Pocono Mountain Quilters's Guild Name Tag Instructions

Pocono Mountain Quilters' Guild members make a Guild name tag from fabrics of their choice. Please match the nature colors in the photo above so that our name tags are similar. But you can chose brighter hues, or print fabrics or take ANY other creative steps that make your name tag uniquely yours. Consider varying the size, if you prefer, or make the background one color. The choice is yours!

Your pattern packet is on the Guild website and it includes:
1.   These instructions (PMQ Name Tag Instructions);
2.   A pattern (PMQ Name Tag Pattern) that includes:
   a.   A color block accurately printed at 5" wide by 3" high;
   b.   A line drawing of the name tag that is larger than finished size;
   c.   A page of templates.

A reversed version of the pattern is available on request for members who prefer an applique method that uses reversed templates. *If you are using the reversed version of the pattern, please keep your final finished block oriented like the picture above in these instructions (mountain on the right).*

The pattern was created and the templates were printed on Electric Quilt 7. The lettering on the templates is not perfect because the background piece letters overlay and appear inside other templates.

The sky piece is A and the foreground landscape is B (you can eliminate piecing and use a single piece of fabric as your background).

The stream is D.

The mountain is G.

The trees, from left to right as shown in the photo above are C, E and F (these letters are identical for the reversed view of the pattern).

To make the name tag:

1. Sew your background together by joining A and B on the long side, or use a single fabric of your choice.

2. Draw or embroider your first name on the name tag, on any spot of your choice. You may want to complete this step before adding the applique pieces.

   a. Make sure your name big enough to read from three feet away;

   b. Draw your name using a permanent fabric marker.

   c. You can embroider your name, or use any other creative idea to put a readable marking of your name on the name tag.

3. You can place the applique pieces directly, or you can mark your background to assure a more accurate placement of the mountain, trees and stream. If you prefer to mark the placement:

   a. Using a light box, or a sunny window, place your background over **the full sized picture of the name tag included in your template packet.**

   b. Lightly trace *inside* the various pieces. When you place your applique pieces on the tracings, the pieces should cover your markings.

4. Follow your method of applique to attach the mountain, trees and stream.

5. Assemble your finished block into a small quilt sandwich using light batting and cotton backing. The batting should be firm enough to permit the name tag to hold its shape.

6. You can skip the quilting, or you can include some hand or machine quilting, or embellishments of your choice. Including quilting will make the name tag more stiff and firm.

7. Bind according to your preferred method, or sew nearly completely around the sandwich, right sides of your finished block and backing together and then turn and slip stitch the opening.

8. You can purchase pin backers at sewing/craft stores, or simply whip stitch an ordinary safety pin to the back of the name tag.

9. If you have any questions or need help, ask a member of our Helping Hands Committee.

10. Wear your Pocono Mountain Quilters' Guild name tag with pride in our Guild!