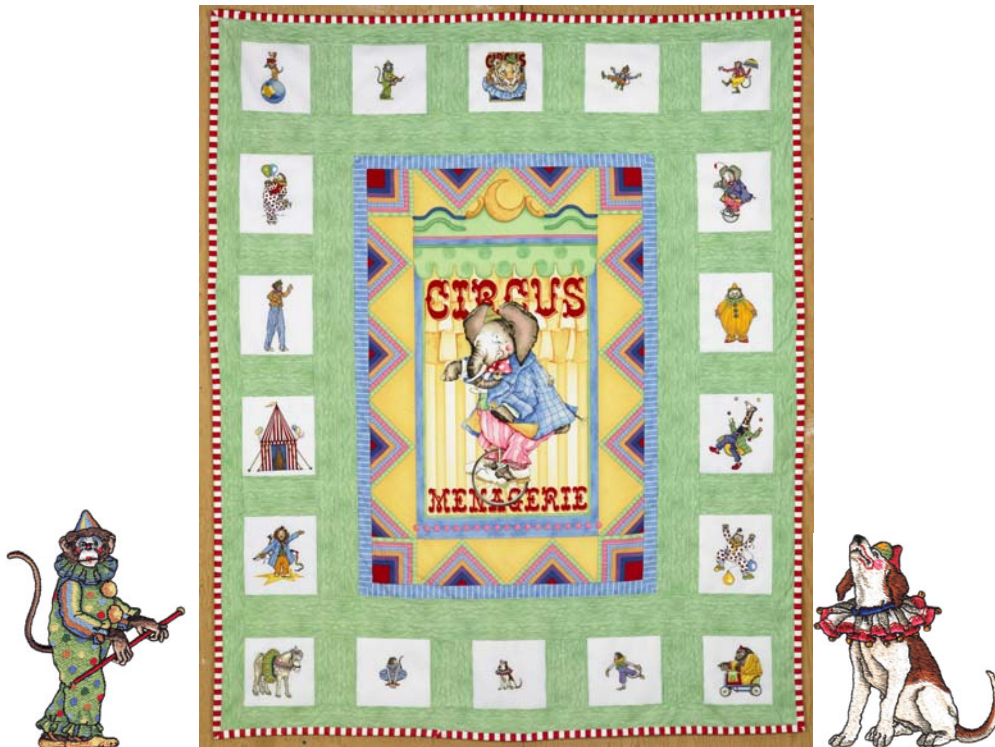


## “Circus Menagerie Quilt”



The whimsy of animal performers makes this fun circus quilt a hit with children of all ages.

