

Mardi Gras Baubles & Beads

This is a fun and easy project that makes a bright table runner.

Supplies

2 fat quarters or 1/3 yard background fabric (green)
 1 fat quarter or 1/3 yard for coins, side rectangles (purple)
 1 fat quarter 1/8 yard for beads (yellow)

3/8 yard backing
 13" x 42" batting
 Accu Go circle temple or other circle cutting tool
 3/4 yard Fusible web (Wonder Under or Steam a Seam)

Getting ready

Cutting fabric and fusible web

Background Fabric (green) -- Cut two strips 5.5" x WOF (width of fabric), and sub-cut each into eight 5.5" x 9.5" rectangles. These are the green background rectangles.

Background and coin fabric (purple) -- Cut the following:

- One strip 5.5" x WOF, and sub-cut into eight 5.5" x 3.5" rectangles. These are the purple background rectangles.
- Eight 3" circles from leftover fabric.

Bead Fabric (Yellow) -- Cut eight 2" circles.

Fusible web -- Cut the following:

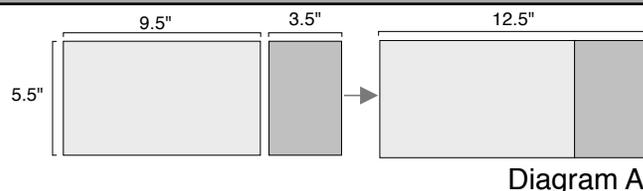
- Eight 3" circles
- Eight 2" circles

Preparing the circles

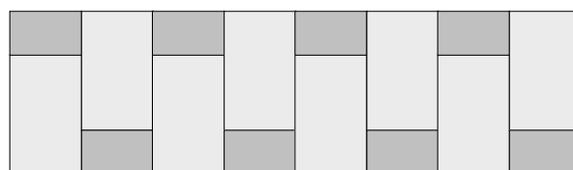
Following the manufacturer's instructions, press a 2" fusible web circle to each of the 2" fabric circles. Repeat for the 3" fusible web and fabric circles.

Assembly

Making the background strips -- Using a 1/4" seam, sew a green 5.5" x 9.5" background strip to a purple 5.5" x 3.5" strip, along the 5.5" side. Repeat for the remaining background rectangles, until you have a total of eight 12.5" x 5.5" background rectangles. See Diagram A.

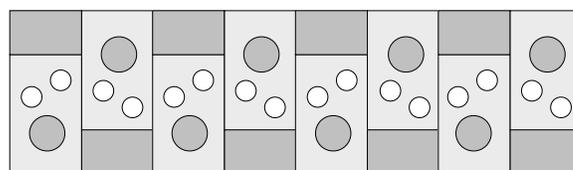


Attaching the background strips -- Sew all the background rectangles to each other, along the 12.5" side, alternating the direction of the purple rectangle. See Diagram B.



Attaching the coins & beads -- Following the manufacturer's instructions for the fusible web:

- Press the purple coin circles on each background strip, about 1.75" from the outer edge.
- Press the yellow bead circles on each background strip, between the outer rectangle and the coins, so that the beads form a wavy line down the center of the runner. See Diagram C.



Quilting

Sandwich the backing fabric, batting, and the quilt top together. Free motion quilt the entire table runner, except for the coins and beads. Optionally, you can also blanket stitch around the coins and beads, and stitch in the ditch along the rectangles. Bind the runner with binding fabric. For great instructions on binding, go to www.ameliescott.com.

Now, Enjoy!