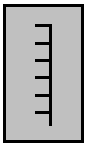
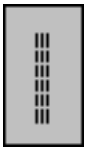
# Whimsical Stitches 1

Stitch Recipes can be inspired from just about anything! This "Whimsical Stitches" recipe was inspired from the exciting new prints in a collection from Benartex Fabric - - - "Baby Geniuses". These fabrics have wonderful "lines" to stitch on as well as great colors to inspire!

- YLI Machine Quilting thread - *Rio de Janeiro coloration*
- Topstitch needle—size 80/12
- OESD Light Weight Tear-Away stabilizer
- HTC Armo® Weft fusible interfacing
- Clear Foot #34/34C
- The following stitches were used - - -



Blanket Stitch



Triple Straight Stitch

- A Zigzag stitch was added for additional detail. Shorten to a Satin Stitch length (~0.3mm).

## Sew the Recipe

- Stabilize the fabric. This can be done using a combination of fusible interfacing, such as Armo® Weft, and OESD Light Weight Tear-Away stabilizer. Adding fusible interfacing to the wrong side of the fabric helps to "boost" the structure or body of the fabric to better be able to support stitches after the tear away stabilizer is removed.
- Attach Clear Foot #34/34C. This foot was chosen because of the clearly marked central red line. This line is a great tool in helping to follow the printed pattern lines on the fabric.
- Insert the Topstitch needle and thread with the Machine Quilting thread. Selecting a variegated thread makes the creativity process easy - colors change automatically!
- Consider reducing the Motor Speed to ¾ or ½ speed.
- Begin stitching on the lines of the fabric print you wish to sew on.

## Important TIPS for your consideration:

- When using machine stitches in a decorative manner, consider reducing the top tension.
- If available, engage the Mirror Image Right-Left function when working with the Blanket stitch.
- Use the ability to move the needle position to place the stitch in the perfect position for how you would like to stitch it!
- Engage the Needle Stop Down feature.
- If working with a machine model that has the Freehand System, be sure to use it for pivoting around the printed waves.

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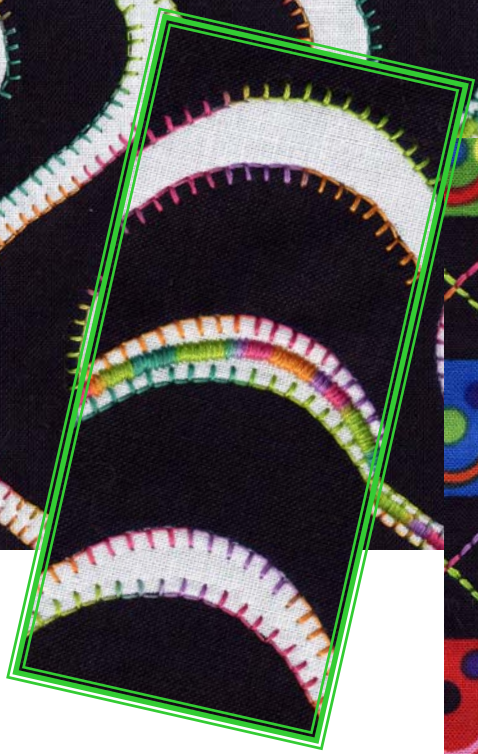
Here are the finished stitched pieces. Note the “fun” and “whimsical” look achieved by using simple stitches and variegated thread.

Just think of the creative possibilities when combining these fabrics with the other coordinates! Add some glitz or buttons as well! You just can’t resist SMILING!



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