## Strawberry Delight

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Materials list:
Background fabric- 12"x 12"
5-7 red and pink fabrics with various sizes of motifs.
3-4 green fabrics with various sizes of motifs.
1 yard of (Lite)Steam-a-Seam2
Frixion pen and pencil/pen
Scissors
Parchment Paper

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Silicone baking mat
Iron and Ironing board
Light box/light source

Awl (a pointed tool for making small holes in wood or leather)



Instructions: Please read all Instructions before making this pattern.

- 1. Fuse all fabrics except the background fabric to (Lite) Steam-a-Seam2 according to product directions. I like to use parchment paper sandwiched in-between the fabrics and the iron. I change the parchment paper with every pressing to ensure the glue from the (Lite)Steam-a-Seam2 doesn't transfer to the fabrics.
- 2. Fussy cut flowers, leaves and motifs. Karen K Buckley fine point (blue handle) medium scissors or Tim Holtz small scissors allow for a smoother cut and reduce fraying.
- 3. Using your Frixion pen transfer Strawberry image to the 12"x12" background fabric. If using a light mat, center the pattern underneath the background fabric on top of the mat. Technique Suggestion: Soften blunt edges by using florals or placing a background fabric under the fussy cut motifs to create a layer of depth. For precision tracing, pull the back of the Steam-a-Steam2 away from the fabric so the side closest to the fabric is facing up. Trace the area desired with a friction pen and, finger pressing the paper back to the fabric, cut the shape out. Do not fuse fabrics to the background until the collage is complete.
- 4. Fill in the pattern with the fussy cut florals and colored scraps. Multiple fussy cut sections can be fused on parchment paper or a silicone sheet before transfering to the background. For ease of quilting, it is recommended to layer no more than 3 to 4 layers in a given area. Note: Some techniques to use include softening the blunt cut edges with the florals or placing a background fabric under the fussy cut motifs. to create a layer of depth. For precision tracing, pull the back of the Steam-a-Steam2 away from the fabric so the side closest to the fabric is facing up. Trace the area desired with a friction pen and, finger pressing the paper back to the fabric, cut the shape out. Do not fuse fabrics to the background until the collage is complete.
- 5. When the Strawberry template has been filled as desired, cover it with parchment paper and, using a dry iron (no steam), press to fuse to the background fabric. (Lite) Steam-a-Seam2 can take the heat so don't worry about over heating.
- 6. Flip the block over to the back side and press using steam. Finish block as desired. Finishing Suggestions: Mount on stretched canvas, mini quilt, throw pillow, bag, frame, and more. \*If quilting your Strawberry Collage use dense stitching to keep fabrics in place. A coated needle is also helpful as is alcohol and q-tips to clean your needle if it gums up while quilting. Another trick is to reheat the collage with an iron and guilt it while warm.\*

