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Row by Row Experience 2015 - "Row by Row H₂O"

finished size of the block is 9" x 36"

**FOLLOW THE BLOCK ILLUSTRATION
AS YOU CUT AND FUSE THE BLOCK TOGETHER**

Read all instructions before doing any fusing, so pieces are added in the correct order. Use your favorite appliqué method to make the block, either hand or machine appliqué, or fusible appliqué. (Instructions are given for the fusible method.)

Fabric Requirements:

1/3 yard background fabric (water)

1/8 yard sand

Scraps of 4 or 5 different browns/tans/rust for the fish

1/4 yard (or a fat quarter) of green for plants

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES NEEDED:

1 1/8 yards fusible web

Suggestion: Use the Appliqué Pressing Sheet from Bear Thread Designs. It makes fusing easy, plus it protects your iron.

ROW ASSEMBLY:

1. Trace the paper patterns on the back of this sheet:

Dotted lines show where one piece tucks under another.

Be sure to trace pieces 1 & 2 for each fish on the dotted lines:

The body stripe (3), tail (4), and head (5) need to overlap them.

(Likewise, the strip (3) also needs to be long enough to tuck under the head and tail.)

Do the same with the fins (7), so they can tuck under the body pieces. Fin (6) goes on top.

Trace the pattern shapes on a light-weight fusible web. Fuse to the back of the desired fabrics, following manufacturers directions, and cut out the shapes.

For doing hand or machine appliqué, you will need to add a seam allowance for turning under the edges. (Note: The templates have been reversed for fused appliqué, so your fish will face the other way.)

2. Trim your background piece (the water) to 9 1/2" x 36 1/2".

Suggestion: Cut out 1 - 3 " x 36 1/2" piece of freezer paper and cut a wavy line across the very top of it to determine how you want to cut the sand. When you are happy with the result, you can press the shiny side of the freezer paper to the right side of sand fabric, and use it as a pattern and cut out the sand piece.

Or, if you are doing fused appliqué, trace it onto the fusible web, shiny side up (do NOT iron the freezer paper to the fusible), then fuse the web to the back of the sand fabric and cut it out.

Do not fuse anything down at this point.

3. Arrange the fish pieces, referring to the photo & patterns. Starting with fish body piece (1), place the other pieces in numerical order, except for the fins (7).

(This is the perfect place to use the pressing sheet:

"Build" your fish on top of the appliqué pressing sheet, then lightly fuse together.)

After the body is one, arrange the fins (7) underneath, and fuse lightly again.

Repeat for each fish.

4. Place the sand across the bottom of the background (water). Fuse into place. Arrange the fish and the plants in the water and on top of the sand. When you are pleased with the arrangement, fuse them in place, following manufacturers directions for the fusible web.

Optional: Fish eyes -- We used mini black buttons 1/4" in diameter. (Another possibility for eyes would be french knots.)



