



## materials

- Two 14" x 10" plain yellow fabric
- Small amount of fabric for the angel: flesh colour for hands and off cuts for the rest of the pieces. You also need a 2½" square of check fabric to represent the quilt the angel is holding.
- 1 m of fabric for checkerboard and lining.
- ¼ m ea of blue and a busy orange fabric.
- Batting
- Paper scissors and needlework scissors
- Rotary cutter, ruler and mat
- Appliqué paper
- Pencil
- Water soluble pen
- Walking foot
- Fine tipped permanent pen in your colour choice (always check that it doesn't bleed on a scrap of



fabric before using). The two pens I like to use and always have good results from is a Pigma Micron and a Laundry Tec pen.

- Sewing machine and usual sewing requirements
- Wool for angel's hair, charms, buttons and anything else for embellishing the cosy.



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# SEWING MACHINE

Keep your sewing machine snug and dust free with this cute cosy. This cosy fits my Bernina machines, but will fit some of the other makes as well.

The finished size is: length: 18" x width: 8" x height: 12".

# Cosy

This project is perfect for the December holidays as it is quite a long project and can easily be divided up into two or three classes. As this project makes use of a rotary cutter, please ensure that adequate supervision is given or that the pieces are cut for the children.

Seam allowance: For piecing use a 1/4" seam allowance and for assembly use a 1/2" seam allowance.

## instructions

Let's start with the front panel. Take one of the yellow fabric rectangles.

1. Using the water soluble pen, draw a 1" border all around the yellow fabric.
2. Position the pattern under the yellow fabric, checking that you have equal spacing all around then trace the angel onto the yellow fabric using the water soluble pen. This is just so that you can see where to place the pieces when doing the appliqué.
3. Trace the wording onto the right hand side of the angel using a fine permanent pen. You can use black, brown or sepia - it's your choice!
4. Go over the lettering again,

darkening and filling in where necessary.

You will see on the pattern sheet that the angel has been divided up into pieces and each piece is numbered. This indicates the sequence in which the appliqué pieces are assembled.

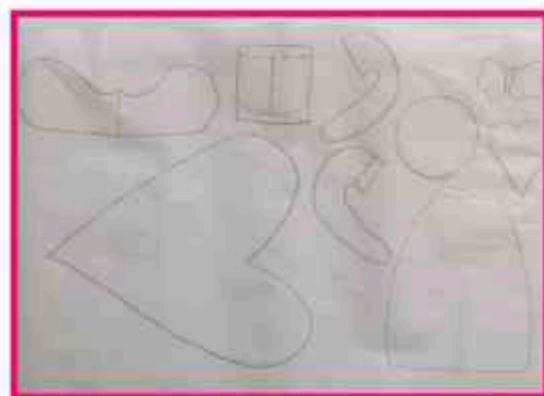
Do you also see that some of the pieces have a dotted line on them? This indicates that the extra piece goes under the piece above it.

5. Your pattern pieces have been reversed on the pattern sheet and you can use them as they are. Trace each of these pieces onto the paper side of the appliqué paper. Leave a space between

each piece for cutting out.

7. Once you have drawn all the pieces, decide which fabric you would like to use on these pieces then fuse the pieces to the back of the fabric.

When fusing remember that you must NOT use the steam function on your iron.



8. Cut out the pieces on the dotted line with the paper scissors but don't remove the paper backing yet.

9. Place the diagram under the yellow fabric as a guideline. Remove the paper from the pieces and place in the correct order. Check that they are perfect then fuse in place.

10. Now, either by sewing machine or hand, blanket stitch all around



the pieces. I like to use two strands of brown thread - it looks more "country" that way.

Don't worry about the hair, we'll do that much later.

11. Join the square of batting and check fabric by running a row of stitches around the outside and diagonally across the square. Stitch to the hands in any position you like.

12. Stitch around the heart and write the words "to sew" with the fine point black pen.

13. Using the pattern as a guide draw in the face and colour in the cheeks. I used a red Laundry Tec pen which doesn't run.

