

Football Fanatic Pattern



Finished Size: 62"x87"

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Included in your pattern:

- Instructions on how to cut, sew and appliqué your team's field
- Templates for yard line numbers

What you will need:

- A good color image of your team logo/name
- An open mind & willingness to create your own appliqué!

Let's have some fun!

This pattern will help you create a generic football field complete with yard line numbers, to which you can add your favorite NFL team logo or your kids pee-wee team mascot! If you would like to see some examples of NFL quilts, check out my blog: www.sewlittlesanity.blogspot.com.

Lets Get Started!

Supplies:

NOTE: If you are planning on using this quilt for a bed, please be sure to wash all of your fabrics before you begin; at least your major fabrics, like your greens and border fabrics. The small pieces you use for your logos should be fine.

- Yard Lines: 7/8 yard each of two greens
- End Zones: 1/2 yard of one green (one from above can be repeated)
- Yard Line Numbers: fat quarter of white
- First Border & Binding: 1 yard (team color)
- Second Border: 2 yards (team color or NFL licensed team fabric)
- Backing: 4 – 5 yards; depending on the quilting method
- Logo: Fat quarters or other scraps in your team colors
- Fusible Web: Approx. 1 yard

Cutting Instructions:

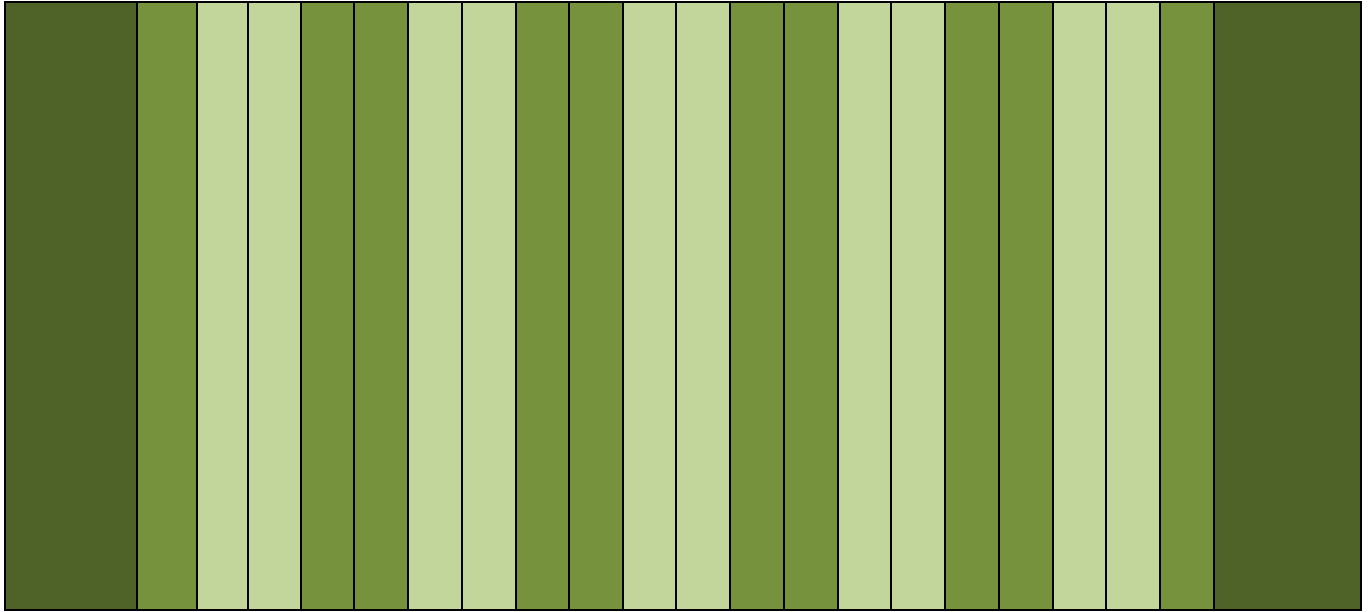
I recommend cutting out all of your pieces before you begin sewing, that way your field goes together quickly and you don't have to stop and cut in-between sewing.

- Cut your yard lines 3" wide by the width of fabric; you will need to end up with 20 strips.
- Cut your end zone pieces 8 1/4" by the width of fabric; you will need 2 strips.
- Cut your first border 3" wide; you will need six strips if you would like your piecing line in the middle of your quilt.
- Cut your second border 8" wide; you will need 8 strips.
- Cut your binding strips 2 1/2" if you plan on sewing it on by machine. If you have another method you prefer, proceed as you would normally.

For now you will be using only your yard line and end zone strips, you can set your border strips aside.

Piecing Instructions:

Step 1: Sew all of your yard line strips into pairs, except for one pair. You will want a single strip between your last pair and the end zone on each end. (See image below.)



Step 2: Sew all of your pairs into the main part of your field. You will have 9 pairs sewn together. Sew the singles & the end zones onto the ends of the field.

At this point you should have a top that looks like the above image.

