

A Crumb Rainbow

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Project Kit Contains:

- * 1, 11" diameter circle of double-sided fusible (Steam-a-Seam 2) to attach the crumb-constructed circle to the colored background.
- * 1, 13" square of rainbow colored fabric for the background.

Your Crumb Rainbow block will actually yield 4, 6-1/2" Drunkard's Path-like blocks that can be configured in many different ways. Unlike a traditional Drunkard's Path, there are NO inset curves to challenge you.

Skill Building Vocabulary

Low Volume Fabric

A low volume fabric is a geometric or print fabric where about 50% of the fabric is white or cream and the colored part of the fabric is the "low volume". The overall feeling is light and bright and the fabric is an effective contrast to solid colors. You will use low volume fabric to build a crumb square.

Crumb Construction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5jtSXfb7xU&t=15s>

It's like a marriage between improv and crazy quilts and is a terrific way to use your fabric scraps to create cloth! Zero waste! I recommend using a smaller machine stitch than usual (2.5 is what I use) since you will be cutting into the crumb-constructed fabric and you don't want the edges to come un-sewn. The YouTube video is ESPECIALLY helpful.

1. Start with 2 small-ish (3-5") scraps of fabric that are approximately the same size and have at least 2 straight edges. Place right sides together and use a 1/4" seam to join them. Finger press or iron the seam open. (This is preferred, but not required.) Trim with rotary cutter to a random sized rectangular shape. (Advanced crumb construction: try using triangle shaped scraps and/or oblique angles.)
2. Repeat until you have at least 5 or 6 sets prepared.
3. Find longer scraps that will fit along one edge of each set and join it to the set with a 1/4" seam. Finger press or iron the seam open. Trim with rotary cutter to a random-sized rectangular shape.
4. Repeat step #3 to add scraps around the original 2-piece sets in a Log Cabin Block style.
5. As the sets get larger, sew similarly sized sets together.
6. Continue until the crumb reaches more than 11" square.

Raw Edge Applique

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOPxNNEv75w>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KdD1L-7duP8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QosmqitTW6w>

There are a number of different types of applique, but for this project we will focus on raw edge applique using a double-sided fusible webbing, *Steam-a-Seam 2*.

Directions for the Crumb Rainbow

1. Using the directions provided, use low-volume fabric to build a crumb square of at least 11”.
2. Iron the crumb square very flat. Best Press or a similar product will help flatten the seams.
3. Following the Steam-a-Seam 2 directions, apply the Steam-a-Seam to the crumb square BACK with the drawn circle facing UP.
4. Cut along the line. You will have a circle of your crumb construction with Steam-a-Seam attached.
5. Fold the circle in half. Mark the folds with pins on the outer edge of the circle, on the fabric, not the paper. Fold again, pin to pin, and mark the folds as described. This will evenly mark 4 quadrants of the circle.
6. Using the solid fabric provided in the kit, mark the square in quadrants: Fold the fabric in half horizontally and mark the folds by finger pressing or with pins. Fold again vertically and mark as described.
7. Peel off the remaining Steam-a-Seam paper from the circle, leaving the fusible webbing on the fabric. See the Steam-a-Seam directions.
8. Place the crumb circle on the solid background, aligning the pins on the circle with the marks on the solid background. The circle will be in the exact center of the background.
9. As indicated in the Steam-a-Seam directions, iron the circle to the background to fuse in place, paying particular attention to securing the edge of the circle.
10. Using a straight, decorative or buttonhole stitch, and white thread, secure the circle to the background by stitching around the edge of the circle.
11. Cut the completed 13” block into 4, 6-1/2” blocks.

Congratulations! You will receive 4 block credits for this project.



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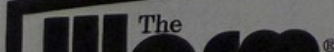
Lite Steam-A-Seam 2 is unlike any other fusible web. A tacky coating on both sides of the web allows it to temporarily stick to the appliqué material and then temporarily adhere the appliqué to the project. The entire appliqué sticks in place and is repositionable until pressed with an iron. Position your appliqué on a garment and try it on before fusing ensuring perfect placement every time! When completely satisfied, fuse all layers permanently in one final step.

- Use in quilting, crafting, home decorating & garment appliqué
- Perfect for fusing fabric to fabric, wood, paper, metal & glass
- Machine wash, dry & dry clean - ideal for almost any fabric
- No sewing! Secures unfinished edges, appliqué will not lift or fray
- Sew without gumming the needle once fused
- Protective parchment paper liners make an ideal stabilizer

Instructions

Pre-wash fabric. Set iron temperature for the fabric to be used. Use with or without steam depending on the fabric or media selected.

- 1) Lite Steam-A-Seam 2 is sandwiched in between 2 paper liners. Keeping the liners together, trace or print (ink jet) design in reverse on the side printed with the grid. Skip this step if you are not tracing a pattern. Cut out your traced pieces leaving at least a 1/4" space around your traced lines.
- 2) Remove the paper liner without the trace. Folding and pinching a corner towards the paper side without the trace helps remove the paper. Stick, finger pressing Lite Steam-A-Seam 2 to the wrong side of the appliqué fabric. **Tip:** if you won't be cutting out the designs now or you've traced really small pieces, run your **dry** iron very quickly across the paper to help secure the Lite Steam-A-Seam 2 to the fabric.
- 3) Cut Lite Steam-A-Seam 2 and fabric together along the traced lines.
- 4) Peel off remaining paper liner (leaving web with fabric) and stick appliqué in place repositioning as desired. **Tip:** the folding and pinching tip works here as well!
- 5) Press for 30+ seconds when using cotton fabric, cotton iron setting and steam (adjust fusing time to your fabric). Don't worry about overheating - Lite Steam-A-Seam 2 can take the heat. Let appliqué cool and test the edges. If loose or lifting, heat again. Fusing from the wrong side of your project works well especially with multiple layer appliqué. **Tip:** If you experience resistance, gumming of your needle or thread breaks when sewing, fuse again heating all areas with steam. The repositionable temporary adhesive is water soluble and must be dissipated to prevent gumming.



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