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**Block of the
Month Club**



Award Shelf by Becky Glasby

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Becky Glasby is a self-taught quilter who turned her love of quilting from a personal hobby into a professional career at the National Quilt Museum.

At NQM Becky works to inspire the next generation of quilters and promote the art of quilting through: youth & adult tours, hands-on programs, community collaborations, Summer Quilt Camps for kids, the Block of the Month Club program, and coordinating the annual School Block Challenge.

Becky had a solo exhibition of her quilts at The National Quilt Museum, and has exhibited several quilts in shows across the country.

Award Shelf



Who doesn't love the thrill of winning a prize? Maybe you've won a trophy as an official award for a sporting event, for music, for quilting, at a county fair, at work, or maybe it was a fun award at quilt guild. Maybe you don't have any medals or trophies on your shelf - no problem. Take this block as a reason to create an award for yourself. Customize the trophy to reflect your interests and achievements.

No matter the reason, any accomplishment is worth celebrating!

This block uses both hand and fusible appliqué, but feel free to use whichever method you prefer. There's a little bit of extra stuffing, or *trapunto*, bringing some added dimension to the ribbon.

Materials

Fusible

Marking tool

Sharp scissors

Needle & thread to match ribbon for hand appliqué

Fabric

Background - blue

1 - 6 ½" x 12 ½"

2 - 5 ½" x 10 ½"

2 - 1 ½" x 5", sides of trophy base A

2 - 1 ½" x 5 ½", sides of trophy base B

4 - 2" x 3 ½" - corners for trophy base A & B

Podium/Shelf - Red

2 - 5 ½" x 2 ½"

1 - 6 ½" x 4 ½"

Trophy Base A

1 - 3 ½" x 5"

Trophy Base B

1 - 3 ½" x 5 ½"

Trophy A - Fused Appliqué

1 - 10" square

Trophy B - Fused Appliqué

1 - 4" square - thread spool

2 - 4" x 2" - spool ends

Ribbon

Ribbon Ties

2 - 6" x 1 ¾"

Ribbon Backing - Fused

Appliqué

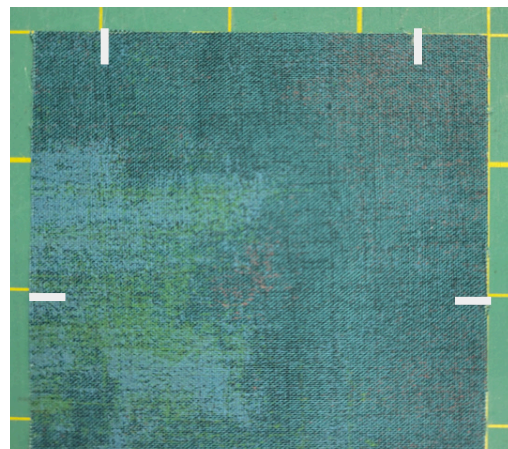
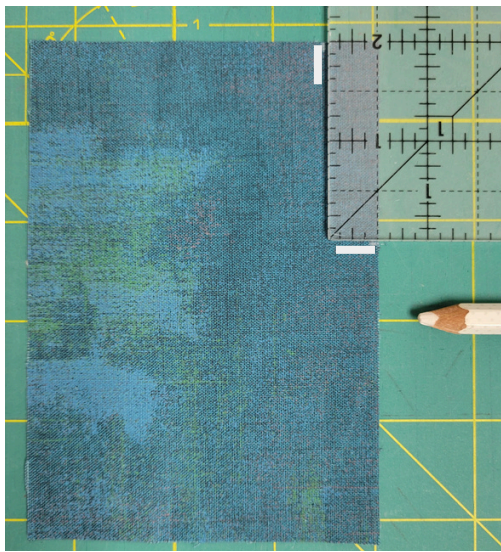
6" square

