

Blowing Bubbles!

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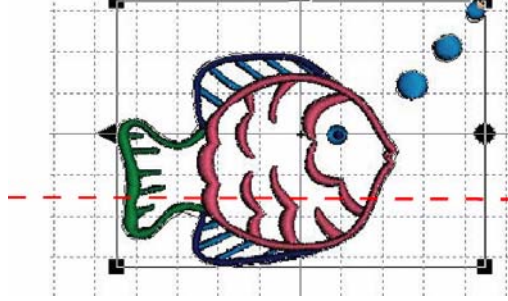
Turn a “blah” towel into a Bubbly Beauty! Just add an appliqué and a fabric border. Choose a “fancy” linen towel for “decoration”, or terry towel to enjoy every day!

Sewing Supplies:

Hand Towel
40 wt. Rayon Embroidery Thread
Fabric scraps for Border and Applique
Inspira Aqua Magic Stabilizer
Bobbin Thread
Sewing Thread
Edge Stitching Foot #412 79 67-45
1/4” wide Steam-A-Seam
Left Edge Topstitch Foot #412 78 42-45



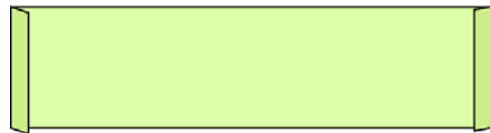
Embroider:

1. Print a template of the Fish design (Free Monthly Design August 2008). Decide on the placement of your fish. It will “hang” off the edge of the towel, as it does on our towels. The appliqué will have fabric only, “off the edge” of the towel. The edge of the towel should be along the dotted line.
 
2. Thread with 40 wt. rayon embroidery thread on top and bobbin thread in the bobbin.
3. Hoop two layers of Aqua Magic Stabilizer. Touch FIX to baste the towel to the stabilizer. The basting will go off the edge of the towel, and stitch on the stabilizer only, on the bottom section of the design.
4. Place your “fin” colored fabric on top of the towel. It needs to cover the whole fish area. This will be the base fabric underneath the whole design as well as the fin

- appliqué fabric. It is needed because the bottom of the fish “hangs” off the edge of the towel. Stitch color one.
5. After color one is complete and stops trim away the excess appliqué fabric but **DON'T** cut into the stabilizer.
 6. Color two traces the fin areas.
 7. Color three stitches the stripes in the fins.
 8. Color four traces the area where you need to place the fish body fabric. At the end of color four, place the fabric for the fish body.
 9. Color five stitches down the fish body. When the machine stops, trim the excess appliqué fabric.
 10. Color six stitches the “scallops” in the body.
 11. Color seven traces the area for the tail fabric. When the machine stops, lay the fabric for the tail.
 12. Color eight stitches the tail fabric in place. When the machine stops, trim the excess fabric.
 13. Color nine satin stitches around the tail.
 14. Color ten satin stitches around the fins.
 15. Color eleven satin stitches around the body.
 16. Color twelve stitches the outer eye and the bubbles.
 17. Color thirteen stitches the inner eye.
 18. Remove the towel from the hoop and trim the stabilizer as close as possible.

Border:

1. Thread with sewing thread top and bobbin.
2. Measure along the bottom of the towel to the appliqué on each side. Add 1/2” to that measurement.
3. Cut border fabric that measurement x 3” wide. Fold in each short end 1/4” to the wrong side and press.



4. Fold the strip in half, lengthwise, wrong sides together and press.
5. Place the border on the wrong side of the towel matching the raw edges of the border to the bottom of the towel. Snap on your Edge Stitching Foot. Select straight stitch, center needle position. Stitch the border fabric to the towel on each side of the appliqué.
6. Bring the border around to the right side of the towel matching the fold of the border to the stitching line, or just above the stitching line. Press.
7. Place Steam-A-Seam on the wrong side of the binding. Press lightly with a dry iron. Remove the paper and fuse the binding in place so the fold just covers the first stitching line.
8. Snap on your Left Edge Topstitch Foot. Select a decorative stitch. We used X1:13 from the Designer Diamond. Stitch the border in place.