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A fun fusible appliqué design that can be stitched by hand or machine.



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Please note: Instructions are given in imperial measurements to be in accordance with patchwork equipment.

### Requirements

Background: 24" square

Cushion Lining: 24" square

Batting: 24" square

(The background, lining and batting will be trimmed to a 21 ½" square after the applique and quilting is complete)

Cushion backs: Cut 2, 11 ¾" x 21 ½" rectangles

Fusible web to apply the applique shapes: ½ yard

Different coloured fabric scraps to apply the applique

Your choice of thread to stitch around the applique shapes

16"

20" cushion insert

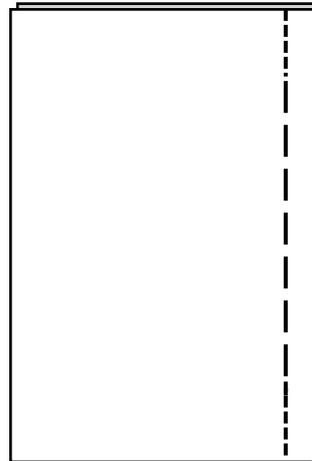
### Instructions

1. Print the dragonfly applique shapes, making sure that you tick the **ACTUAL SIZE BOX** before you begin printing.
2. Using a lead pencil, trace all the appliqué shapes onto the smooth side of the fusible web, leaving a space between each piece.
3. Roughly cut around the fusible web shapes, do not cut them out exactly just yet.
4. The next step is to have fun working out your colour combination, you can follow the sample picture as a guide or come up with your own original combination.
5. Iron the rough side of the shapes onto the wrong side of your chosen fabrics using a dry iron on the cotton setting. The shapes will fuse to the appliqué fabrics.
6. Cut each shape out neatly on the line.
7. Fold the background square in half both vertically and horizontally and lightly crease to indicate the centre.
8. Peel away the paper backing from the appliqué shapes and position them onto the background fabric starting with the wings, positioning them just above the centre crease as indicated on the applique shape page. Next, position the body then iron to fuse the complete dragonfly in place.
9. Position the flowers around the outer edge of the dragonfly using the picture as a guide, make sure that they are at least 3" away from the edge of the cushion. When you are happy with the position, iron the flowers to fuse them in place.
10. Stitch around the edge of the appliqué shapes by hand or machine using your preferred method.
11. Sandwich together the cushion top with the batting and backing fabric, hold together with safety pins.
12. Stitch closely around the edge of the applique shapes by hand or machine using a thread to match your background fabric. Add extra quilting if you like.

13. When you have finished quilting the cushion top, trim it to a 21 1/2" square.

14. To insert the zipper, neaten one long side each of the cushion backs by folding the seam over to the wrong side by 1/4" and stitching close to the folded edge. These neaten edges will be the centre back seam.

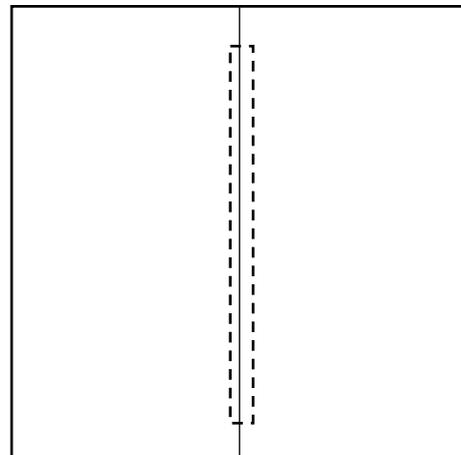
15. Place the cushion backs with the right sides facing and sew the centre back seam with a 3/4" seam allowance, sewing only 3" down from the top edge and 3" up from the bottom edge, this will leave an opening for the zipper. Back tack at the beginning and end of each row of stitching to secure.



16. Set your machine to a large stitch length of 5 and sew in between the stitching just sewn. This row of large stitches is to hold the seam together whilst the zipper is being inserted but will be unpicked later. Press the centre back seam open.

17. Pin the zipper with the right side facing up, centred under the seam where the large stitching was sewn. At this stage keep the zipper done up.

18. Attach your zipper foot with the needle positioned on the right side. Sew 1/4" away from the seam, basically sewing a long skinny rectangle around the zipper.

