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Approx. Size  19in x 28in

BEFORE THE FUN BEGINS

♦ Please read all instructions before you begin.
♦ Abbreviations. “WOF” = ‘width of the fabric’.
♦ Are you new to patchwork & quilting? There are many fantastic classes being run at your local patchwork and quilting store. You can also find fantastic step-by-step tutorials on the internet that will help you get started. This pattern is not intended to replace a class.
♦ Requirements are based on fabric 115cm (44in) wide unless otherwise stated. Fabric requirements may differ from person to person due to cutting methods. If in doubt it is a good idea to purchase a little extra fabric.
♦ Fusible webbing requirements will vary greatly between products and projects; assume you will need a lot and go from there!
♦ 1/4in seam allowances are used throughout unless otherwise stated.
♦ Pre-washed 100% cotton fabrics are recommended.
♦ Press all seams towards the darker fabric or in the direction that creates the least bulk.
♦ Please refer to the photo of the project and the quilt diagrams to help with colour choices and layout.
♦ I would recommend using an applique mat with all but the most simple applique shapes.
♦ Our patterns are proof-read and made by our lovely testers but sometimes mistakes do slip by us. Please let us know if you come across an error so we can correct it.
♦ Buttons and beads are NOT suitable for children under three (3) years of age due to them being a choking hazard. Please replace buttons and beads with applique or embroidery.

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What you Will Need
- 65cm (3/4 yard) of blue-on-blue solid or print fabric for each Santa sack
- 25cm (1/4 yard) of red-on-red print fabric for each Santa sack
- 15cm (1/8 yard) of orange stripe fabric for the Summer Santa sack, or green & white spot fabric for the Winter Santa sack.
- Scraps of green, white, yellow, red, black, pink, purple, orange, grey, and skin-toned fabric for the applique
- 1m (1 1/8 yards) of co-ordinating fabric for the lining of each Santa sack
- (2) small black buttons for each Santa sack for eyes (optional)
- 3.6m (4 yards) of medium thickness cord for the drawstring of each sack
- Quantity of lightweight fusible webbing
- Stranded embroidery thread for the facial features and details
- Matching thread to suit your favourite applique stitching method
- Applique mat or Teflon sheet (optional, but highly recommended)
- General sewing supplies

Cutting Instructions for (1) Santa Sack

1. From the blue-on-blue fabric, cut:
   - (1) strip, 18 1/2in x WOF. Crosscut (2) 18 1/2in x 19 1/2in rectangles for the main body of the sack.
   - (1) strip, 5 1/2in x WOF. Crosscut (2) 5 1/2in x 19 1/2in rectangles for the main body of the sack.

2. From the red-on-red print fabric, cut:
   - (1) strip, 8 1/2in x WOF. Crosscut (2) 8 1/2in x 19 1/2in rectangles for the bottom of the sack.

3. From the orange stripe or green & white spot fabric, cut:
   - (1) strip, 1 1/2in x WOF. Crosscut (2) 1 1/2in x 19 1/2in rectangles for the main body of the sack.
   - (1) strip, 2 1/2in x WOF. Crosscut (2) 2 1/2in x 19in rectangles for the casing strips.

4. From the co-ordinating fabric, cut:
   - (2) strips, 19 1/2in x WOF. Crosscut (2) 19 1/2in x 32 1/2in rectangles for the lining.

5. From the cord for the drawstring, cut:
   - Two 1.8m (2 yard) lengths

How to Make the Santa Sack

1. Trace the applique shapes from the template pages onto the paper side of the fusible webbing using a sharp pencil; leave approx. 1/2in between each shape. When you have finished tracing, roughly cut out the individual shapes 1/4in outside the traced lines.

   You will need to trace (1) Summer Santa, his surfboard, and the sun for the Summer Santa sack; (1) Winter Santa and Christmas tree for the Winter Santa sack; plus a variety of letters, stars, and snowflakes for the back of the Santa sack.

2. Fuse the applique shapes to the wrong side of the fabrics you have chosen for the project following the manufacturer’s instructions. Cut the shapes out carefully on the lines when cool to the touch. Remove the backing paper from the applique shapes as you go.

3. Use the templates and the colour photographs as a guide to fuse the applique to the blue 18 1/2in x 19 1/2in background fabric. The bottom raw edge of the applique shapes align with the bottom raw edge of the background fabric. See Diagram 1 ►

4. Stitch around the applique shapes using your favourite method. I stitched around my shapes using machine blanket stitch and matching thread. Use a light, sharp pencil to draw the features on the characters, then backstitch using two strands of embroidery thread. Set aside.

A Note About Buttons

I like to use buttons on my projects but they aren’t suitable for children under three (3) years of age, due to them being a choking hazard.

Replace buttons with applique or embroidery when you are making the Santa sacks.
5. Sew buttons to Santa for eyes using strong thread. Knot securely! Replace the buttons with embroidery or applique if you are making the Santa sack for children under three (3) years of age, due to them being a choking hazard.

6. Pin and then sew the 5 1/2in x 19 1/2in blue rectangle to the top of the appliqued block. Press the seam open. Diagram 2.

