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QUILTS & PATTERNS

PLAYGROUND SKILLBUILDER

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CHEATER ORANGE PEELS

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In the interest of finishing the pattern we'll be taking a few shortcuts. We are going to piece the background of the orange peels and then applique the orange peels on top of the background.

COLOR GUIDE

CUTTING CHART

C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6
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(1) 14¼ x 21"	(5) Template	(2) Template	(4) Template	(4) Template	(2) Template (2) 2¼ x 21 (2) 2¼ x 17¾

CUTTING INSTRUCTION

Print the template at actual size or 100% per your printers instructions. There is a one inch print test square to check your printer's accuracy. If you haven't used templates before or are unsure of how steady you can be with a rotary cutter directly I recommend tracing the peel template onto your fabric and then using your traced lines to cut it out.

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PIECING INSTRUCTION

1. Sew the C1 14¼ x 21" rectangle between the two 2¼ x 21" C6 strips using 1/4 inch seam allowance. Press open. It should measure 17¾ x 21."

2. Sew the 2¼ x 17¾" strips to the top and bottom of the unit from the previous step. It should measure 17¾ x 24½ ."

3. Prepare the peels using the freezer paper applique method. You can see a full tutorial for the method in the blog post I wrote for WeAllSew here.

4. Fold your background into quarters and press to give you good crease lines to line up the petals in the next step.

5. Find the center of the lime peel by folding it in half and pressing it to form a crease. Line the crease up with the horizontal center crease on the background so that the points of the petal also line up with the vertical center crease on the background. Pin or glue baste. Add the pink and dark teal peels so that their points are right next to the points of the lime peel. Pin or glue baste.

6. Place the top and bottom petals of the center circles on top of your background to gauge the distance for the outer peels. Find the center of the outer peels (orange and dark teal) as you did before and adjust your peels so that the center crease of the outer peels is along the center crease of the background fabric and all the circles points are next to one another. It might take some minor adjusting until you get it just right. Once you do, pin or glue baste.

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7. Place and adjust the remaining peels so that their points touch the other peels and form circles. Again, it will take some minor adjusting to get it just right. The top and bottom of the background should have 1/4 inch of extra fabric beyond the orange peels that will be the seam allowance when sewn into the quilt. The sides of the background will actually have 3/8 inch of extra fabric so that the block is the correct measurements.

Use a blanket stitch or zig zag with invisible thread to sew your peels to the background. I suggest backing the entire piece with freezer paper or another stabilizer first so that it doesn't bunch up. You can see a full tutorial for this on the WeAllSew blog here.

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