3 ¼" Circle -see template

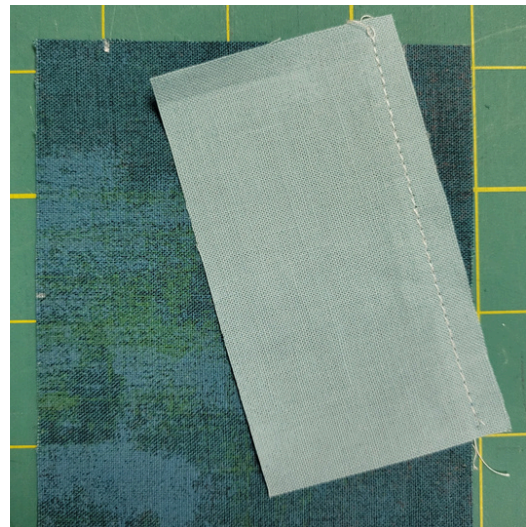
2 ⅝" Circle of batting -see template

Directions

1. Lay trophy base A (3 ½" x 5") on the table with the 3 ½" short side at the top. Measure in from the right top corner ½" and mark. From the top right corner measure down 2" and mark. Repeat measuring and marking from the top left corner.



2. Take 2 of the 2" x 3 ½" background corner pieces, and align the long edge from one mark to the other on the right side. Stitch in place.

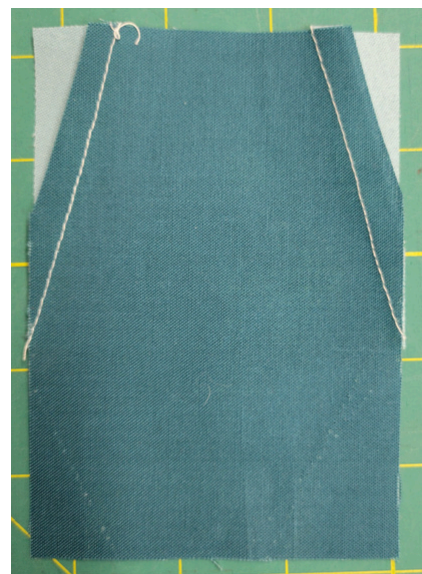
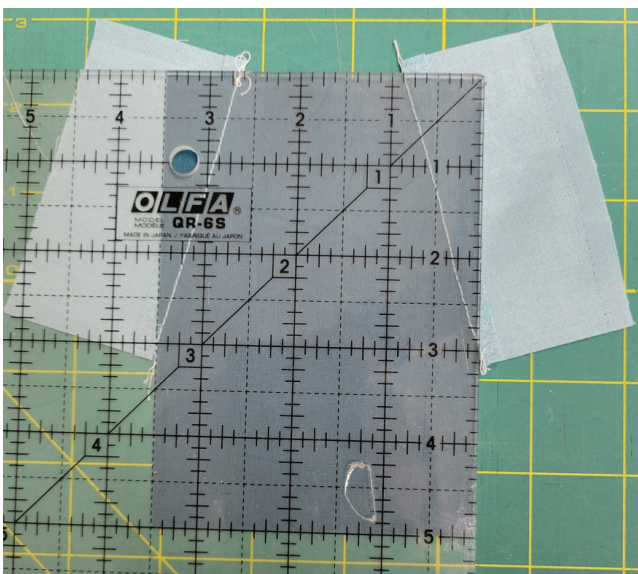


Directions

3. Align the second background corner piece along the left side marks and stitch in place. Press both pieces open.

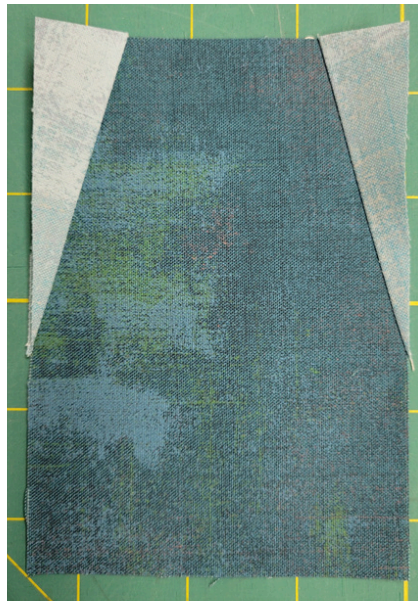


4. Flip the unit to the back side to trim away the excess corners. Trophy base A should measure 3 1/2" x 5" in size. Once the unit is the correct size, trim away the excess base fabric from underneath the corner piece.