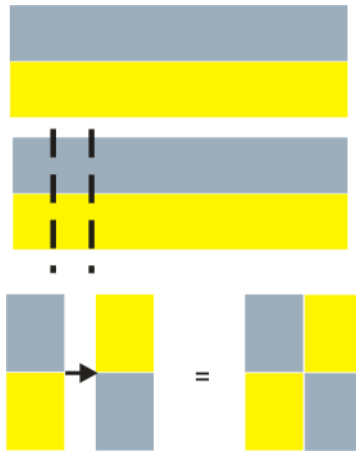
14. Cut a 1¼" x 14" strip from orange fabric and attach to the bottom of the panel. Press the seam outwards.

### The Checkerboard Strips:

1. From the spotted blue fabric and the cream busy fabric, cut 2" strips across the width of the fabric

and then sub cut into 2" blocks.

2. Join 7 blocks as shown. Check that the joins butt together neatly and pin so that the pieces don't move when you stitch them together.



3. Join the checkerboard strip to the left side of the yellow panel. Now make one for the right side and two more for the back panel.

To finish the front panel we need to cut a 3" strip the length of your panel. I used the cream busy fabric. Attach to top of panel and press. Put aside till later.

### The Back Panel

1. Trace the sewing machine pattern onto a bright fabric and the heart onto a co-ordinating plain fabric. (I have reversed the pattern on the pattern sheet for you, but if you want it to face the same way mine does, you will have to "un-reverse" it. (This is a new English word!) The machine can face in any direction but remember that you have to reverse the writing otherwise no-



one will be able to read it!

**TIP:** If the fabric you use for the sewing machine is very dominant and the text won't stand out, write it on a piece of calico and stitch in place.

2. Blanket stitch all around the sewing machine and around the heart.

3. Trace the words onto the fabric then go over again with a black fine point permanent pen. Draw a needle on the sewing machine with the same pen.

4. Cut a 1¼" x 14" strip of orange fabric and attach to the bottom of the panel. Press the seam outwards.

5. Attach the remaining two checkerboard panels to each side of the back panel. Press well.

You can embellish the machine at this stage with buttons to represent the dials and anything else you might have.

Trim both front and panels to: 19½" x 13".

### The Side and Top Panels

From the bright orange fabric cut two panels for the side: 13" x 9".

Cut a top panel from the same fabric: 18½" x 8½".

Okay, now we have all the pieces for the top of the cosy we need to cut the batting and the lining.

From your lining fabric **and** the batting cut the following:

Top: 18½" x 8½"

Sides: 13" x 9"

Front: 19½" x 13"

Back: 19½" x 13"

Sandwich the front with a batting and lining fabric.

Quilt the piece in any way you like. I quilted around the applique and in the ditch. The sides and top I just quilted rows.

Do the same with all the pieces. I have given an extra 1/4" allowance on all the pieces so you can trim the pieces back by that amount to neaten them up.

Don't trim the top until you have assembled the bottom and can take a final measurement.

### Assembling the Cosy:

1. Measure the length and width of the bottom then trim the top to the same measurement

2. With right sides facing pin the sides to the front and back panels. Check that the front and back panels face the right way! Stitch together using a 1/2" seam allowance.

3. With wrong side out, pin the top to the bottom section easing in any excess fabric. Start stitching 1/2" in from the end and ending 1/2" from the end.

4. Pin the sides together and stitch. Trim corners and turn right side out.

### The Binding

We are only going to bind the bottom of the cosy. You can use a bought binding or make your own.

1. Cut a 2 1/2" strip from your choice of fabric. With right sides together fold in half lengthwise and press.

2. With right sides together pin raw edges together. Stitch, turn to inside and hand stitch in place.

3. Stitch wool onto angel's head to represent wavy hair.

You can further embellish your cosy by adding loops to hold scissors, tape measures or favourite charms.

