



Technique:	Sewing
Designed By:	Linda Turner Griepentrog
Skill Level:	Experienced Beginner
Crafting Time:	Weekend
Finished size:	8" (96.52cm) long (including tails, but not including hanger), 7" (17.78cm) diameter

Featuring Coats® Outdoor Thread

Nothing beats a colorful windsock to add fun to a patio or front porch and this little fishy would be pleased in to blow in the wind at your house. Sew with Coats® Outdoor thread and it will last for many years to come.

Supplies

- **Coats® Outdoor Thread**
- ¾ yd (80.01cm) yellow ripstop
- ¼ yd (22.86cm) each: hot pink, orange and lime green ripstop
- ½ yd (11.43cm) white ripstop
- 1 pair googly eyes, 1½" (3.8cm)
- 7" (17.78cm) Susan Bates® embroidery hoop
- Craft glue
- Medium-weight fishing line
- Topstitching needle, Size 16
- Hand-sewing needle

Cutting

From yellow ripstop, cut:

- (1) square, 24" (60.96cm)
- (5) strips, 2½" x 16" (6.35cm x 40.64cm), angle one end

From orange, lime green, and hot pink ripstop, cut:

- (40) circles total, 3½" (8.89) diameter
- (14) strips total, 2½" x 16" (6.35cm x 40.64cm)

From white ripstop, cut:

- (2) circles, 3½" (8.89cm) diameter

TIPS

- Pin only within the seams.
- Be sure to use Coats® Outdoor Thread so the sun doesn't damage stitching. Use a size 16 Topstitching needle.
- Lengthen your stitch to 4mm.
- Press ripstop only with a cool-warm dry iron, as it's easily melted.



Embellishing the Fish

1. Fold the 24" (60.96cm) yellow square in half. Position a 3½" (8.89cm) white ripstop circle 4" (10.16cm) from one end and 4" (10.16cm) in from the fold on each side. Stitch around the circle ⅛" (.32cm) from the edge to create the eye background.
2. Glue a googly eye in each circle at approximately the same location and let dry thoroughly.
3. Hem the lower edge of the square by turning up ½" (1.27cm) and stitching ¼" (.64cm) from the fold.
4. Open the square flat and chalk-mark a line 9" (22.86cm) from the upper edge. Draw four other parallel lines 2" (5.08cm) apart below the first line.
5. Fold all the 3½" (8.89cm) circles to make a ¼" (.64cm)-deep pleat in the top and pin close to the edge.
6. Lay out the pleated circles along the lower marked line with the edges touching. Do not extend the circles into the ½" (1.27cm) side seam areas. Sew across the upper edges of the circles along the drawn line.
7. Lay out the circles along the second line, staggering the locations from the first line. Sew across the upper edges of the circles. Repeat for all the lines.

Assembling the Fish Tails

8. Fold each 2½" x 16" (6.35cm x 40.64cm) strip in half at the straight end and pin at the top. Mixing up the colors, sew across the top of the folded strips, abutting the edges, to create a line of tail strips.
9. Place the tail strip under the lower fish hem area and overlap the hem ½" (1.27cm). Double stitch across the lower edge ⅛" (.32cm) and ⅜" (.95cm) from the fold. Keep the strip edges out of the seam allowance.

Assembling the Fish

10. Fold the fish in half right sides together and fold the scales out of the seam area. Sew a ½" (1.27cm) seam. Sew again ⅛" (.32cm) away and trim the seam.
11. Using only the center section of the embroidery hoop, place the circle inside the upper fish edge. Fold the ripstop over the hoop 1" (2.54cm). Hand sew two rows of stitching just below the hoop about ¼" (.64cm) apart.
12. Cut 4 lengths of fishing line, each 48" (121.92cm) long. Fold each line in half and thread the loop through a needle. At approximately quarter points of the hoop, thread the fishing line through the upper hem and over the hoop area, and slip the ends through the loop. Bring the eight ends to the center and knot 3" (7.62cm) from the loose ends. Tighten the knot securely and trim ends of the fishing line.