

# BORIS THE BEAR SNACK MAT



**The Red Boot Quilt Company**

# PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS

## PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU PRINT YOUR PATTERN/S



Hi lovely quilters and crafters,

A few of you are having problems with the templates and/or images in our PDF patterns printing with a black background. Thankfully this is uncommon and only occurs in approx. 1 in 250 patterns sold.

This is due to differences between the various apps, devices, and printers we all use.

All of our patterns are test printed multiple times by a group of reviewers before release. If we find an issue we correct it immediately and update the pattern concerned.

We've found, after an extensive review of the problem, that it happens mostly on Apple devices, especially if you are printing from 'preview' or your browser window.

Regardless of what device you use, 99.9% of black background issues are solved by the following -

1. **Always** save the PDF file to your hard drive.
2. **Always** open the file using a PDF reader (eg. Adobe or Foxit) **not** your browser.
3. **Always** print from the PDF reader. **Never** print from your browser window.
4. **Always** print a template test page - use the draft print options to save printer ink if something goes wrong.
5. Printing in **black & white** instead of colour sometimes resolves the problem.

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## **BEFORE THE FUN BEGINS**

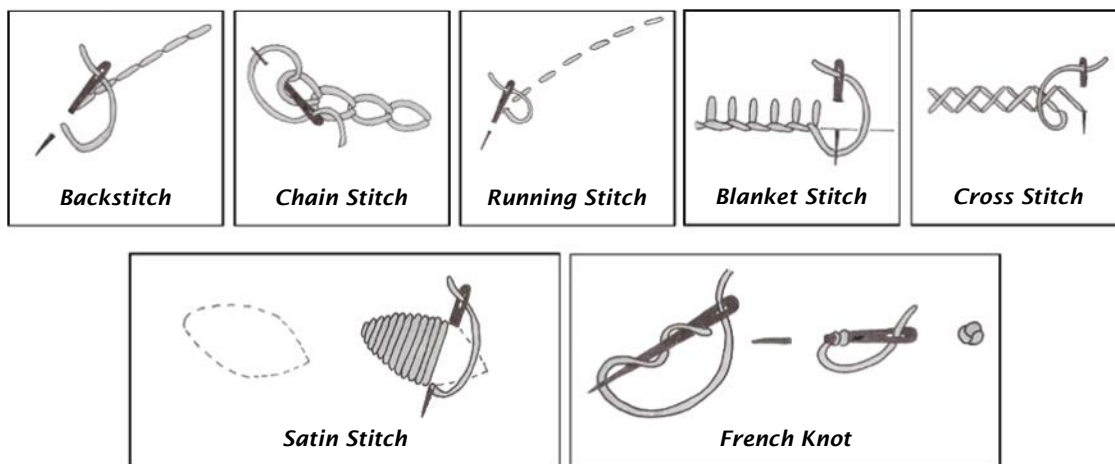
- ◆ Please read all instructions before you begin.
- ◆ Abbreviations. "WOF" = 'width of the fabric'.
- ◆ **Requirements are based on fabric 115cm (44in) wide unless otherwise stated. Fabric requirements may differ from person to person due to cutting methods. If in doubt it is a good idea to purchase a little extra fabric.**
- ◆ Fusible webbing requirements will vary greatly between products and projects; assume you will need a lot and go from there!
- ◆ 1/4in seam allowances are used throughout unless otherwise stated.
- ◆ Pre-washed 100% cotton fabrics are recommended.
- ◆ Please refer to the photo of the project and the quilt diagrams to help with colour choices and layout.
- ◆ **The templates are reversed for your convenience. I would recommend using an appliqué mat with all but the most simple appliqué shapes.**
- ◆ Our patterns are proof-read and made by our lovely testers but sometimes mistakes do slip by us. Please let us know if you come across an error so we can correct it.
- ◆ This design and its instructions, diagrams, and templates are protected by copyright. They may not be reproduced by any process. The instructions and information contained in this pattern are given in good faith, but no guarantee is given due to the fact we have no control over the techniques and materials used. This pattern is not intended to replace a class.

