"Growth Chart"

Children grow before your eyes. Make a growth chart so that you and your child can both enjoy seeing how tall they have grown. Clear vinyl pockets allow you to insert pictures for a personal touch.

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Supplies: Baby Lock Ellageo Puppies and Kittens Memory Card (BLEC-P09) Teflon foot (ESG-TF) Various colors embroidery thread Tear-away stabilizer Bobbin thread Thread to match fabric Machine quilting thread Ruler Cutting mat and cutter Iron Pins Tissue paper 60" tape measure White fabric 5" x 30" Green cotton 1/2 yard Paw print 1 1/3 yards Multi-color print fabric 10" x 45" Clear vinyl 4" x 28" Batting 18" x 55"



Instructions:

Cutting instructions:

Two 36" x 7" paw print {front body}
One 36" x 3" green {center front}
One 1 1/2" x 17" multi color {border between top and bottom}
Three 1 1/2" x 45" multi color {for binding sides and top}

One 1 1/2" x 20" paw print {for binding bottom}

Three 5" x 5" green {blocks}

Four 5"x 5" multi-color {blocks}

One 50" x 20" paw print {backing}

One 16" x16" green {top for embellishment}

One 10" x 8" paw print {rod pocket}

- 1. Using Designer's Gallery LetterWorks create the words "Watch Me Grow" in a block font.
- 2. Choose an envelope shape to adjust as desired.
- 3. Save the design and print a full size template.
- 4. Mark the green fabric using the template as a guide.
- 5. Hoop the green fabric piece and tear away stabilizer.
- 6. Embroider, Watch Me Grow, on green fabric using your preference of embroidery thread colors.
- 7. When the embroidery is complete, remove the design from the hoop and tear-away any excess stabilizer. Lightly press.
- 8. Stitch tape measure to center of the 3" x 36" green fabric, starting with the 60" mark at the top. Cut off the extra tape measure. This is the center strip.
- 9. Join the two 7" x 36" paw print to each side of the center strip, using 1/2" seams.
- 10. Press seams toward the paw print fabric.
- 11. Stitch the 1 1/2" x 17" multi-color fabric to the top edge. Then prepare the curved top piece.
- 12. Mark and cut the curve on the green fabric 1 1/2" above the words "Watch Me Grow" and trim.
- 13. Stitch the curved "Watch Me Grow" piece to the 1 ½" x 17" multi-color strip (step 10) at the top and set aside.
- 14. Hoop the white fabric piece and tear away stabilizer.
- 15. Select the first design and embroider, using your preference of embroidery thread colors.
- 16. When the embroidery is complete, remove the design from the hoop and tear-away any excess stabilizer. Lightly press.
- 17. Using the rotary cutter, mat and ruler, trim the white fabric around the design. The block should measure approximately 4 1/2" x 4 1/2".
- 18. Repeat embroidery process for the remaining five embroidery designs.
- 19. Iron 1/2" of fabric on the embroidery all the way around to form 4" squares. Be sure your embellishments are center.
- 20. Topstitch around each one 1/8" from the edge.
- 21. Repeat the ironing and topstitching process for the 3 green blocks and 4 multi-color blocks using red thread.
- 22. Position blocks on quilt top and pin in place.
- 23. Topstitch blocks to guilt top using a decorative stitch
- 24. Topstitch 4" x 4" clear vinyl to the top of the color blocks. Note: Use a Teflon sewing foot or place tissue paper over clear vinyl so it will move under the presser foot.

The clear vinyl creates pockets to add photos to your growth chart.

- 25. Layer your quilt. First the backing, then the batting and last the top. Baste together.
- 26. Quilt as desired around each block, along the green center, down the sides, across the top border, and around the curve at the top.
- 27. Sew the 1 1/2" x 20" paw print strip to the bottom of the quilt for binding and hand stitch to finish off
- 28. Sew together the 1 1/2" x 45" strips of multi-color fabric together for binding and sew on.
- 29. Clip curve at top.
- 30. Turn the binding over edge and hand stitch to finish.
- 31. To form the rod pocket, press the short edges of 8" x 10" paw print piece and turn over twice.
- 32. Topstitch then fold in half lengthwise with right sides together and stitch.
- 33. Turn inside out and press.
- 34. Pin in place on back of quilt near top and hand stitch it along the top and bottom edge to attach it to the quilt back.
- 35. Your guilted growth chart is now complete.

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