



"MY BACKYARD" SERIES

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A Fused Art Quilt

(Complete pattern and instructions enclosed)



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Finished Size 17" x 17"



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Materials and Tools

- Background fabric 19" x 19" of light blue
- Basket fabric 8" x 12" of light yellow
- Basket Inside fabric 5" x 10" of orange
- Grass fabric 6" x 11" of medium green
- Stem and Leaves fabrics 6" x 6" each of 1 light green and 1 dark green
- Pink flower fabric 6" x 9"
- Blue flower fabric 6" x 8"
- Purple flower fabric 4" x 12"
- Red flower center fabric 1" x 6"
- Yellow flower center fabric 2" x 6"
- Orange flower center fabric 1" x 4"
- 3 yards of fusible web (Wonder Under regular weight recommended)
- 17" x 17" cotton batting (Hobbs Heirloom Cotton 80/20 Batting recommended)
- 17" x 17" Timtex stiff interfacing (optional for wrapped binding)
- 17" x 17" backing fabric
- Size 8 pearl cotton embroidery thread
- Machine quilting thread
- Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler
- Decorative rotary cutter blade
- Black Sharpie Fine Point marker or lead pencil
- Embroidery needle for hand stitching

Preparation

1. This quilt measures about 17" x 17" upon completion and is hand stitched and machine quilted. It has a wrapped binding using a stiff interfacing (Timtex) but a regular binding can be used instead.
2. Assemble all the materials and tools listed.
3. Fuse all the fabrics except the backing fabric and remove all the paper except that on the background fabric. Save this "release" paper in one sheet. It will be needed for the construction of this quilt.

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1. Place release paper on the basket front pattern. Trace the pattern with the Sharpie marker or a lead pencil and remove the release paper.
2. Place the marker side of the release paper onto the glue or fused side of the basket fabric. Fuse the paper in place for 5 seconds. Let the fabric cool.
3. Carefully remove the release paper from the fabric. The ink will transfer to the glue. Cut out the shape just inside the black line with scissors.
4. Repeat Steps 1 - 3 for the basket side, left handle, and right handle patterns using the basket fabric.
5. Repeat Steps 1 - 3 for the basket inside pattern using the basket inside fabric.
6. Repeat Steps 1 - 3 for the grass pattern using the grass fabric.
7. Place the basket parts in order on the background fabric using the pattern photo as a guide. (The bottom tip of the basket is about 4" from the bottom edge of the background fabric.) Leave about 1/8" showing between each part to outline the shapes. Once the parts are arranged, REMOVE THE **LEFT HANDLE OF THE BASKET**. (It will be added later after the stems are in place.) Fuse-tack the remaining basket parts into place.
8. Place the grass on the lower edge of the basket. Fuse-tack into place.

Stems and Flowers

1. Cut the light green stem fabric on the bias to form 2 triangles. Cut 8 bias strips measuring about 1/8" – 1/4" wide from the long bias side of one of the triangles. Save the second triangle for the leaves in Step 13.
2. Repeat Step 1 with the dark green stem fabric.
3. Place the end of a stem on the lower edge of the basket inside fabric. Snip the stem to fit the angle of the edge of the basket inside fabric. Slowly fuse and curve the stem out of the basket and onto the background or grass fabric.
4. Repeat Step 3 with the other stems across the lower edge of the basket inside fabric. Stems must be added individually to get them to curve.
5. Place the left basket handle on the top edge of the basket making sure the tips of the handles just meet. Trim the base of the handle if necessary to match the angle of the basket. Fuse-tack into place.
6. Place release paper on the Pink flower pattern. Trace the pattern with the Sharpie marker or a lead pencil and remove the release paper.
7. Place the marker side of the release paper onto the glue or fused side of the pink fabric. Fuse the paper in place for 5 seconds. Let the fabric cool.
8. Carefully remove the release paper from the fabric. The ink will transfer to the glue. Cut out the shape just inside the black line with scissors.
9. Repeat Steps 6 - 8 to make a total of 5 Pink flowers. Or free-cut the Pink flower shapes.
10. Repeat Steps 6 - 8 with the Blue and Purple flower patterns making 11 blue flowers and 3 purple flowers. Or free-cut the flower shapes. After cutting the purple flower shape, trim each petal with a decorative rotary cutter blade.
11. Free-cut 5 dots measuring about 3/4" across from the red flower center fabric. Free-cut 11 dots measuring about 1/2" from the yellow flower center fabric. Free-cut 3 dots measuring about 3/4" across from the orange flower center fabric.
12. Arrange the flowers on the stems. Fuse-tack into place. Add the red center dots to the pink flowers, the yellow center dots to the blue flowers, and the orange center dots to the purple flowers.
13. Repeat Steps 6 - 8 to make 8 leaves from the remaining stem fabrics. Or free-cut the leaf shapes.
14. Place the leaves on the stems. Fuse-tack into place.

Finishing with a Wrapped Binding

1. Stack the fast2fuse® and batting on the cutting mat and trim each edge in a wavy motion. Cut curves in and out that measure about 1/4" to 1/2" deep with a rotary cutter.
2. Remove the release paper from the background fabric. Center the batting on the back of the quilt top. Flip the batting and quilt top over holding everything in place and place on release paper. Steam set the quilt top to the batting for about 10 seconds in each spot. After it cools, remove it from the release paper.
3. Add hand stitching with the size 8 pearl cotton thread and an embroidery needle.
4. Place the quilt top right-side down on the ironing surface. Match the fast2fuse® shape to the batting and put in place. At a corner, fold the quilt top fabric onto the fast2fuse® to form a right angle. Leave a little ease at the tip of the corner to get a sharp point. Fuse-tack the fabric just at the corner.
5. Repeat Step 4 at each corner of the quilt.
6. At a corner, fold one side of the quilt top fabric onto the fast2fuse®. Slowly pull, wrap, and fuse-tack the quilt top to the back following the edge of the fast2fuse®. Stop about mid-way down the edge.

