

SUZAN QUILTS... Yet Another 12 Days of Christmas Day 3



Santa Block

Cutting

Background fabric

With template from Day 1, cut 1 Tiny Tree Background & 1 Tiny Tree Background reversed.
Cut 1 rec. 2 3/4" x 5"
Cut 2 recs. 1 1/4" x 4 1/4".

Hat fabric

With template from Day 1, cut 1 Tiny Tree.

Beard fabric

Cut 1 strip 2" x 8".
Cut 6 Tiny Dresden petals with Day 2 Tiny Dresden template, or use Suzn Quilts' Tiny Dresden template #216.

Rotate template on the strip to cut the petals.

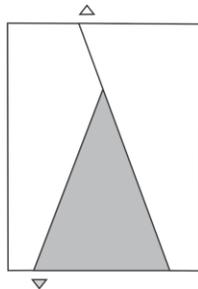


Nose fabric

Cut 1 sq. 2" x 2".

Make The Santa Hat

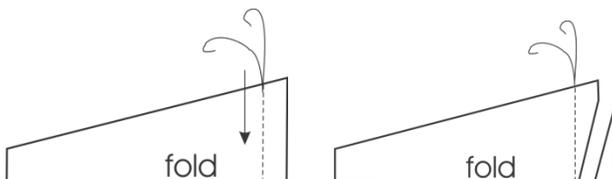
Follow instructions for Tiny Tree Block Day 1, making just the top of the tree to make the Santa hat.



This unit should measure 3 1/2" x 4 1/4".

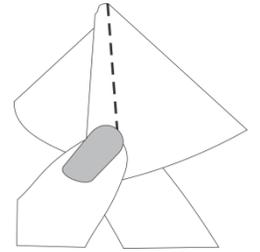
Sew The Tiny Dresden Beard Petals

Fold each petal in half, right sides together as shown below then stitch, with small stitches, toward the fold. Chain stitch petals to save thread & time.

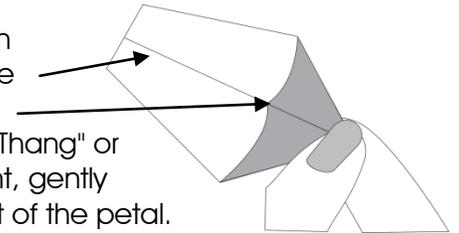


Trim seam allowance away at point. Press the seam flat as sewn then press the entire fold to make crease for aligning purposes later. The Mighty Steam Iron is a great light-weight iron for this task!

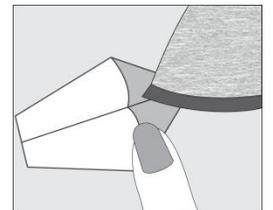
While holding the seam allowance to one side, turn the petal right-side-out.



Once turned, align the pressed crease with the seam. Using "That Purple Thang" or another blunt point, gently poke out the point of the petal.



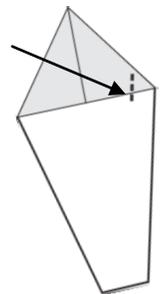
Still aligning the fold line and the seam, finger press the point between your thumbnail and index finger a couple of times until it is flat. This will set the seam.



Keeping the seam aligned with the pressed crease, press with iron. Press out the crease now too.

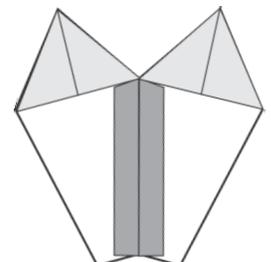
Make The Tiny Beard

Sew together 2 petals, starting 3 stitches from edge, backstitch to edge, then sew the entire seam to avoid thread tails on outer edge of plate.



Press each seam flat as sewn, then press it open as shown.

Don't trim these seams!

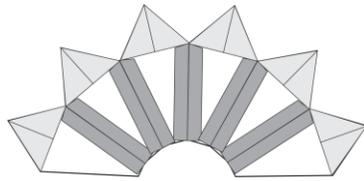


Measure for accuracy by laying pairs of petals over illustration at right to be sure you are sewing accurate scant 1/4" seams.



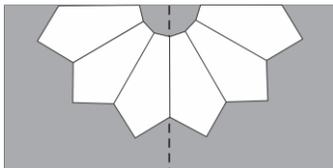
If your petal units are larger, your seam allowance is too small. If your petal units are smaller your seam allowance is too big.

When your seam allowance is just right, sew the 3 pairs of petals together. Press again.



Appliqué The Tiny Dresden Beard

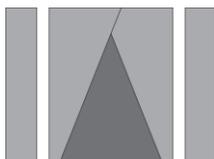
Fold 2 3/4" x 5" bkgd. rec. in half. Finger press the center line as shown below, then position the half plate on bkgd. rec. Glue edge only of half plate to bkgd. rec.



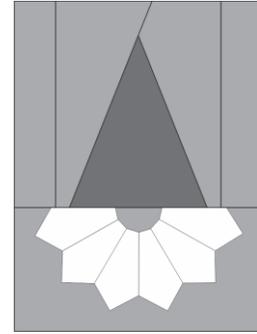
Appliqué the beard to the plate using thread that matches the beard fabric. I prefer a *tiny* blind hem stitch. Done small enough it resembles hand stitching. Some machines do not allow altering of stitch length or width to make this possible. In that instance I suggest using either a small zigzag or another stitch or hand stitch to the bkgd.

Assemble The Santa Block

Sew Santa hat between the 1 1/4" x 4 1/4" bkgd. recs. Press the seams away from the hat.



Sew hat unit to beard unit. Press seam toward hat.

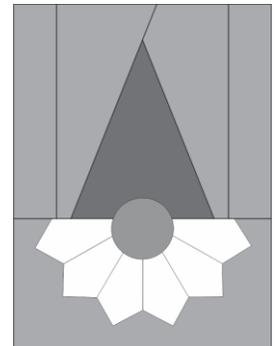


Make & Appliqué The Santa Nose

Using the 1" circle template Day 2, cut 1, 1" circle from freezer paper. (Do not add seam allowance). Press wax side of circle template to wrong side of nose fabric.

Cut out circle with 1/4" seam allowance. With Roxanne™ or other fabric glue, glue seam allowance to paper side of template. Appliqué Bars make this task much easier!

Align then glue edge only of 1" circle on the Santa block.



Block should measure 5" x 6 1/2".

Make 1.

Appliqué the same way the beard was stitched with thread matching nose fabric.

Dampen the circle. Let it rest a few minutes then remove the paper template. A slight pull diagonally on the block will release the paper. Let the plate dry, then press it again with Mary Ellen's Best Press.

Pressing wet blocks will distort them!

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