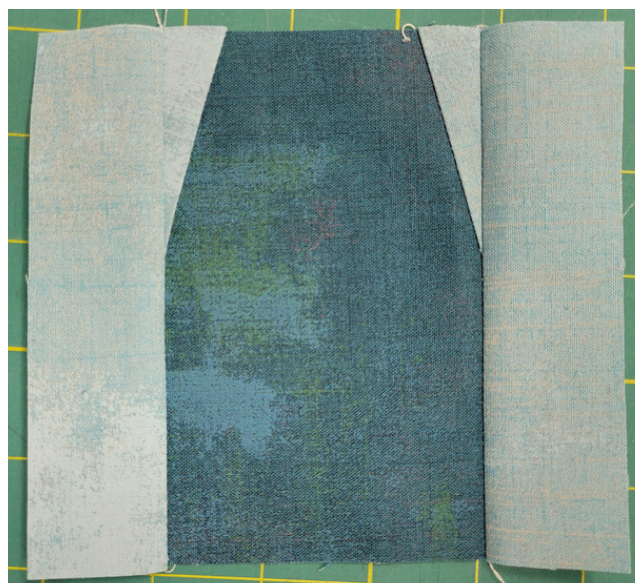


Directions

5. Repeat Steps 1 - 4 with trophy base B. When trimming, this unit should measure 3 ½" x 5 ½" in size.



6. Stitch the 1 ½" x 5" background strips to either side of trophy base A. Stitch the 1 ½" x 5 ½" background strips to either side of trophy base B.



Directions

7. Place the background pieces out in three columns:

Podium base 2 ½" x 5 ½", trophy base A, background 5 ½" x 10 ½"

Podium base 6 ½" x 4 ½", background 6 ½" x 12 ½"

Podium base 2 ½" x 5 ½", trophy base B, background 5 ½" x 10 ½"



8. Stitch each column together, then join the three columns to create the main block background, trim as needed to measure 16 ½" square.



Directions

9. Trace trophy A outline onto the paper side of the fusible. Trace the arms separately. Cut out each shape, leaving about $\frac{1}{4}$ " of space outside the drawn line.

10. Iron the fusible shapes to the wrong side of the fabric. Let cool completely. Cut out the shapes on the lines and peel the paper off the backs. Set aside.



11. Add fusible to the back of the fabrics for trophy B, the thread spool and spool ends.

Cut Thread spool to measure $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x 4".

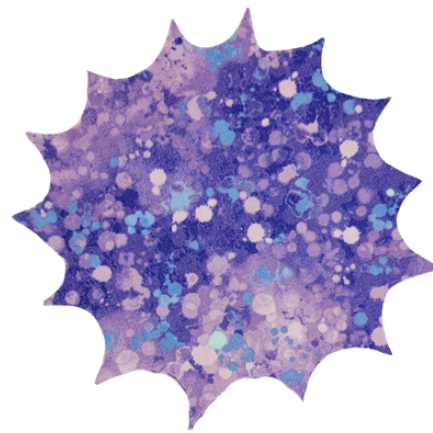
Cut the spool ends to measure $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{3}{4}$ ", then round the ends.



