

Fun in the Sun

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Skill Level: Beginner-Intermediate

Summer is the perfect time for fun sunglasses and this free pattern includes just that, three pairs of vintage-inspired sunglasses to make a summery wallhanging.

This is a great pattern to try out paper piecing if you haven't before. You can be bold with your color choices, mix prints, and the lenses are the perfect spots for a large-scale print or for fussy cutting.

Materials:

Background fabric - 1 yard (Kona Cotton Shadow)

Frames fabric - ½ yard (Kona Cotton White)

Lenses fabric - ½ yard (Art Gallery Here Comes the Fun Improv Strokes Berry)

Backing - ½ yard (Art Gallery Here Comes the Fun Happy Whisper)

Batting - Warm & Natural Cotton Batting Baby/Crib Size

Strips for Paper Piecing (not necessary, but can help speed up construction):

Frames fabric -

- 5-6 - 2½" WOF

Background fabric -

- 6 - 3" WOF

Lenses fabric -

- 6 - fussy cut squares

Borders:

Print fabric -

- 2 - 22 x 1"
- 2 - 15½ x 1"

Background fabric -

- 2 - 23¼ x 2"
- 2 - 18½ x 2"

Double Fold Binding:

- 4 - 2" WOF strips

Instructions:

Print the pattern on letter paper (8.5 x 11") - you can also scale the pattern larger or smaller depending on what size you'd like the finished project to be (the fabric cuts would just need to be adjusted).

Piece the left, right, and center pieces, and then attach each side to the center. Remember to shorten your stitch length, to make it easier to remove the papers later. To help minimize the stitches from showing when you press the seam, I like to loosen up the paper that is along the seam.

Once all the sunglasses are done, remove the papers. A tweezers will help get the smaller pieces. Attach the three sunglasses together, press the seams to one side, and trim the edges if needed.

Next attach the borders, starting with the 1" decorative border. Attach the sides, and then the top and bottom. Do the same with the background border.

Press the top and make your quilt sandwich. Baste and quilt (big stitch quilting with a bright thread could be a lot of fun with this pattern!).

Finish up with the binding and you have a fun wallhanging to brighten the end of summer!

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