

Batik Butterflies in Blue Sky

Materials: These are approximate sizes before cutting:

Background - 9" x 9" Blue Sky (provided for consistency)

Butterfly Outline - 4 1/2" x 6 1/2 " Black

Body - 1 1/2 " x 2 1/2" contrasting color

Large Wings - 2 1/2" x 5 1/2" (Batik same or different than Small Wings)

Small Wings - 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (Batik same or different than Large Wings)

Antennae - 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" Black or contrasting color

Lite Steam A Seam 2 (or equivalent) - 4 1/2" x 12" (LSAS2)



Read all instructions before starting to get a clear understanding of what is required.

Instructions:

1. Press all fabric so that it is flat.
2. Use a marker to trace the butterfly pieces (from the back side of this page) onto paper or a piece of clear plastic (use a light box or window pane to trace). Cut out the pieces.
3. Pin traced pieces to fabric and cut – smoothing edges as you cut.
4. Unpin pattern pieces from fabric and pin onto paper side of Lite Steam A Seam 2 (or equivalent). Cut pieces slightly smaller than the fabric. Place the bumpy side toward the wrong side of the fabric pieces and press for 10 - 15 seconds (or as directed for the product you are using).
5. Take all of the pieces to the ironing board. Remove the paper backing from each of the pieces.
6. Using the picture above as a guide, arrange the pieces on the Blue Sky background. Lay them down in the following order: Antennae, Butterfly Outline, Body, Large Wings, and Small Wings. Rotate the pieces so the butterfly “flies” to the left or right to provide variety. You may want to trim some of the pieces so that more of the black portion shows.
7. Once you're satisfied with the arrangement and trimming, carefully press all of the pieces in place.
8. Now the fun and creativity begins. Carefully add stitching to the outer edges of each piece. Let your imagination run wild. Use colored or variegated thread. Use any stitch - straight, blanket, small zigzag or decorative stitch. (You may first want to “audition” the stitch on a scrap piece of fabric.) You might try using different thread colors and stitches for the different pieces.
9. Now the Butterfly is ready to fly. Press the block on the wrong side to smooth it out.
10. Finally trim the block to 8 1/2" x 8 1/2" evenly centering the Butterfly.

