	<p>7 Spots Black Cut 6</p>	<p>8 Antennae Yellow print Cut 2</p>
<p>9 Background Blue print Cut 1</p>	<p>10 Flowers & Leaves Assorted prints Cut as needed</p>	<p>11 Inner Border Red print Cut 2</p>	<p>12 Outer Border Orange print Cut 2</p>	<p>13 Bottom Border Purple print Cut 1</p>			

2. APPLIQUE (Fusible Web Method)

<p>1</p> <p>Trace all applique pieces onto the paper side of fusible web. Rough cut 0,5 cm outside the lines.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Fuse the web to the wrong side of each fabric. Let cool, then cut precisely on the lines.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Arrange all pieces on the background (9) without removing the paper. Adjust the placement.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Once satisfied, fuse the pieces in place by pressing with a hot iron (no steam). Remove the paper.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Machine blanket stitch or zigzag stitch around the edges of each applique piece.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Add flowers, leaves, and stems with applique and stitch in place.</p>
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3. BLOCK ASSEMBLY

- Sew the inner border (11) to the left and right sides of the block. Press.
- Sew the inner border (11) to the top and bottom. Press.
- Sew the outer border (12) to the left and right sides. Press.
- Sew the outer border (12) to the top.
- Sew the bottom border (13) to the bottom. Press all seams outward.



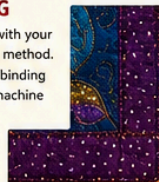
4. QUILTING

- Layer the quilt top, batting, and backing.
- Baste the layers together.
- Quilt as desired. Suggestions:
 - Echo quilting around the ladybug
 - Swirls in the background
 - Stitch in the flowers and leaves
- Trim excess batting and backing to square the block to 30 cm x 30 cm.



5. FINISHING

- Bind the block with your favorite binding method.
- Hand stitch the binding to the back or machine stitch.



LEGEND - MAIN SEWING & QUILTING METHODS (U.S. QUILT)

<p>STRAIGHT STITCH (PIECE SEAM)</p> <p>Used to join two fabric pieces right sides together using a 0,6 cm (1/4") seam allowance.</p>	<p>APPLIQUE BLANKET STITCH</p> <p>Used to secure applique pieces. Insert needle down at the edge, up slightly ahead, catching the edge.</p>	<p>ZIGZAG STITCH</p> <p>Used for raw edge applique or fabric edges to prevent fraying.</p>	<p>QUILTING - STIPPLING (FREE-MOTION)</p> <p>Fill the background with small meanders or stipples.</p>	<p>ECHO QUILTING</p> <p>Sew around the shape or motif, echoing the design.</p>
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TIPS

- Use high-contrast thread colors for applique to make the design pop.
- Always press seams and applique pieces for a flat, professional finish.
- Test stitch on scrap fabric before quilting your final project.
- This block can be repeated to make a full quilt or mixed with other blocks.

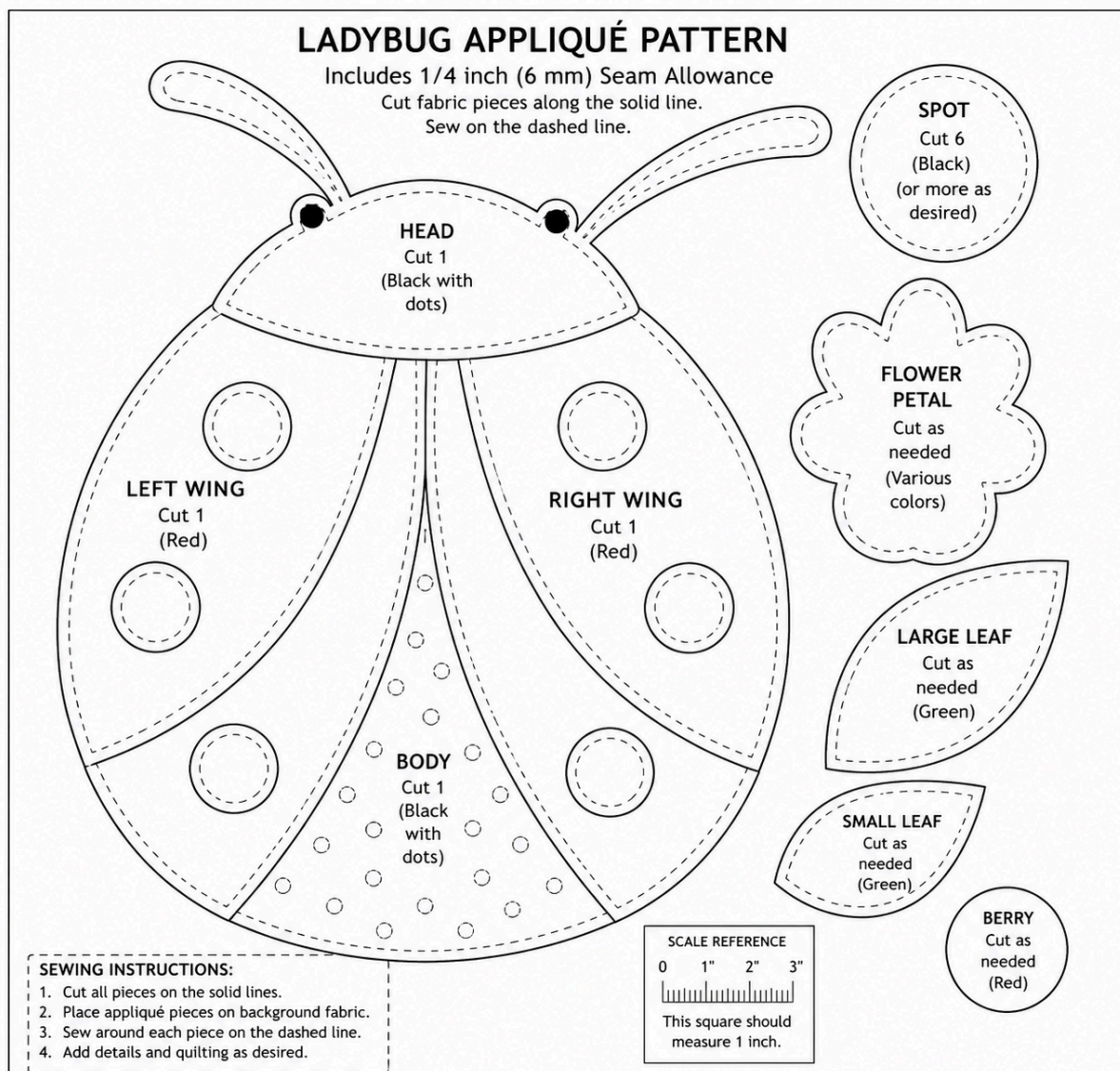
Enjoy your stitching!