## **A NOTE ABOUT BUTTONS**

- ◆ I like to use buttons on my projects but they aren't suitable for children under three (3) years of age due to them being a choking hazard. Replace buttons with appliqué or embroidery when you are making the project.
- ◆ Safety eyes are available from all good craft stores. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

## **IMPORTANT! HOW TO PRINT TEMPLATES FROM PDF PATTERNS**

- ◆ All templates are provided at their full size. Ensure your printer is set to print at 100% and deselect the scaling and cropping options. Ensure you deselect the option that says "print to printer margins". Do centre the page.
- ◆ Some templates may be divided into two or more sections and will need to be joined to make the complete template. Simply match the shapes along the dashed or dotted lines as marked on the template, then use adhesive tape to stick them together. Occasionally a shape will distort a tiny bit in the printing process, simply adjust where necessary.



# **BORIS the BEAR—SNACK MAT**

Approx. size 8 1/2in x 10 1/2in

## **What You Will Need**

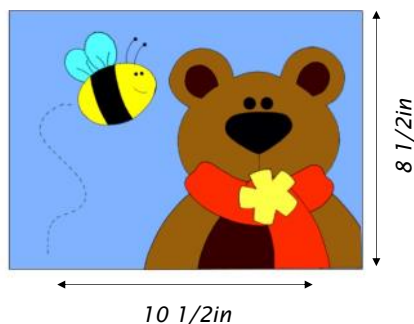
Supplement the fabrics in the requirements list with fabrics from your stash to add visual interest to your quilt.

- ◆ A piece of denim blue background fabric measuring 8 1/2in x 10 1/2in
- ◆ A piece of fabric measuring 9 1/2in x 11 1/2in for the backing
- ◆ A piece of wadding (batting) measuring 9 1/2in x 11 1/2in
- ◆ (1) strip, 2 1/4in x WOF of complimentary fabric for the binding
- ◆ Scraps of fabric for the applique. You will need a selection of black, brown, yellow, orange, and blue solid or print fabrics.
- ◆ (2) small black buttons for eyes
- ◆ Quantity of lightweight fusible webbing
- ◆ Matching thread to suit your favourite appliqué stitching method
- ◆ Stranded embroidery thread for the facial features and bee detail
- ◆ Appliqué mat or Teflon sheet (*optional, but highly recommended*)
- ◆ General sewing supplies.

## **How to Make the Snack Mat**

1. Use a pencil to trace the required appliqué shapes onto the paper side of the fusible webbing—leave approx. 1/2in between each shape. When you have finished tracing, roughly cut out the individual shapes 1/4in outside the traced lines.
2. Fuse the applique shapes to the wrong side of the fabrics you have chosen for the project following the manufacturer's instructions. Cut the shapes out carefully on the lines when cool to the touch. Remove the backing paper from the applique shapes as you go.
3. Use the template and the colour photograph as a guide to fuse the applique to the blue background fabric. *The bottom and side raw edges of the bear shape aligns with the bottom raw edge of the background block.*

### **Diagram 1** ▶



4. Stitch around the applique shapes using your favourite method. I stitched around my shapes using machine blanket stitch and matching thread.  
  
Use a light, sharp pencil to draw the features on the bear and bee, where applicable, then backstitch using two strands of contrasting embroidery thread. Stitch the bee's eyes and antennae using French Knots, and the bee trail using running stitch.
5. Press the snack mat top. Layer the backing fabric, wadding (batting) and appliqued top, then baste them together using your favourite method. Start quilting from the centre and work your way out to the edges.
6. When you have finished quilting, trim and square the excess backing fabric and wadding so it is flush with the edges of the front of the snack mat.
7. Sew buttons to the bear's face for eyes where indicated on the pattern template. Sew the buttons in place through all thicknesses of the snack mat using strong thread. Knot securely.
8. Fold the binding strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides facing, and press well.

