

<b>Project Number:</b>	CS0186
<b>Technique:</b>	Patchwork, Appliqué
<b>Skill Level:</b>	Intermediate
<b>Crafting time:</b>	Weekend

**Finished size of Quilt:** 32" x 27¾"

**Materials needed:**

- ¼ yd each of 6-8 assorted greens (at least 2 yds total)
- ¼ yd of gold
- ¼ yd of red
- ⅛ yd of white
- ¼ yd of blue
- ¼ yd of green for binding
- 1 yd of fabric for backing

(FreeSpirit Designer Essential Solids used in quilt: CSFSESS. APPLE, CSFSESS.CHART, CSFSESS.CLOVE, CSFSESS. CTRNE, CSFSESS.GRASS, CSFSESS.OKRAX, CSFSESS.OLIVE, CSFSESS.HONEY, CSFSESS.WINTE, CSFSESS.COBLT, )

- Dual Duty XP All-Purpose thread (green)
- Coats Machine Embroidery thread (gold, dark brown, red)
- 1¼ yd paper-backed fusible web
- Scrap of fusible interfacing (optional)
- 38" x 34" piece of batting



## Cutting

### From the assorted greens, cut a total of:

- 18 hexagons (pattern A)
- 4 half hexagons (pattern B)
- 6 half diamonds (pattern C)
- 2 quarter diamonds (pattern D)
- 2 quarter diamonds reversed (pattern D reversed)

### From the red solid, cut:

- 3 strips, 1¼" x width of fabric

Reserve the remaining fabric for appliqué.

### From the white solid, cut:

- 2 strips, 1¼" x width of fabric

Reserve the remaining fabric for appliqué.

### From the binding fabric, cut:

- 3 strips, 2" x width of fabric (If fabric runs narrow, may need 4 strips.)

**TIP:** Cut extra hexagons (pattern pieces A-D) for flexibility in arranging the colors for the background.

## Preparing the Appliqués

**1.** Trace the appliqué shapes onto the paper side of the fusible web, grouping the shapes by color. The letters will be gold; the numerals, red; patterns E and F, blue; pattern G, white; and pattern H, striped. Note that the patterns are reversed so they will appear right-reading on the finished quilt.

**TIP:** We've included all the numerals from 0-9 so that you can change the date on your quilt. You can also cut the soccer ball's patches from other colors to personalize the quilt for a favorite team.

**2.** Roughly trim around each color group of shapes. Set aside the H shapes. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the remaining shapes onto the wrong side of the corresponding fabrics.

**3.** Cut out each shape, following the traced lines exactly.

**4.** Sew the red and white strips together, alternating the colors, with red strips on the edges of the strip set. Press the seam allowances open.

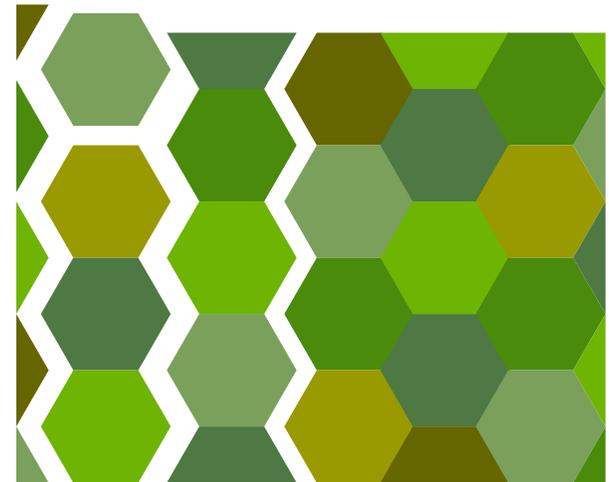
**5.** Position the H shapes on the wrong side of the strip set, centering each on the strip set so the stripes are evenly distributed as indicated on the pattern. Fuse and cut out the shapes.

**6.** Remove the paper backing from each shape.

Seam allowances are ¼". Press seams open to produce a flatter background for the appliqué.

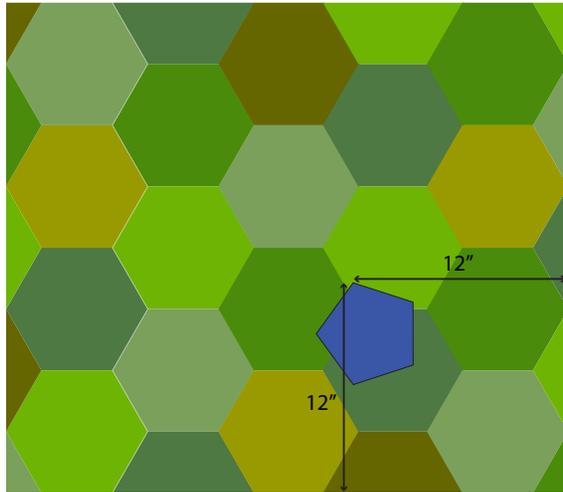
## Instructions

**1.** Arrange the green pieces on a design wall or flat surface to achieve a pleasingly random mix of colors. Sew the hexagons and half-hexagons together in vertical rows. Join the rows to make the quilt top. Add the half- and quarter-diamonds along the edges to square the quilt top.



**TIP:** Each hexagon has four bias edges and two that lie on the straight grain of the fabric. Keep the straight-grain edges parallel to the outer edges of the quilt, and be careful not to stretch the bias edges as you assemble the hexagons.

**2.** Position the blue pentagon (E) on the pieced top with its top point 12" from the right edge and 12" above the bottom edge, orienting the pentagon as shown. Fuse in place.



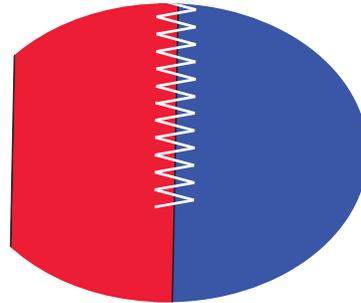
**TIP:** The placement of the soccer ball doesn't have to be exact.

**3.** Arrange the H pieces around the E pentagon with their raw edges abutted and fuse.

**4.** Position and fuse the F and G pieces around the H pieces, abutting the edges, and fuse to complete the soccer ball shape.

**TIP:** A small gap or overlap between pieces is acceptable and will be covered by the satin stitching.

**5.** Set the machine for a satin zigzag stitch 5.0 mm wide and 0.2-0.4 mm long and thread the needle with dark brown Machine Embroidery thread. Sew along each interior edge of the soccer ball, centering the stitch between adjacent appliqué pieces so that it covers an equal amount of each piece.



**6.** Stitch around the outer edge of the soccer ball, overcasting the raw edges of the appliqués.

**TIP:** You may want to slide a layer of tear-away interfacing under the appliqués to support the fabric as you stitch. However, the fusible web may provide enough support on its own. Stitch a sample with scrap fabrics to be sure.

**7.** Arrange the letters spelling "WORLD CUP" across the quilt above the soccer ball, with the letters' upper edges 3" from the top edge of the quilt. Fuse in place.

**8.** Thread the machine with gold Machine Embroidery thread and set up a blanket stitch 5.0 mm wide and 3.5 mm long. Sew around the edges of each letter.

**9.** Arrange the numerals vertically on the quilt top, 6¼" from the quilt's left edge, and fuse. Repeat Step 8 to stitch the numerals in place, using red thread.



**10.** Layer the quilt top, batting, and backing. Quilt as desired.

**11.** Trim the backing and batting to match the quilt top.

**12.** Join the binding strips to make one continuous length and bind the edges of the quilt.