7. Pin and then sew the 1 1/2in x 19 1/2in orange or green strip to the bottom of the appliqued block. Press the seams towards the orange/green fabric.

8. Pin and then sew the 8 1/2in x 19 1/2in red print rectangle to the bottom of the block. Press the seam towards the red fabric. Set aside.

Diagram 2 ▼

9. Repeat to make the back of the Santa sack. How you decorate the back of the Santa sack is your choice. You can choose to:
   (i) leave the back panel blank;
   (ii) applique another Santa to the back; or
   (iii) applique your child’s name and stars/snowflakes to the back of the Santa sack.

Once you have made the back of the Santa sack, set it aside.

Diagram 2 ▼

10. To make the casing strips, iron a double 1/4in hem on the short ends of each of the (2) 2 1/2in x 19in rectangles. Topstitch the hem in place using matching thread. Press

Turn over a 1/2in hem on both long edges of the casing strip, and press in place. Diagram 3.

11. Use the colour photograph as a guide to centre and pin a casing strip, right side facing up, to the front of the Santa sack.

12. When you are happy with its position, topstitch the casing in place using matching thread. Sew along the long top and bottom edges of the casing, stitching close to the edges. Leave the short ends open to thread the drawstring through.

13. Repeat for the back of the Santa sack, ensuring the casing strips on both the front and back of the Santa sack align.

Diagram 3 ▼►
14. Pin and then sew the front and back of the Santa Sack together, carefully matching the seams. Leave the top edge unsewn. Gently press the side and bottom seams.

15. Fold (1) bottom corner of the Santa sack so the side and bottom seams are centred on top of each other. Pin. This will form a triangle of fabric at the corner of the Santa sack. Diagram 4.

Measure 3 1/4in in from the tip and mark by drawing a line across the triangle of fabric. Pin, then sew across the line using small, secure stitches. I've sewn across the seam twice to add strength. Trim the fabric approx. 1/2in from the stitching line.

Repeat for the opposite bottom corner. This creates a 'paper bag' bottom. Turn the Santa sack right side out and press.

Diagram 4 ▼

16. Repeat Steps 14-15 to make the lining of the sack. Leave a 3in opening in one side seam for turning. When making the bottom of the lining, measure 3 1/2in in from the tip instead of 3 1/4in (Diagram 4).

**Leave the lining inside out** and carefully press the seams.

17. Place the front of the Santa sack inside the lining. The right side of the Santa Sack and the lining will be facing each other. Ensure the side seams match, pin to secure, then sew around the top edge using a 1/4in seam.

18. Turn the Santa sack right-side out through the opening in the lining. Hand-stitch the opening closed, then carefully press the seams. Push the lining into the Santa sack.

Press the seam at the top of the Santa sack (the opening), then topstitch close to the edge using matching thread to neaten.

19. Thread (1) drawstring cord through the front right-hand side of the casing, threading it around the Santa sack through both casings, and out through the back right-hand side.

Tie the ends of the drawstring together by tying them in a secure knot.

20. Repeat to thread the second piece of cord through the front left-hand side of the casing, around the Santa sack, then out through the back left-hand side.

Tie together as before. When you pull on each drawstring the Santa sack will close.

*Stuff with presents and treats to finish.*

*Merry Christmas!*

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**Tip**

Use a lightbox or sunny window to help trace the features on the applique shapes before you fuse them to the background block.
How to Print Templates from PDF Patterns

- All of the templates are provided at their full size. Make sure that your printer is set to print at 100% with no scaling or cropping.

- Some templates may be divided into two or more sections and will need to be joined to make the complete template. Simply match the shapes along the dashed or dotted lines, then use adhesive tape to stick them together. Occasionally a shape will distort a teeny bit in the printing process, simply adjust where necessary.
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SUMMER SANTA

The dashed lines indicate where I have topstitched decorative details to the shorts.

The chest hair and nipples are optional.
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SUMMER SANTA

The dashed lines indicate where I have topstitched decorative details to the flip-flops.

▼ the dotted line indicates where Santa’s shorts overlap his leg shapes ▼
SUMMER SANTA

Surfboard Top

The dashed lines indicate where I have topstitched decorative details to the surfboard. I stitched just outside the blanket stitch when stitching around the board and down the middle stripe.

Join the two surfboard templates together here ▼
WINTER SANTA

The dashed lines indicate where I have topstitched decorative details to Santa’s pants.

Join the two surfboard templates together here.
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WINTER SANTA

▲ the dotted line indicates where Santa’s beard overlaps his body shape ▲
WINTER SANTA

Use the photograph as a guide to fuse the belt buckle to Santa.

Its position on the template is **not** where it belongs on the actual applique.

The dotted line indicates where Santa’s shirt overlap his leg shapes.
WINTER SANTA

Christmas Tree Top

The dashed lines indicate where I have topstitched decorative details to the tree. I stitched just outside the blanket stitch when stitching around the tree.

Join the two tree templates together here ▼
WINTER SANTA

Christmas Tree Bottom

The dashed lines indicate where I have topstitched decorative details to the tree. I stitched just outside the blanket stitch when stitching around the tree.
Resize the letters where necessary to fit your Santa sack.
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A variety of snowflake and star templates are provided for use on the back of the Santa sack.