



Cutting Edge

Follow these simple rules to ensure that you get neat results and accurate edges when cutting your fabric. This will help the pattern pieces to fit together when it comes to sewing the project up.

- Always cut on a smooth, flat surface, such as a table. Ensure that your scissors are sharp – and never use the same pair for cutting both fabric and paper. Use the full blade of the scissors for longer straight edges, making smaller cuts around curves.
- If you are right-handed, place your left hand onto the template and fabric and hold it securely. Holding the scissor blades at right angles to the fabric, begin cutting cleanly around each section. Reverse the process if you're left-handed.

Fabric Preparation

- 1 It is advisable to launder your fabric before use in the same way as you would the finished project. This will ensure any dye running or shrinking occurs before you cut out the pieces.
- 2 Once laundered, press the fabric with a warm iron to neaten, ready for pinning.
- 3 We advise laying your fabric right sides up, so that you can choose how to lay the pieces to accommodate any motif.

Stitch Dictionary

Your templates and pattern pieces may feature the following markings – use this guide to get professional results every time.

NOTCHES: These symbols help you accurately align seams. All pieces that require joining will have matching notches.

WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS: These indicate what the template is and how it should be used – how many times to cut it, and what fabric to cut it from.

GRAIN LINE: This double pointed arrow dictates the placement of the template on the fabric – ensure that it lays parallel to the grain of the fabric.

FOLD LINE: This arrow indicates the placement of a pattern piece along a fold. Make sure that it is pushed right up against the fold of the fabric.

true colours



Combine techniques for colourful results!

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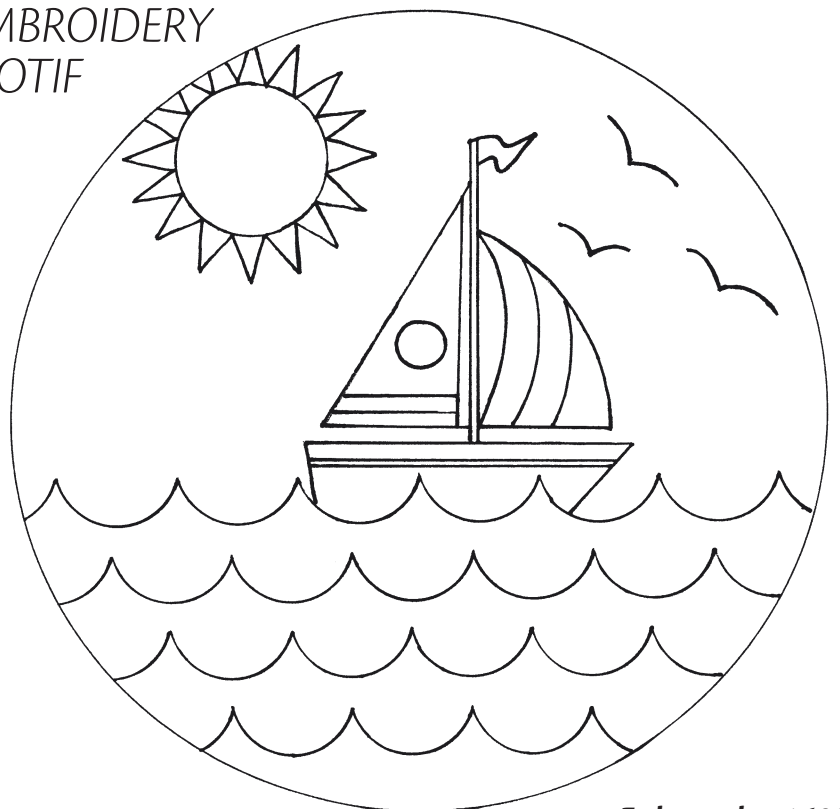
This super-cute T-shirt motif combines several different techniques to create a colourful design that your little ones will just love to show off! Once complete you can even take this idea further and carry the techniques forward to your own hand-drawn designs.

TOP TIPS... for Fabric Markers!

- 1 Use masking tape to cover up areas of your fabric and create funky geometric designs when colouring-in your material.
- 2 Blend different colours together for shaded, textural effects.
- 3 Combine fabric markers with beading, embroidery or even wax-resist techniques for colourful, textured results.



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