

“Making Faces”

A Creative Project

This fun project lets you use your imagination to it's fullest. These are designed to be “Fantasy Faces” in any style you want. Make them as zany as you desire. They can represent a real person or be one of total fantasy. You can include fabric or objects that have a relationship to the person or just make it as whacky as you want. This is also a great way to use up those scraps sitting in a bag or in the plastic bin.

You don't have to make the features look realistic. They can be wonky. Crazy lips, noses, eyes and ears all add to the whimsy of this project. There is no right or wrong way to make these creations. The only requirement is to have fun!

Maximum size – A rectangle no larger than 18” x 24”. (If you make it smaller, you'll find yourself cutting “tiny” pieces)

The easiest way to create your masterpiece is by using raw edge applique that is fused to a background. But you can use any method you want.

Supplies you'll need:

Fabric

Marking Pen – e.g., Frixion (heat removable) or a water removable pen

Sharpie pen

Fusible web (Wonder Under, Appliweb or any other brand – follow mfg directions)

Thread

Parchment or a pressing sheet to keep from damaging your iron or ironing board

Paper for drawing original design

Freezer paper for making templates

Directions:

- Sketch out a design then draw the main outlines with a sharpie. If you trace this design on freezer paper you can cut out the various shapes and use them as templates; e.g. shape of face, eyes, nose, mouth, ears and any other features. Just iron the freezer paper on top of your fabric and cut. Some shapes may need to be cut larger so you can overlap them thus preventing “gaps”; e.g the neck can be tucked under the head.

- Create a pieced background. This can be a crazy mix of fabric. You can seam the pieces or overlap and topstitch. Keep them large so your face doesn't get lost in a lot of little pieces. Also, keep in mind the placement of values so your face will stand out visually.
- Once the design is to your liking, fuse it per the manufacturer's directions.
- You can use fibers other than woven fabrics to create hair and other features. Let your imagination have a field day!
- If you plan on attaching charms or other 3-dimensional items wait until after you've done your quilting.
- Make a quilt sandwich with batting and backing
- Quilt as desired – again, have fun.
- Bind or finish raw edge any way you want. There are no rules!

Attached are several pages of facial features and head shapes in case you aren't able to come up with your own images. These were created by Alex Anderson and are free. Enlarge or shrink as needed. Also attached are some pictures of faces to jump start your creativity.