

Barcelona Bubbles Table Runner

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Finished size 20" x 42 1/2"



This table runner is very fast to make up. It uses a candy pack for the bubbles, so that makes color selection go very quickly! Or you can use up scraps for your bubbles, if you prefer. Use your favorite method of applique to attach your bubbles. I recommend that you read through all the instructions before beginning to cut and sew.

Materials Needed:

An assortment of 2 1/2" squares for the bubbles. You can use as many or as few as you wish. I used 33 pieces from a candy pack for my bubbles. A candy pack is a packet of pre-cut 2 1/2" squares. My bubbles were from the Barcelona collection by Brigitte Heitland of Zen Chic for Moda.

5/8 yard of coordinating background fabric

5/8 yard for backing

1/3 yard for binding

26" x 45" piece of batting

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Straighten the sides of your background fabric piece, and just leave it the width it is as it comes off the bolt. You'll have a big rectangle that measures approximately 22" x 42".

From the bubble fabrics:

Cut 33 circles, using the template provided on page 4. You need to add seam allowance if you're doing the needle-turn method of applique. If you're doing fusible or raw-edge applique, no seam allowance is necessary.

From the binding fabric, cut:

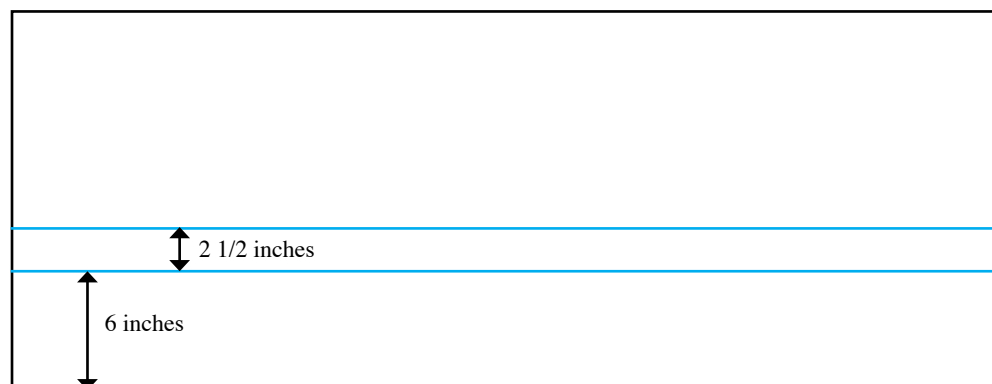
4 strips 2 1/4" x width of fabric. (You'll need approximately 135 inches of binding.)

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

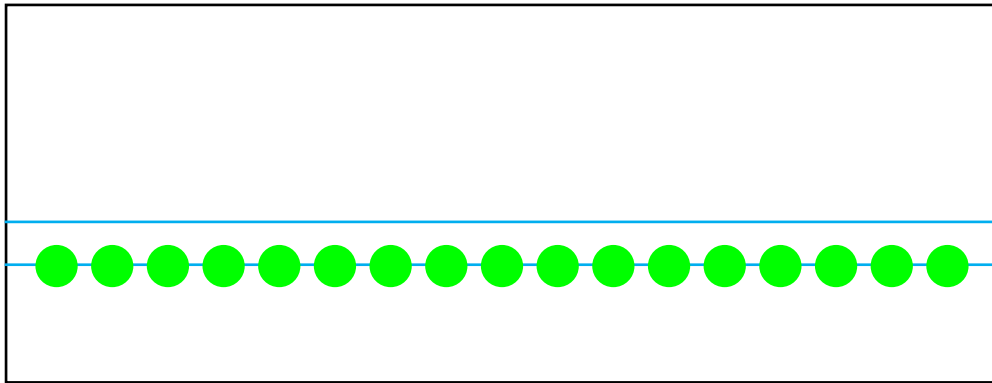
All seam allowances are 1/4", unless otherwise specified.

On your background fabric, choose a point at which you want your bubbles to run across your table runner. I measured in from one long side 6". Mark a straight line with a marking pencil the length of the fabric along this line.

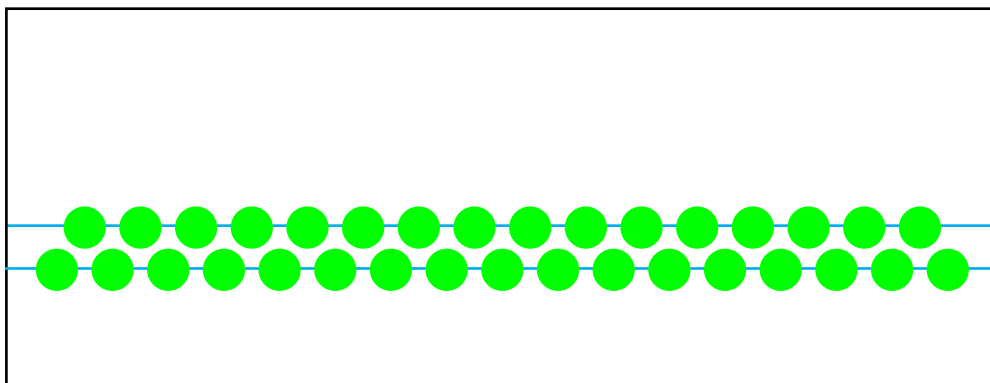
Then measure 2 1/2" further in from that line and mark another line the length of the fabric.



Position the bubbles along the first drawn line in a row, arranging them in a manner that is pleasing to you.



Arrange more bubbles along the second drawn line in a row, positioning them staggered between the ones in the row below, as shown.



Applique the bubbles down using the applique method of your choosing.

When you're done with the applique, gently press the piece from the back side.

You are now ready to layer and baste the quilt and quilt it with the design of your choice. The sample quilt was machine quilted with pebbling in the background area around the bubbles. I quilted straight lines in the large area on one side, and squiggled lines in the small area on the other side.

When you're done quilting, trim the table runner to the desired size. I cut the ends off to get rid of the selvages and make my bubbles closer to the edges, and trimmed the long sides to keep them straight. My table runner ended up measuring 20" wide and 42 1/2" long.

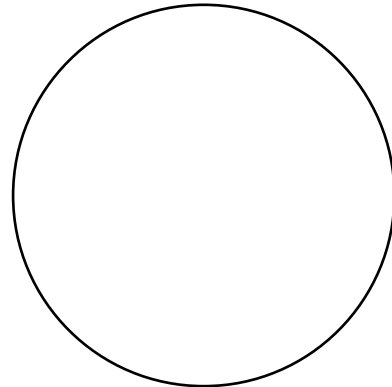
Use the strips you cut in the beginning to bind the quilt when finished. And don't forget to add a label!

The options for this table runner are endless. You can use more bubbles, fewer bubbles, make more than two lines of bubbles, or make only one line of bubbles. You can trim the table runner to whatever size you want it to finish. You can put the bubbles down the middle, down both sides, or just scatter them all over. Make various size bubbles, some larger, some smaller. Use your imagination, and have fun playing with bubbles!

2" circle template

Add seam allowance if using the needle-turn method of applique.

Adding seam allowance is not necessary if you're using fusible raw-edge applique.



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