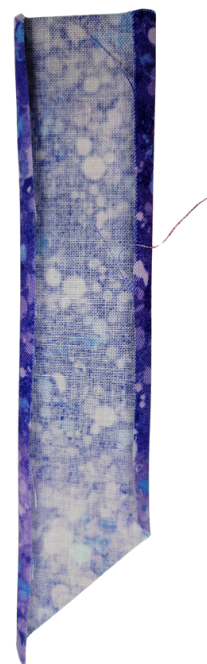
12. Cut out the ribbon center circle or trace it onto some cardstock and use as a template to cut out the ribbon center circle in fabric. Repeat with the batting circle.

Directions

13. Trace the ribbon backing onto the paper side of the fusible. Cut out with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " margin outside the drawn line. Now, cut out the center of the shape, leaving about $\frac{1}{4}$ " inside the drawn line. This reduces the fusible bulk. Then fuse to the wrong side of the fabric. Once cool, cut out the shape on the lines and then peel the paper off the back.



14. Make the ribbon ties by cutting a 45 degree angle on one short end of each piece. Then press the long sides, and the angled end under a $\frac{1}{4}$ ".



Directions

15. Set the ribbon backing in place, but do not iron yet. Take the ribbon ends and place where desired, tucking the top edge underneath the ribbon backing. Once satisfied, pin the ribbon ties in place and remove the ribbon backing.