7. At that same corner, fold the other side of the quilt top fabric onto the fast2fuse® making a sharp point at the corner. Slowly pull, wrap, and fuse-tack the quilt top to the back following the edge of the fast2fuse®. Stop about mid-way down the edge.
8. Repeat Steps 6 – 7 around the perimeter of the quilt.
9. Machine stitch the quilt now or after Step 14.
10. Cut 4 strips of fusible web measuring about 1" x 17".
11. Place the strips of fusible web, glue sides down, around the perimeter of the wrong side of the backing fabric. Fuse into place. After the fabric cools, remove the release paper.
12. Trim about 1/2" from the perimeter of the backing fabric using a decorative blade.
13. Center the backing fabric, glue side down, onto the back of the quilt. Fuse-tack into place.
14. Steam set the back of the quilt.
15. Machine stitch the quilt (if not stitched in Step 9).
16. Add a hanging loop to the back of the quilt.

For more information about fusing, read Laura's books from C&T Publishing:
Fusing Fun! *Fuse and Tell Journal Quilts* *Fanciful Stitches, Colorful Quilts*

For more information about hand embroidery read her book *Joyful Stitching*

For more about the fabrics used in this pattern visit:



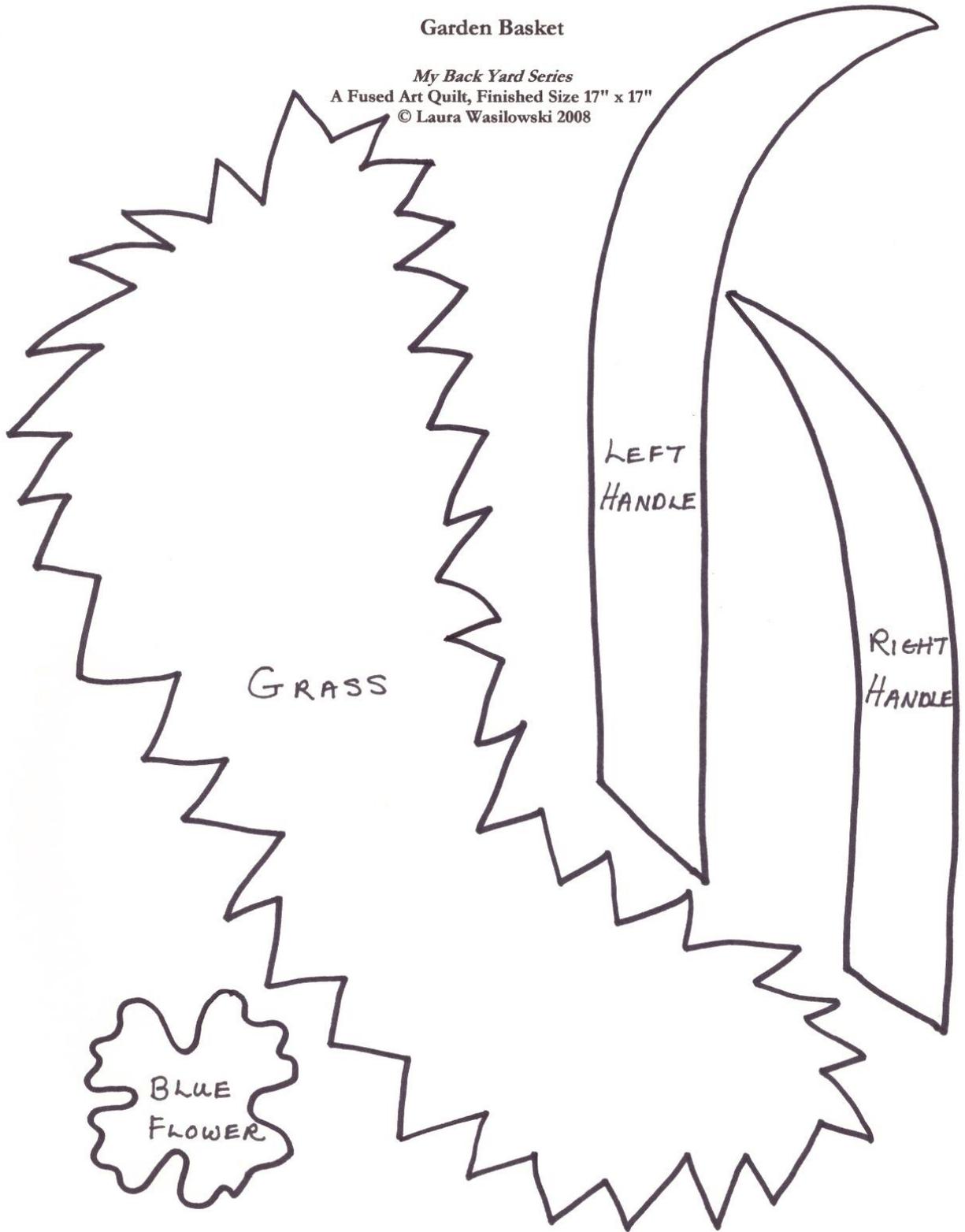
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