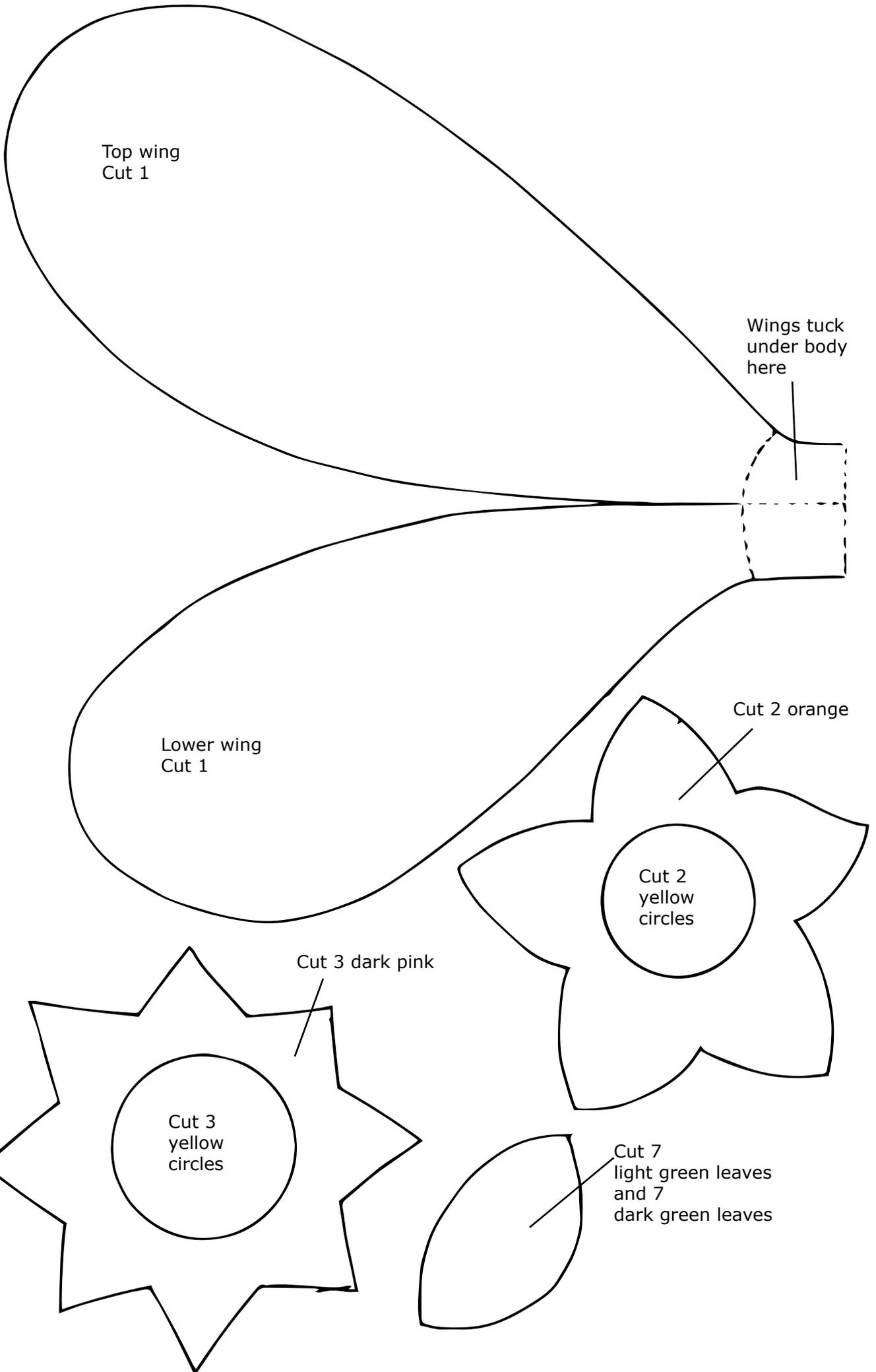


19. To complete the zipper insertion, unpick the large stitches to reveal the zipper.

20. Undo the zipper and place the cushion front and back with the right sides facing. Pin around the outer edges.

21. Sew around all 4 edges of the cushion with a 1/4" seam allowance. Trim away the corners cutting across on a diagonal. Turn the cushion through to the right side and press.

22. To complete, top stitch around the cushion, sewing a 1/4" away from the edge.



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Note: This design will be in reversed when applied onto the background fabric with fusible web.