### **Skill Level: Intermediate-Advanced**

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### **Supplies:**

Baby Lock Sewing & Embroidery Machine

Amazing Designs Circus Menagerie Design collection, ADBL-7JD or ADBL-7J

Baby Lock Jewel & Grace Pinnacle Frame

Stylus adaptor plate and stylus

Pattern board

Assorted spools decorative embroidery thread

All-purpose thread to match fabrics

Quilting thread to match fabrics

1 Circus Menagerie fabric panel (Circus Menagerie by J. Wecker-Frisch for South Sea Imports)

2 yards green stripe fabric for sashing and border

1 ½ yards white fabric for embroidery blocks

2 1/3 yards 60" wide red cotton or flannel for backing

2 1/3 yards batting

1 yard red and white stripe fabric for binding

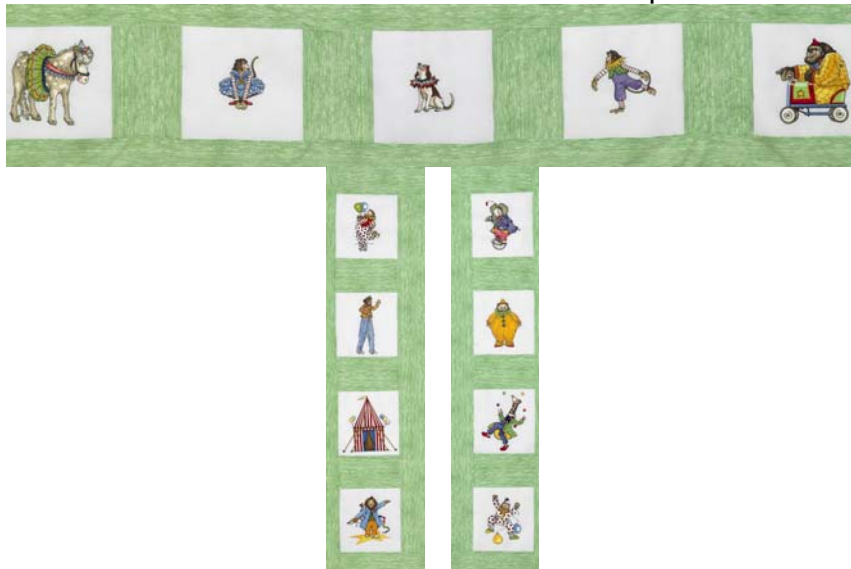
Baby Lock cut-away stabilizer  
Rotary cutter, mat and ruler  
Notions

### Instructions:

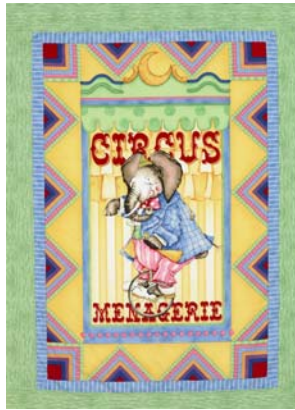
1. Cut the white fabric into eighteen 10" squares.
2. Hoop the white fabric and stabilizer in the hoop.
3. Embroider the embroidery designs, one at a time on a separate blocks.
4. Once the embroidery is complete remove the excess stabilizer. Then find the center and trim to square each block. The blocks for the top and bottom row will be trimmed to 7". The blocks for the sides will be trimmed to 7 1/2" wide x 8" tall
5. Layout the embroidered blocks around the center fabric panel in the order desired. (See main project photo for our design placement.)
6. Cut eight strips of the green stripe fabric 4 1/2" x 7 1/2".
7. Stitch a green stripe strip between the embroidered blocks for the top row. Trim to square.



8. Repeat for the blocks on the bottom row. Trim to square.



9. Repeat the same sequence for the vertical side strips. With an additional six green strips.



10. Attach a long green strip to the left and right of the circus menagerie fabric panel, trimming off the excess fabric and squaring off the block as you go.
11. Attach the pieced side strips. Press.
12. Sew a long green strip to the top and bottom of the quilt center section, trimming off the excess fabric and squaring off the block as you go
13. Then attach the top and bottom rows. Press.
14. Sew a 3" border from the green stripe fabric around all four sides. Press.
15. Load the Grace Pinnacle frame with your fabric. The backing goes on the top rod. Pieced top on the second and batting on the third and lowest rod.
16. Attach the quilt to the take-up rod using the tubing system or the Quick Start Leader cloths and pins.
17. Thread the Jewel with matching or coordinating quilting thread.
18. To use the pattern board, lower the stylus in the groove of the board and quilt with a slow and steady motion follow the track of the pattern board. It is best to quilt from the back handles of the Jewel while using the pattern boards.



19. Continue quilting the sashing and borders using a pattern board or free-hand a design as desired.
20. When the quilting is completed attach a rod pocket if desired. The rod pocket is made from a tube of matching fabric sewn to the backside of the quilt at the top for hanging purposes.
21. Cut bias strips 4" wide. Seam them together to create on long strip. You will need approximately 7 yards of bias strip.
22. Fold the strip in half lengthwise and press. Then stitch the raw edges of the binding, to the quilts front edge. Miter the corners. Fold the binding

- over the edge and hand stitch or stitch-in-the-ditch to the back to hide the raw edges and seams.
23. Remember to tack down the bottom of the optional rod pocket to the back of the quilt by hand.



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