

PATCHWORK CAR QUILT TUTORIAL

FINISHED SIZE: 80 cm x 80 cm



MATERIALS

- Cotton fabric (various prints and colors)
- Fusible web (lightweight)
- Batting (80 cm x 80 cm)
- Backing fabric (80 cm x 80 cm)
- Sewing thread (matching colors)
- Quilting thread
- Sewing machine
- Scissors, rotary cutter, ruler
- Quilting pins or clips
- Iron and ironing board

FABRIC GUIDE (example)

FABRIC	SUGGESTED USE
Blue prints	Sky, clouds, background
Yellow/Orange	Sun
Multi-color prints	Car body (panels)
Black/Grey	Tires, road
White/Light grey	Windows, clouds, details
Yellow	Road lines, headlights

MAIN METHODS



Appliqué
Attach fabric shapes on a background using fusible web and stitching.



Piecing
Sew fabric pieces together to build larger sections.



Quilting
Secure the quilt layers with decorative stitching.



Topstitching
Stitch along edges for definition and detail.

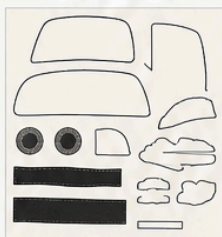
STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS (All measurements include 0.7 cm seam allowance)

1. PREPARE THE FABRIC



- Pre-wash and iron all fabrics.
- Transfer all templates to the paper side of fusible web.
- Roughly cut the fabrics leaving 1 cm extra around each piece.

2. CUT THE PIECES



- Cut out all pieces on the drawn lines.
- Fuse the pieces to the wrong side of the fabric following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Cut precisely on the lines.

3. APPLIQUÉ THE DESIGN



- Start with the background (sky and hills), fuse and stitch down each piece.
- Add the road.
- Place the car pieces, layer by layer, and appliquéd them using a blanket stitch or straight stitch.

4. ADD DETAILS



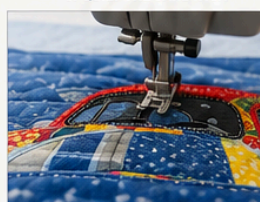
- Topstitch around windows, doors, fenders, and other parts.
- Stitch headlights, bumpers, and mirrors.
- Add road lines and small details.

5. LAYER THE QUILT



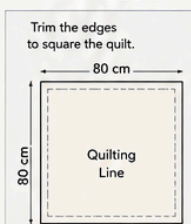
- Place quilt top right side up.
- Add batting (80 cm x 80 cm).
- Place backing fabric right side down.

6. QUILT THE SANDWICH



- Baste the three layers with pins or basting spray.
- Quilt along the outlines of the design and in the background.
- You can quilt: straight lines, echo quilting, or free-motion designs (clouds, sun rays, etc.).

7. TRIM AND BIND



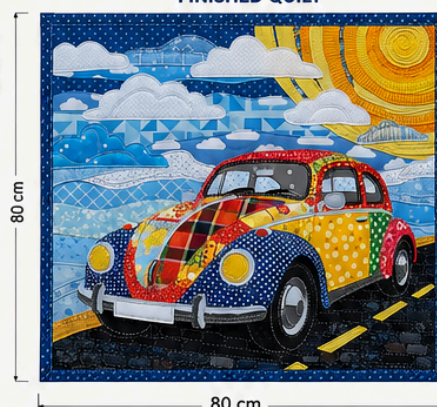
- Trim the edges to square the quilt.
- Cut the backing and batting even with the quilt top (80 cm x 80 cm).
- Prepare 6 binding strips: 6 cm wide x width of fabric.
- Sew strips end to end, press in half lengthwise, and bind around the quilt.

8. FINISHING TOUCHES



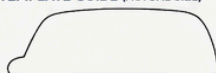
- Miter the corners neatly.
- Hand stitch the back of the binding to finish.
- Press the quilt.