16. Hand appliqué the ribbon ties to the background. Use a thread that matches the tie fabric and stitch the three sides that were pressed under, leaving the short end that goes under the ribbon backing loose. Take your time manipulating the fabric at the corners so they are tucked under, adding an extra stitch at the corners to help secure them.



Directions

17. Set the ribbon backing back in place, making sure it overlaps the tops of the ribbon ties, then fuse with the iron.



18. Next, take the ribbon circle and pin it in place on top of the ribbon backing. Use your fingers to turn an edge under to start, then use the needle to turn under the edge as you go. Move slowly, and about every 3 stitches turn the fabric edge underneath itself and even it out with the needle to create a smooth curve.



Directions

19. Once you're about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way around the circle, place the batting circle inside the ribbon circle. Carefully wiggle the batting into place, and then continue to appliqué the circle to complete the ribbon.

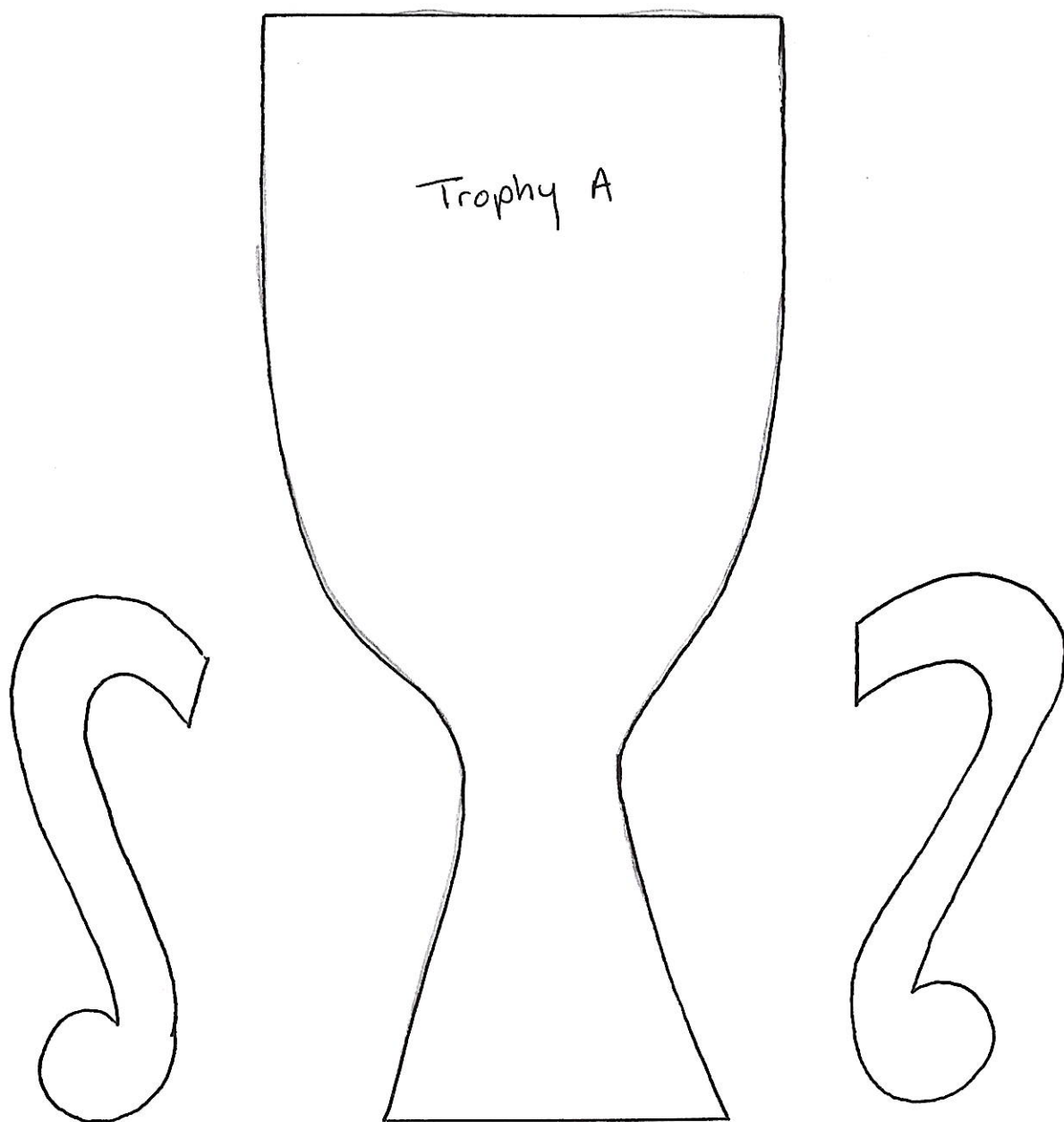
If you're fusing the center circle, skip the batting at this step.

