

GARDEN TRELLIS & GARDEN TILES PROJECT © 2009 Sue Dennis

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Have you ever wanted a garden that didn't need watering, fertilizing, pruning or mulching? Well this is the one for you. Add to the display whenever you want, change things around depending on your mood or season. It's so easy with the garden tiles you create.

NB: This pattern is for personal use & enjoyment only. It consists of 2 parts- a garden trellis & garden tiles to display on the trellis.

Garden Trellis Materials

Requirements for 3 trellis hanging pieces [make more if desired]

- 1 m green motley 100% cotton fabric for front & back
- 50cm thin wadding
- 1.8m black narrow [2cm wide] Velcro
- Rotary cutter, ruler and mat
- Sewing machine
- Walking foot
- Green thread for top stitching
- Pins & scissors
- Quilt basting spray

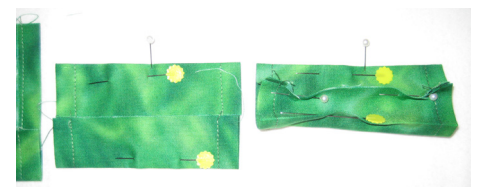
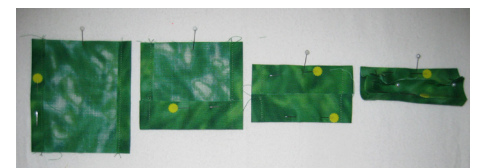
Method

- From the green fabric cut 2 x 6 ½" W x 18 ½" L & 4 x 6 ½" W x 24 ½" L
- Cut the wadding- 1 x 6 ½" W x 18 ½" L & 2 x 6 ½" W x 24 ½" L
- Spray baste each piece of wadding to a piece of fabric to fit. Pin the backing fabric to the right side of the quilt sandwich, leaving an opening to turn through to the right side after stitching. Use a quarter inch seam. *HINT-using the walking foot when stitching these layers will give the best result, without fabric shifting out of position.*
- Press, pin & top stitch along all 4 sides of the trellis. Pin a piece of soft Velcro down the centre of the trellis. Machine stitch into position.



- Make a rod pocket by cutting a piece of green fabric 5" W x 6" L. Turn a narrow hem & stitch down the length on both sides. Press the raw edges of the width to meet in the centre with right sides of fabric facing out. Pin along the pressed edges. Pin the wrong sides of the width together & stitch using a quarter inch

seam. Open this seam out & press flat. This will give you a rod pocket with a slight bulge which can accommodate a rod for hanging. Hand stitch to the back of the trellis hanging.



Garden Tiles Materials

- Cotton fabric
- Fusible web
- Iron on interfacing
- Needle Punch accessory set, background fabric & unspun wool
- Free motion foot & walking foot
- Cotton & rayon variegated machine embroidery threads
- Iron & ironing board
- Fabric paint, tray & foam brush
- Oil or paint sticks, greaseproof paper

HINT- When using oil sticks be sure to heat set the paint & get rid of excess oil by using greaseproof [non-waxed] paper on top of & under the fabric.

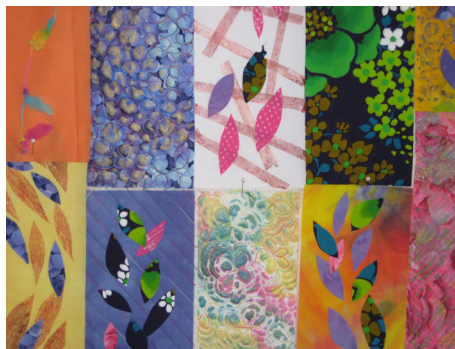
Trellis detail



Garden Tiles

Step 1- Theme & Colours

Select a theme & background colours for the garden tiles. Themes could include 1 or 2 motifs e.g. leaves, butterflies, roses, bugs, sunflowers. Colours could include sky blue, white, commercial printed fabric, pastel colours, bright colours etc.



Step 2- Techniques

Various techniques of stitching, quilting & surface design can be combined to create the garden tiles. Techniques include

- painted fusible web such as Vleisofix cut into shapes & fused into position
- oil stick rubbings over a textured surface
- free motion quilting a surface & painting over the raised areas
- fused appliqué
- embellishing with couching yarns
- appliqué using motifs cut from a needle punch felted surface
- use of machine decorative stitches



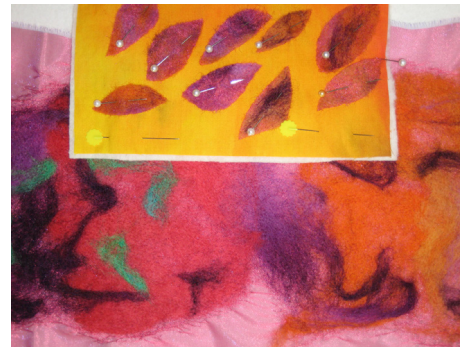
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- Cut background fabric pieces, as many as required, 7" W x 4" L & 10" W x 4" L. Cut pieces of wadding to fit. Decide on the surface design method or combination of methods for each piece.
- When the tile had been decorated, cut a piece of iron on stiff interfacing to fit & iron into position. This will add stability to the tile when placed on the trellis.

Step 3

Cut a backing piece & a piece of fusible web to match embellished tile. Find the centre point & stitch on a small piece of the hook Velcro. On the 10" tiles stitch

extra pieces on the long ends. Fuse the Velcro stitched backing pieces to the tiles. Trim to 6 1/2" or 9 1/2" W x 3 1/2" L. Finish the edge with a satin stitch or couch more yarn around.



Enjoy arranging your tiles & hang with pride.

Other Trellis arrangement ideas

