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### **CORAL AND BLUE WALL HANGING** | QUILTING



Technique:	Piecing, Quilting, Fusible Appliqué
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Skill Level:	Intermediate
Crafting Time:	A Weekend
Finished size:	24" x 30" (60.96cm x 76.20cm)

## Featuring Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP®

Take a peek under the beautiful blue sea and note the awesome bright coral residing there. Look carefully and you'll spy some shells, starfish and sea horses hanging out on the coral branches.

## **Supplies**

- Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread
- Enough assorted light, medium and dark blue fabrics to cut a total of (60) 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (6.35cm x 16.51cm) strips: 24 light, 20 medium and 16 dark
- ½ yd (45.72cm) for coral
- 1 yd (.91m) backing fabric
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> yd (22.86cm) binding fabric
- 32" x 38" (81.28cm x 96.52cm) batting
- Paper-back fusible web



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# Cutting

#### From the blue fabrics:

Cut the requisite number of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  x  $6\frac{1}{2}$  strips and separate into light, medium and dark piles.

#### From the binding fabric, cut:

3 strips, 21/2" x WOF (6.35cm x WOF)

Seam allowances are <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" (.64cm)

# Assemble the Quilt Background

- Lay out the light strips into four columns of six strips each, varying the location of similar colors for a pleasing effect.
- 2. Label the columns with a number, then sew the long strip edges together within each column. Press seams up for columns 1 and 3, and press seams down for columns 2 and 4.
- 3. Lay out the medium strips in four columns of five strips each. Repeat step 2, then join the columns to the lower edge of the light groupings.
- 4. Lay out the dark strips in four columns of four strips each. Repeat step 2, then join the columns to the lower edge of the medium groups.
- 5. Matching and nesting adjacent seams, pin the columns together in order. Sew the long seams and press seams in one direction.
- 6. Layer the batting, backing, and top, and quilt as desired.
- 7. Trim the batting and backing to match the quilt top.

# Appliqué the Coral

- Print the coral pattern on page 3 at 200%. Trace the coral pattern onto the fusible web paper backing, piecing the fusible as needed. Rough-cut the shape.
- 2. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the web to the wrong side of the coral fabric. Cut out the shape on the drawn lines.
- 3. Peel off the backing paper and position the coral as desired on the quilt top. Fuse securely in place.

## Finishing

- Sew the binding strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Press the seams open, then press the binding in half wrong sides together.
- 2. Bind the quilt edges, mitering the corners.
- 3. Turn the binding to the quilt underside and handstitch the fold to the quilt backing.
- 4. Hand-stitch some charms along the coral branches as desired.