*Use your favourite method to sew the binding to the snack mat, then label and date your project to finish.*

### **A Note About Buttons**

*I like to use buttons on my projects but they aren't suitable for children under three (3) years of age due to them being a choking hazard.*

*Buttons can also make your cup/plate wobble a bit if you put it down in the wrong place. Substitute the buttons with applique or embroidery if you prefer.*



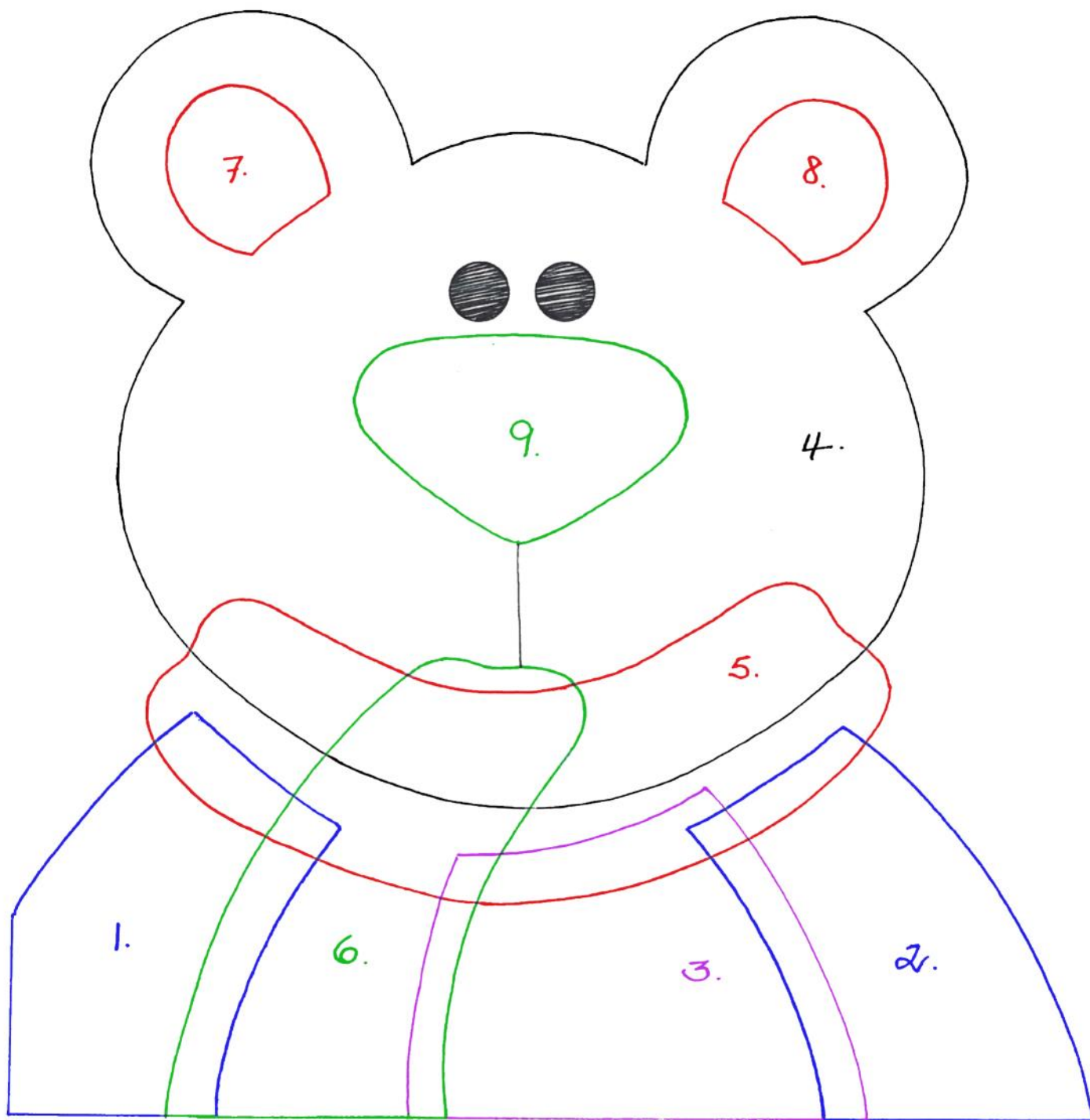
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**Tip!**

The numbers represent the order in which the appliqué shapes are fused together.

▼ This edge aligns with the bottom raw edge of the background fabric.



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