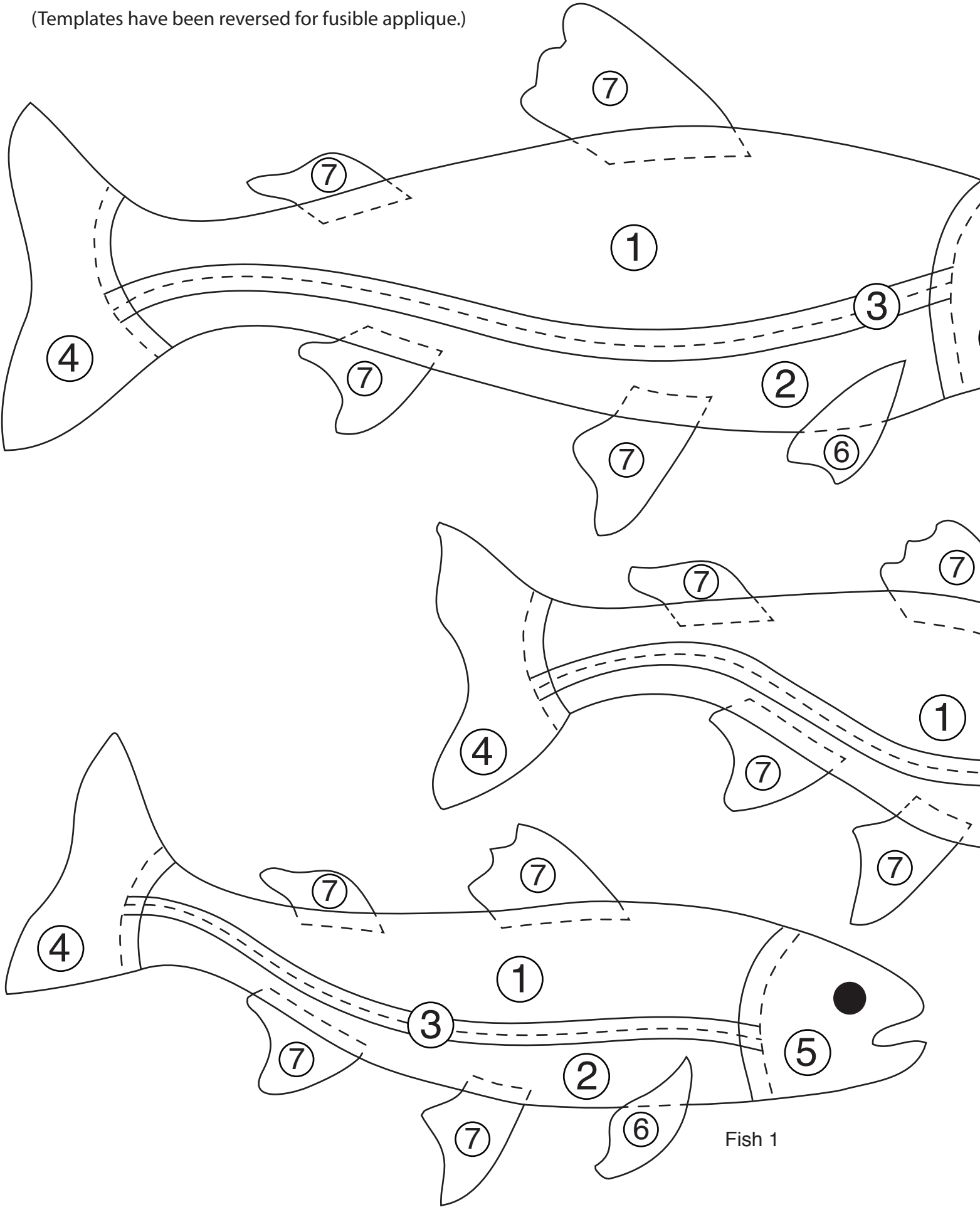
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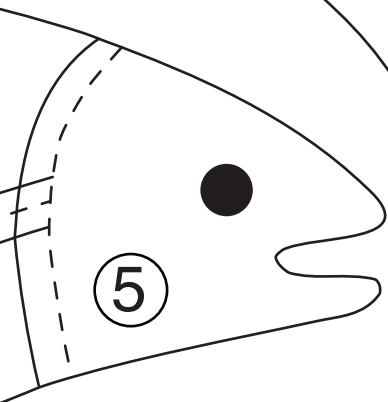
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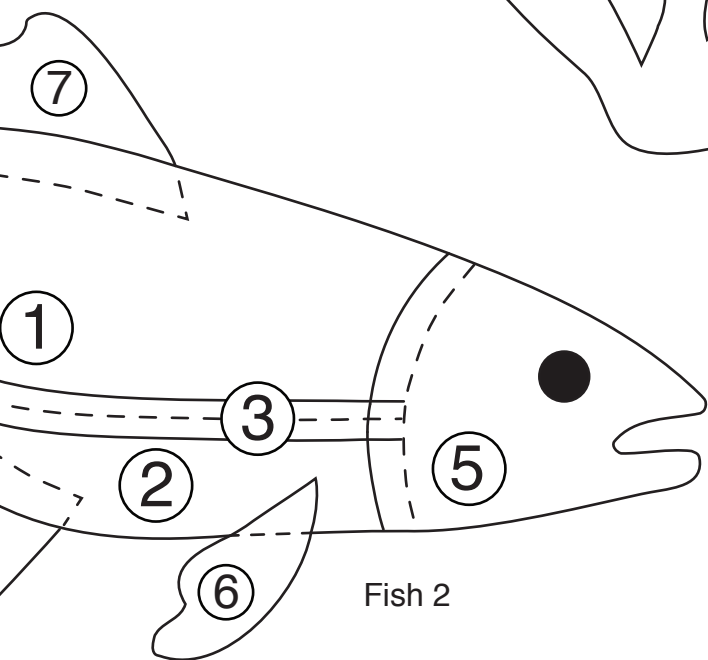
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Fish 3



Fish 2

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