FINISHED QUILT



80 cm

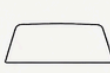
TEMPLATE GUIDE (ACTUAL SIZE)



28 cm x 12 cm



9 cm x 6 cm



6 cm x 3.5 cm



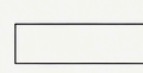
7 cm diameter



15 cm x 6 cm



12 cm diameter



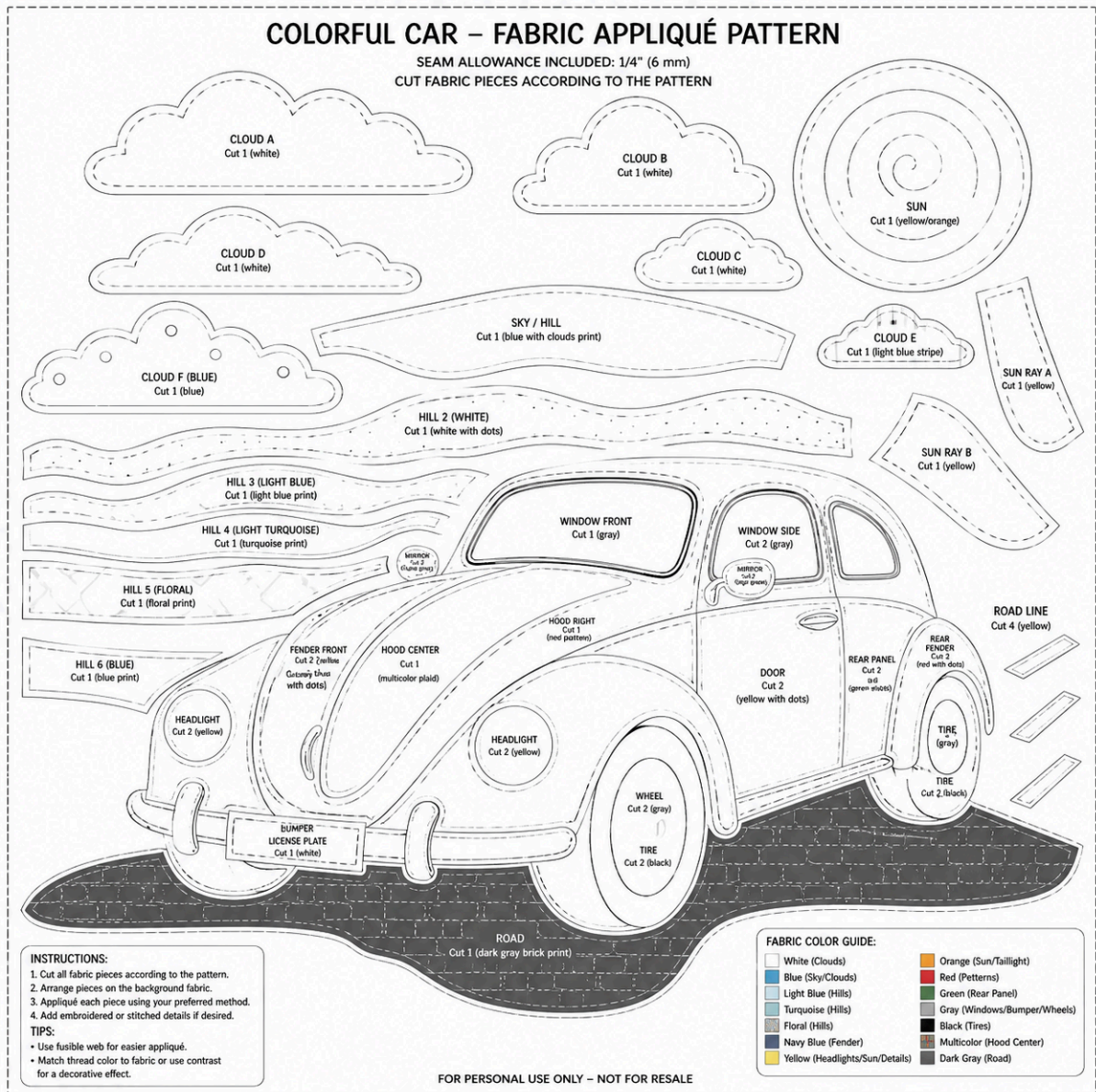
18 cm x 4 cm



6 cm x 1.5 cm

TIPS: Use small stitches and matching thread for appliqué. Take your time and enjoy the process!