Happy Quilting!



CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Machine wash cold, gentle cycle.
- Use mild detergent.
- Tumble dry low or hang to dry.
- Iron on medium if needed.



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Ladybug Quilt Block Tutorial

This Ladybug Quilt Block Tutorial creates a finished block measuring 12" x 12". It uses fusible appliqué, machine quilting, borders, and decorative stitching to make a bright ladybug design with flowers and leaves.

Materials

You will need assorted quilting cotton fabrics, lightweight fusible web, polyester thread, batting, backing fabric, a sewing machine with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot, rotary cutter, mat, ruler, iron, pressing surface, pins or fabric clips, and a water-erasable fabric marker.

Choose fabric colors similar to the tutorial: black with dots for the ladybug head and body, yellow for the upper wings, red for the lower wings, blue for the background, orange for the outer border, red for the inner border, and purple for the bottom border.

Cutting Plan

Cut the background fabric to $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Cut one black semicircle for the ladybug head, about 4" wide x 2" tall.

Cut two yellow upper wings, each about $2\frac{3}{8}$ " wide x $3\frac{3}{8}$ " tall.

Cut two red lower wings, each about $2\frac{3}{8}$ " wide x $3\frac{3}{8}$ " tall.

Cut one black body triangle, about $2\frac{1}{4}$ " wide x 4" tall.

Cut six black spots, each about $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide.

Cut two yellow antennae, each about $2\frac{1}{4}$ " long.

Cut flowers, leaves, and stems as desired.

Cut two red inner borders: 1" x 12".

Cut two orange outer borders: $1\frac{3}{8}$ " x 12".

Cut one purple bottom border: 2" x 12".

Preparing the Appliqué Pieces

Trace each ladybug piece onto the paper side of the fusible web. Leave about ¼" space between pieces.

Rough-cut around each traced shape, leaving a small margin outside the lines.

Fuse the web to the wrong side of the matching fabric, following the manufacturer's instructions.

Let the fabric cool completely before cutting.

Cut each shape carefully on the traced line.

Peel away the paper backing from each appliqué piece.

Arranging the Ladybug

Place the blue background square right side up.

Arrange the black body triangle in the center.

Place the yellow wings on the upper left and upper right sides.

Place the red wings below the yellow wings.

Add the black semicircle head at the top.

Position the black spots on the wings and body.

Add the antennae above the head.

Place flowers, leaves, and stems around the ladybug until the design looks balanced.

Fusing the Design

When you are happy with the layout, press the appliqué pieces with a hot iron.

Do not slide the iron. Press and lift so the pieces do not move.

Fuse every part securely to the background.

Allow the block to cool before stitching.

Stitching the Appliqué

Use a blanket stitch or zigzag stitch around the raw edges of each appliqué piece.

Stitch slowly around curves.

Use matching thread for a clean look or contrasting thread for a decorative effect.

Secure the head, body, wings, spots, antennae, flowers, leaves, and stems.

Trim thread tails neatly after stitching.

Block Assembly

Sew one red inner border to the left side of the appliqué block.

Sew the second red inner border to the right side.

Press the seams outward.

Sew the orange outer borders to the left and right sides.

Press again.

Sew the purple bottom border to the lower edge of the block.

Trim the block carefully so it measures 12" x 12".

Quilting

Layer the quilt top, batting, and backing fabric.

Baste the layers together with pins, clips, or temporary spray.

Quilt around the ladybug using echo quilting.

Add swirls or stippling in the blue background.

Quilt inside the flowers and leaves to add texture.

Trim away excess batting and backing.

Finishing

Bind the block using your favorite binding method.

Hand-stitch the binding to the back or finish it by machine.

Press the finished block gently.

The completed ladybug quilt block should measure 12" x 12".

Helpful Tips

Use high-contrast thread to make the appliqué stand out.

Test your stitches on scrap fabric before sewing the real block.

Press often for a flat, professional result.

Use this block as a wall hanging, pillow front, mini quilt, or part of a larger quilt.

Enjoy your stitching! 