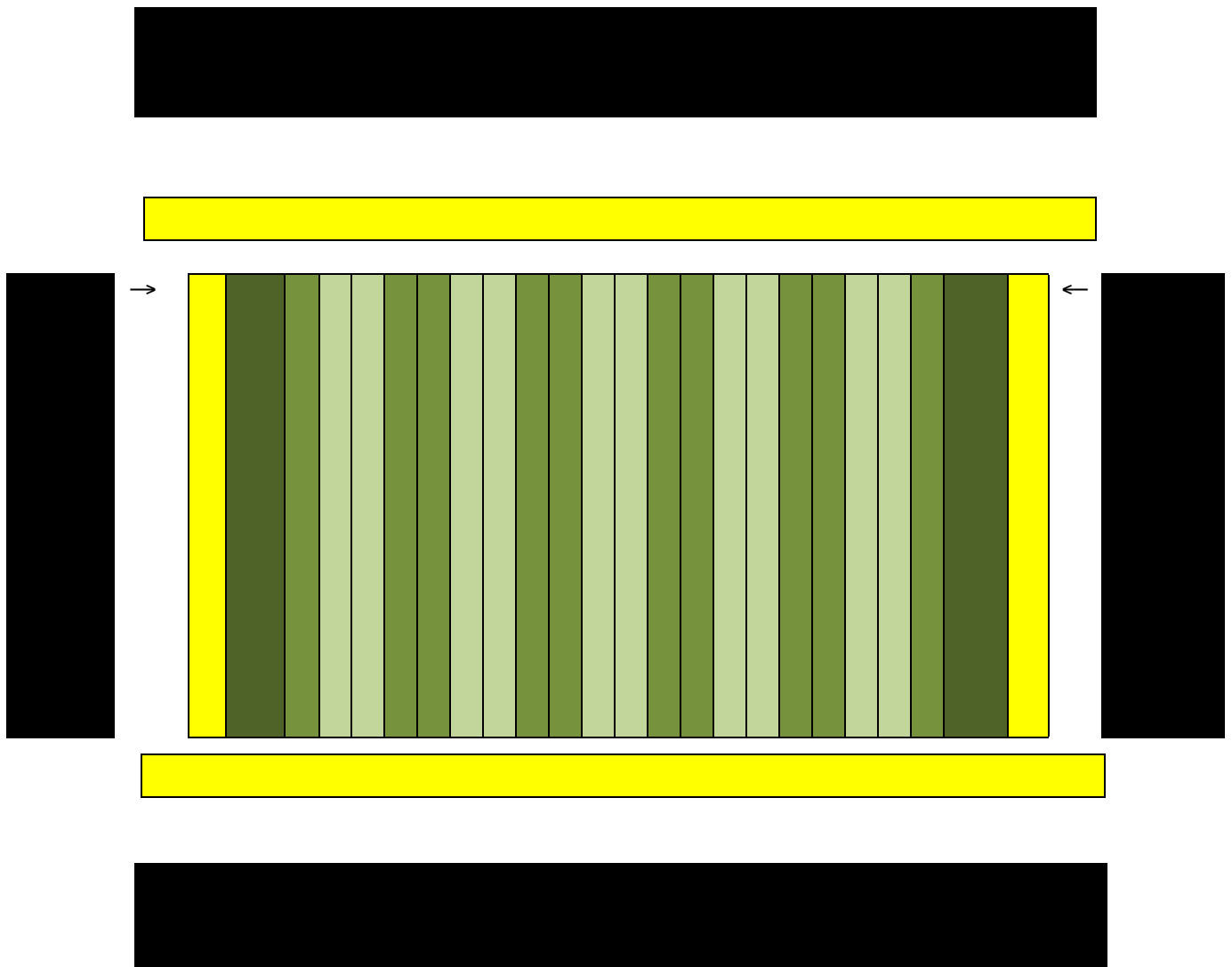
You're doing great, almost done with our main field.

Let's add the Borders!

Step 3: Now we need to add the borders.

Take your six **inner border strips**; four of them will be sewn into pairs end to end (one long strip for each side). The other two will be sewn onto the end zones. You need to sew your border pieces onto the short sides (end zones) first, then onto the long sides of the field.

Take your eight **outer border strips**; sew your border strips into four pairs, on the short ends. You should now have four very long strips. They come out much longer than you need, but this allows you to center your seams if you would like. You need to sew your outer border long sides first, and then short sides.



Congratulations, your main field is done!

Let's create some appliqué!

This step is your opportunity to get creative. You may choose to appliqué your child's football team logo, or your favorite NFL team logo. All of your pieces will need to be traced in reverse so that they come out in the right orientation when you appliqué them. A light table or window work great for this.

Step 1: Trace your yard line numbers (included at the end of this pattern). You will need: 18-zeros, 4-ones, 4-twos, 4-threes, 4-fours, and 2-fives.

You will iron them on 11" from the edge of your field (or the seam line between the field and your first border).

Step 2: To create your logo, trace your entire logo (think silhouette), this will be your base for applying the individual pieces.

Trace each individual outline to create the logo detail. Once you've traced all of your pieces, choose colors close to your actual logo and follow basic fusible web principles to fuse your fabric to the fusible web and then onto your field.

NOTE: If you are new to fusible web appliqué, you can find a great introductory video from McCall's quilting at:

http://www.mccallsquilting.com/mccallsquilting/articles/Simple_Fusible_Applique.

The instructor also covers a few methods of "finishing" the appliqué so that you may wash your quilt without worrying that your appliqué pieces will fall off.

Finishing Instructions:

Cut your backing yardage into two 2 to 2 ½ yard pieces. Sew them together along the long selvedge edge. This will give you a large enough backing for your quilt.

A batting size twin should work well for this quilt. Layer and baste if you are doing your own quilting or gather your top, batting and backing and drop off to your quilter!

If you are doing your own quilting you can stitch in the ditch down the yard lines, or stipple quilt in the field to give more texture. Again, if you are planning on using this quilt on a bed, make sure to securely stitch over all of your appliqué pieces to insure that they do not come off in the wash.

Enjoy your fantastic new quilt!

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