

Paradise Reef

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Finished Size About 55" x 48"

Supplies for "Paradise Reef"

CJ3833 "Paradise Reef" - 2 yards

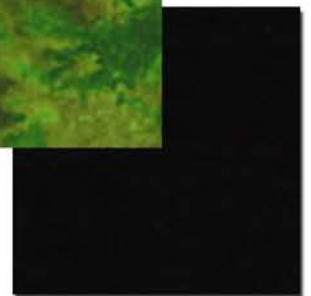
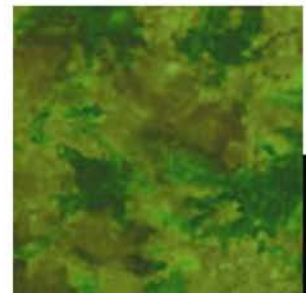
CJ3834 "Coral Paradise" - 3/4 yard

C3060 "Water Spot" color Moss - 1/4 yard

Jet Black (for Border, Binding and Tabs) 1-1/8 yards

Backing Fabric 2-7/8 yards

Fusible Web 5 yards



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This quilt is another great Quick Fuse Seascape Quilt following the patterns found in Rob's new book "Making Waves...the Adventures of a Surf Quilter"

Here are a few simple steps to follow to create your own paradise using this awesome technique.



First build your background canvas from a yard of the "Paradise Reef" print, cut to center the family of clown fish, and two strips (one for either side) of "Coral Paradise" and the top section of "Paradise Reef". Please note that the measurements seen in the diagram can be flexible to help your quilt fit your needs.



Apply fusible web to the back side of all of your scraps from the "Paradise Reef" and "Coral Paradise." Create appliqués by cutting large sections from "Coral Paradise" to set on top of the horizontal seams in the background. Use big cutouts of the fish and corals from "Paradise Reef" to help fill in the reef. Try to use the appliqués to hide the seams in your background, as well as balance the colors in your project.



Finish your quilt by filling in the spaces underwater with more small cuttings from the remaining fabrics. Make sure to place the fish in a variety of locations. Once you are satisfied with your scene, press down the appliqués following the manufacturer's instructions on the fusible web. Square up the quilt top, then add on your inner border of "Water Spot" color Moss, and exterior border of "Jet Black." Sandwich and quilt. Make sure to anchor your appliqués down with your free-motion machine quilting.