

First Frontier Quilters Nametag Pattern

The paper pattern provided can be used as your foundation for paper piecing your nametag or you may wish to make a muslin foundation following the guidelines provided. Paper foundation is best done on the machine with a shortened stitch. Muslin foundations can be hand pieced.

Material List

4 1/2 -5" square of muslin	Tree fabric, small piece
4 1/2 -5" backing square any choice fabric	Grass or ground (this where your name will be)
4" circle of yellow for sun	Binding to finish the edge
Yellow fabrics for sun rays, strips wider than ray width	Pin back or cording for hanging around your neck
Hill fabric, small piece	
Small pieces to construct the house	

3 1/4" cardboard circle for making the sun, transfer pencil for making muslin pattern

General directions

To make a copy of the original pattern trace all lines of the pattern with an iron-on transfer pencil. Some copy machines put on enough ink that the copy will iron on without the transfer pencil. Press muslin square to smooth and pre-warm. With the copy face down, press onto the muslin using the cotton setting. Peek at the corners to be sure of transfer. Design will appear reversed.

Using either paper or muslin patterns you add fabric to the blank side and sew from the printed side. This method is often called "flip and sew". Be sure fabrics pieces are larger than the area they cover for the seam allowance. It helps to hold the piece up to the light and position. Stitch on the drawn line, just beyond any intersections. Check that fabric covers area, and then trim the seam to a scant 1/4". Follow the numbered stitching order. This pattern combines stitching and appliqué.

Piece the sun rays. Run a gathering stitch around the edge of the 4" sun circle, then shape over the cardboard circle. Press. Remove the cardboard and position over the raw edges of the sun rays. Appliqué in place from just below the hill to grass line. Sew the small hill in place. Appliqué the tree into position. (The bottom and one corner are covered by house and grass.) Stitch sections of the house together, making it easier to handle, then appliqué the house to the sun. The raw edges of the hill, house and tree will be covered as you flip and sew the grass strip in place. Baste outer edge and square your block to 4". Add your name with embroidery or permanent fabric pen. Back the pieced block. Light batting can be added and you may wish to add some quilting or embellishment. Bind the edges and add the hanger or pin back.

