

Parliament Block – 10" finished block

This block reflects the iconic shape of Canada's Parliament building and Parliamentary Library. The Parliamentary Library is close to our hearts since it is the original building that survived the fire of 1916.

This is a fused, machine applique block. The fabric shapes are fused in place on a 10½" block, then machine stitched along the fabric edges. Certainly, the applique can be hand stitched if you prefer.

Supplies:

Fusible web - 10" X 10" square

Thread coordinating with fabric

Tear Away Stabilizer - 10"X10" square

Cut Fabric:

Background: 10½" X 10½" square

Blue (Centre Block) Fabric: 2½" X 7½", label C/D

Peace Tower Fabric: 3" X 7", label B

Library: Body: 4" X 4", label E

Step 1: Trace pattern pieces (on the following page) onto the paper side of the fusible web.

Cut out each pattern piece from the fusible web, about ¼" away from the pattern line.

Apply each of fusible pattern piece to the backside of the fabric for that pattern piece. Make sure the glue side of the pattern piece is toward the fabric. Iron in place according to the fusible web product guidelines.

Using fabric scissors with a sharp tip, cut out each pattern piece on the pattern line.

Step 2: Working one pattern piece at a time, peel off the fusible web paper and lay each onto the 10½" X 10½" background block.

Once you are happy with the placement of the pieces, lay your block on an ironing board and iron the pieces into place.

Step 3: Place the stabilizer material behind your block and hand baste or pin baste in place. The stabilizer will help keep the block edge stitching nice and flat. Using a machine button hole type of stitch and coordinating thread, stitch along the edge of each fabric piece. You could also choose to use invisible thread. Press.