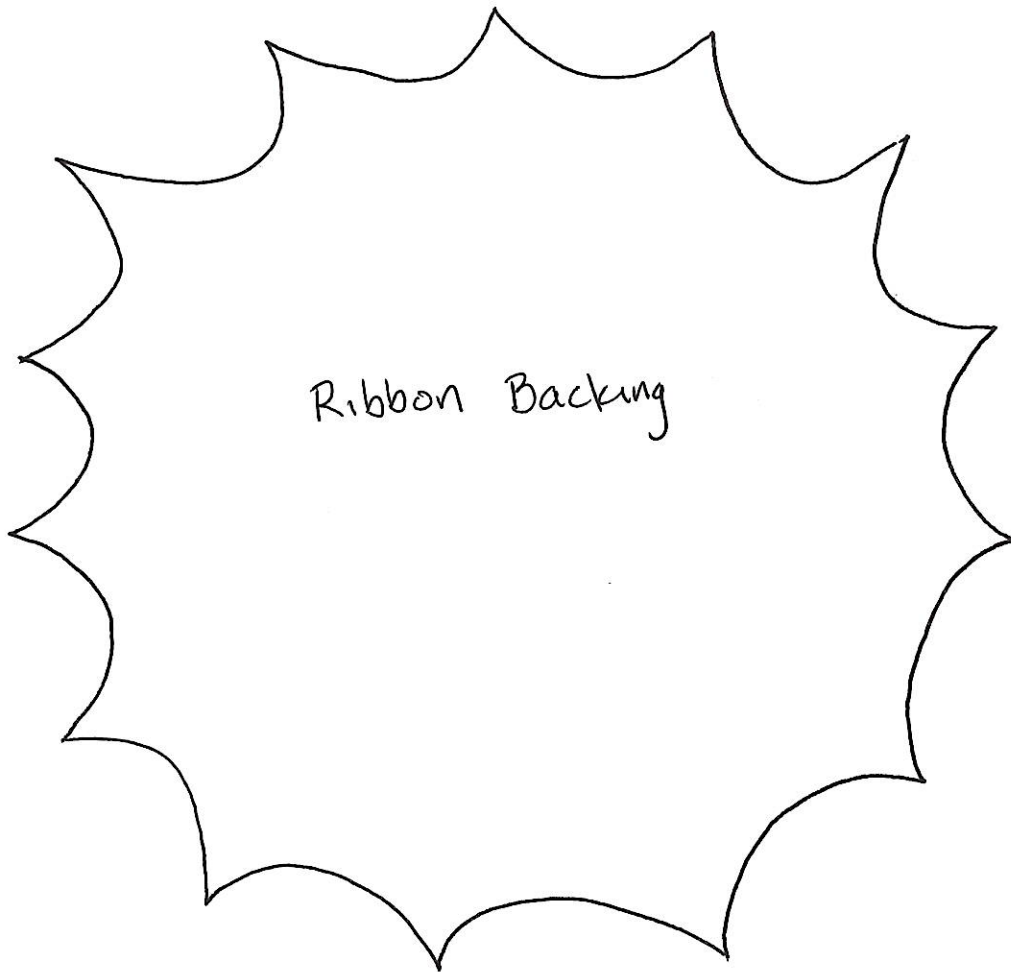


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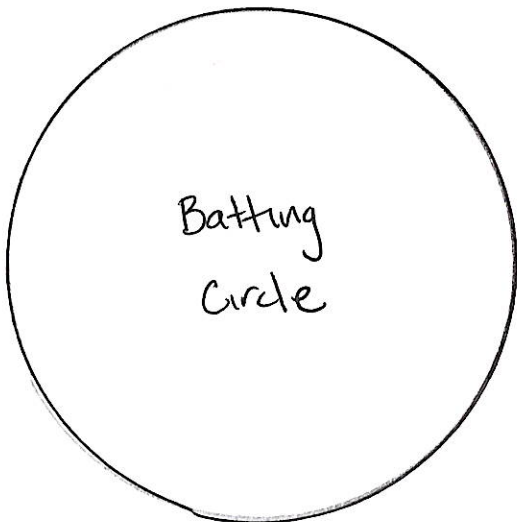
20. Set the pieces for trophy A and trophy B in place, adjusting as needed. Then press them with the iron to secure in place. The block is complete!



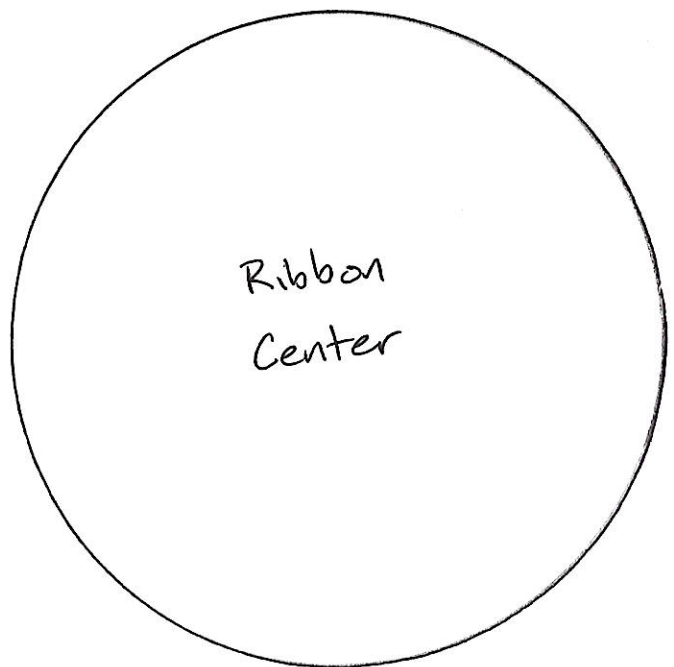




Ribbon Backing



Batting
Circle



Ribbon
Center