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Patchwork Car Quilt Tutorial (Finished Size: 80 cm × 80 cm)

Create a colorful vintage car quilt using appliqué, piecing, and quilting techniques. This project is perfect for confident beginners and experienced quilters who enjoy detailed appliqué work. By following each step carefully, you'll create a

vibrant wall quilt or baby quilt featuring a classic patchwork car driving beneath a bright sunny sky.

The instructions below follow the complete construction process shown in the tutorial, while providing additional professional guidance, sewing tips, and detailed explanations so that anyone in the United States can successfully complete the quilt from start to finish.



Materials and Supplies

Gather everything before starting.

Fabrics

- **Blue cotton fabrics (various prints) for the sky and background**
- **Light blue fabrics for clouds and distant scenery**
- **Yellow fabrics for the sun and road markings**
- **Orange fabrics for sun details**
- **Red fabrics for parts of the car**
- **Green fabrics for car accents**
- **Black fabrics for tires and road**
- **Gray fabrics for tires and shadows**
- **White fabric for clouds, windows, and highlights**
- **Multi-colored plaid and patterned fabrics for the car body**

Additional Materials

- **Lightweight fusible web**
- **Cotton batting (80 cm × 80 cm)**
- **Backing fabric (80 cm × 80 cm)**
- **Matching quilting thread**
- **Temporary fabric glue (optional)**
- **Appliqué pins or quilting clips**
- **Fabric marking pencil**

- Rotary cutter
- Cutting mat
- Acrylic quilting ruler
- Sharp fabric scissors
- Small embroidery scissors
- Iron
- Ironing board
- Sewing machine with free-motion capability (optional)

Fabric Guide

The fabrics shown in the sample quilt are used as follows:

Fabric	Suggested Use
Blue prints	Sky, clouds, background
Yellow and orange	Sun
Multi-colored prints	Car body panels
Black and gray	Tires and road
White and light gray	Clouds, windows, highlights
Bright yellow	Road center lines and headlights

Main Techniques Used

Appliqué

Fabric pieces are fused onto the background using lightweight fusible web before stitching.

Piecing

Some sections of the car body are assembled from multiple fabric pieces before appliqué.

Quilting

The quilt top, batting, and backing are stitched together using decorative quilting lines.

Topstitching

Edges of appliqué pieces are secured with decorative stitching for durability and detail.

Finished Size

- **Width: 80 cm (31½ inches)**
- **Height: 80 cm (31½ inches)**

Finished size may vary slightly depending on quilting density and seam accuracy.

H2: Step 1 – Prepare the Fabric 🛒

Good preparation makes the entire project easier.

Begin by washing all cotton fabrics using a gentle detergent. This removes excess dye and allows the fabric to shrink before sewing.

Dry the fabrics completely.

Iron every fabric until perfectly flat.

Apply lightweight fusible web to the wrong side of the fabrics that will become appliqué pieces. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for temperature and pressing time.

Transfer every template onto the paper side of the fusible web.

Leave approximately 1 cm ($\frac{3}{8}$ inch) around every traced shape before cutting them apart.

Keep similar pieces grouped together and label them if necessary.

H2: Step 2 – Cut All Pieces

Careful cutting creates cleaner appliqué.

Rough cut every template first.

Fuse each template onto the correct fabric before making the final cut.

Always place the adhesive side against the wrong side of the fabric.

Use sharp scissors for curves.

A rotary cutter may be used for straight sections.

Cut directly on the traced lines.

Do not add seam allowance to appliqué pieces.

Keep every piece organized in trays or labeled bags.

Double-check that each piece has been cut from the correct fabric before removing the paper backing.

H2: Step 3 – Build the Background ☁️☀️

The background is assembled before adding the car.

Start with the sky.

Arrange the blue fabrics to create movement and variation.

Add the distant hills.

Position the clouds.

Place each cloud exactly where desired.

Fuse every cloud into place.

Next, assemble the large sun.

Arrange the yellow and orange sections until the rays form a balanced circular design.

Fuse the sun into the upper right corner.

Finally, add the road across the bottom of the quilt.

Fuse all background pieces before stitching.

Using a blanket stitch or narrow satin stitch, permanently secure every appliqué piece.

H2: Step 4 – Assemble the Car 🚗

This is the centerpiece of the quilt.

Begin with the largest body panels.

Arrange the colorful fabrics to create a balanced patchwork appearance.

Overlap neighboring sections slightly if required by your templates.

Continue adding:

- Hood
- Roof
- Doors
- Fenders
- Windows
- Bumpers
- Tires
- Headlights
- Mirrors

Fuse each section individually.

Check the proportions often before pressing permanently.

When satisfied, stitch around every appliqué edge using either:

- Blanket stitch
- Satin stitch
- Small zigzag stitch
- Straight stitch close to the edge

Maintain even stitch length throughout.

H2: Step 5 – Add Fine Details ✨

Now the quilt begins to come alive.

Topstitch around:

- Windows
- Doors

- Hood
- Roof
- Wheel arches
- Tires
- Headlights
- Bumpers
- Mirrors

Add decorative quilting lines inside selected car panels.

Sew the yellow road markings.

Add highlights where needed.

Smooth curves with slow, steady stitching.

Trim loose threads frequently.

Inspect the entire quilt before moving on.

H2: Step 6 – Create the Quilt Sandwich

Prepare the three quilt layers.

Lay the backing fabric right side down.

Center the batting on top.

Place the completed quilt top right side up.

Smooth all wrinkles.

Secure the layers using:

- Quilting safety pins
- Temporary spray adhesive
- Basting stitches

Begin quilting from the center.

Work outward gradually.

Quilt around:

- Car
- Clouds
- Sun
- Hills
- Road

Additional quilting ideas include:

- Straight lines
- Echo quilting
- Curved cloud lines
- Sun rays
- Free-motion quilting

Always distribute quilting evenly across the project.

H2: Step 7 – Trim and Bind the Quilt

Square the quilt carefully.

Trim all four sides until the quilt measures approximately:

80 cm × 80 cm

Cut six binding strips:

- Width: 6 cm (2³/₈ inches)

Join strips using diagonal seams.

Press seams open.

Fold the binding in half lengthwise with wrong sides together.

Sew binding to the front of the quilt using a ¼-inch seam allowance.

Miter every corner carefully.

Fold the binding over to the back.

Hand stitch or machine stitch the binding closed.

Press one final time.

H2: Step 8 – Final Finishing Touches 🎉

Inspect every edge.

Remove any visible thread tails.

Press the quilt lightly.

Avoid excessive heat over heavily quilted areas.

Make sure every appliqué edge is securely stitched.

Verify that the quilt lays flat.

Add a quilt label to the back with:

- **Your name**
- **Date completed**
- **Pattern name (optional)**

Your Patchwork Car Quilt is now complete!



Template Guide (Actual Size Reference)

The tutorial includes the following template dimensions.

Main Car Body

28 cm × 12 cm

Roof

9 cm × 6 cm

Hood

6 cm × 3.5 cm

Tire

7 cm diameter

Cloud

15 cm × 6 cm

Sun

12 cm diameter

Road Strip

18 cm × 4 cm

Road Marker

6 cm × 1.5 cm



Professional Tips

- **Wash dark fabrics separately before starting.**
- **Use high-quality quilting cotton.**
- **Press after every major sewing step.**
- **Test stitches on scrap fabric first.**
- **Use matching thread whenever possible.**
- **Keep appliqué stitches consistent.**

- Replace rotary blades frequently for cleaner cuts.
- Label similar pieces to avoid confusion.
- Work slowly around tight curves.
- Frequently step back and check the overall composition before permanently stitching.

Congratulations!

You have completed a beautiful Patchwork Car Quilt measuring 80 cm × 80 cm. By following each stage—from fabric preparation and appliqué through quilting and binding—you can create a colorful, durable quilt that showcases precise craftsmanship. Take your time with each step, enjoy the creative process, and you'll end up with a finished piece that is both eye-catching and built to last. Happy quilting!   ✨