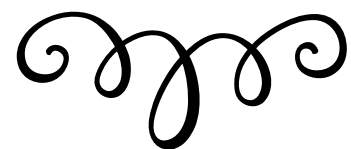


# Pickle Pie<sup>TM</sup>

## DESIGNS

### Cactus Cutie Quilt Blocks



This Quilt Block Design Set gives you 2 fun embroidered quilt blocks and a separate Project Guide to show you how to turn the blocks into a darling Wall Hanging!



Mix 'n Match this set with other Pickle Pie Designs Quilt Blocks and Project Books for unlimited creativity!



## How Quilt Block Projects work...

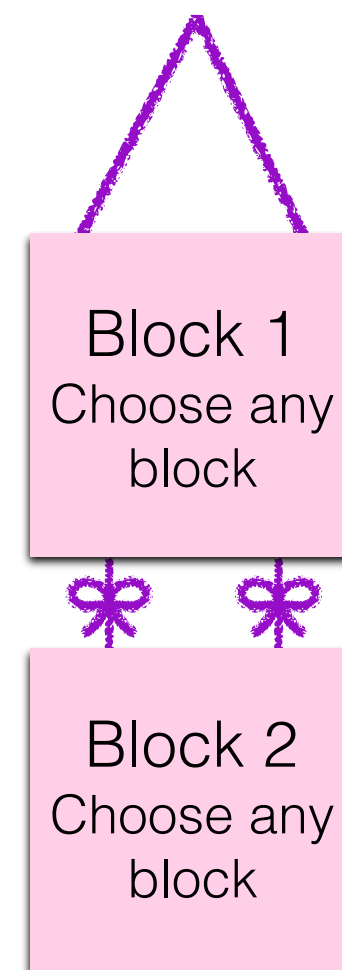
Pickle Pie Designs Quilt Blocks let you stitch stand-alone quilt blocks to use in any quilting project, but you can also transform them into fast and easy finished projects, right in the hoop of your embroidery machine! Our Mix 'n Match block sets feature two blocks and separate instructions for turning your blocks into a sweet Wall Hanging.

These instructions include step-by-step details and photos to complete the quilt blocks. If you are also making the Wall Hanging, you'll stitch your first block (Block 1) up to the red **STOP** notification, then refer to the Double Block Wall Hanging Project Guide, which is a separate PDF document. You'll then proceed to Block 2, and so on.

**Please read through both sets of instructions before you begin!**

**Remember:** Complete the stitching instructions for each block up to the red **STOP** notation. You'll then move on to the Double Block Wall Hanging Project Guide.

For more fun projects, like mug rugs, coasters, pin cushions, placemats, table runners, and more, be sure to check out our Quilt Block Project Books and full size Quilt Block Project Design Sets!



# Cactus Block Instructions

## Supplies:

- Main Fabric for background, Fat Quarter
- Fabric for Cactus, Fat Quarter or Scrap
- Mesh or Fusible Mesh Cutaway Stabilizer\*
- Cotton Batting and/or Insulated Batting\*\*
- Pickle Pie Designs Machine Embroidery Scissors
- Microtex Needle, size 80/12
- Thread (For Hot Pads, use ONLY cotton thread for both top thread and bobbin thread):
  - Match Main Fabric
  - Match Cactus Fabric
  - Quilting Stitches
  - Flower Petals
  - Flower Center
  - Black



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The supplies listed above are for a stand-alone quilt block. If you are making a project, refer to the specific Project Guide for any additional supplies you may need for that project.



## Stitch Sequence/Color Chart:

Stitch Sequence:	For:	Thread Color Suggestion:
1	Placement line for batting	Match Fabric A
2	Tack down batting	Match Fabric A
3	Tack down Fabric A	Match Fabric A
4	Quilting stitches on background only	Coordinate w/ Fabric A
5	Placement line for Fabric B	Match Fabric B
6	Cutting line on Fabric B	Match Fabric B
7	Zigzag Fabric B	Match Fabric B
8	Satin Stitch Fabric B	Match Fabric B
9	Eyes	Black
10	Flower Petals	Color of Choice
11	Flower Center	Yellow
<b>STOP!</b>	<b>LEAVE THE PROJECT HOOPED!</b> Proceed to the starting page for the project you're making for additional instructions.	—
12	Final Outline (for projects that call for one)	Match Fabric A

## Prepare your Cactus Block Materials...

Follow the charts below to cut & label your materials, finding the columns for your block size...

### *Cut Main Fabric...*

For:	Label:	8" Block	7" Block	6" Block	5" Block	4" Block
Background	A	10" x 10"	9" x 9"	8" x 8"	7" x 7"	6" x 6"

### *Cut Fabric for the Cactus...*

For:	Label:	8" Block	7" Block	6" Block	5" Block	4" Block
Applique	B	7" x 8"	6" x 7"	6" x 6"	5" x 6"	4" x 5"

### *Cut Fusible Webbing...*

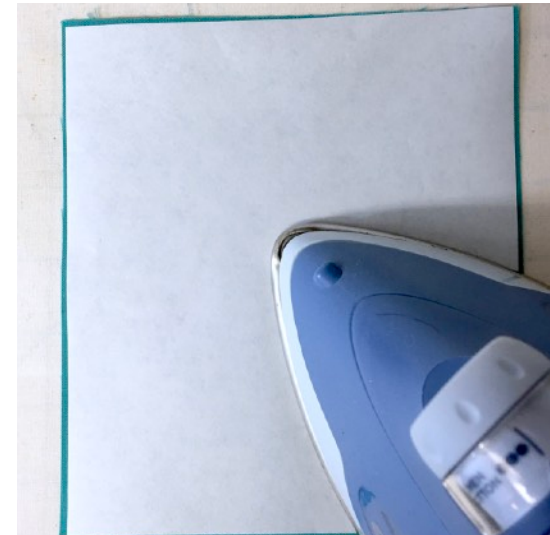
For:	Label:	8" Block	7" Block	6" Block	5" Block	4" Block
Fabric B	B	7" x 8"	6" x 7"	6" x 6"	5" x 6"	4" x 5"

### *Cut Batting...*

8" Block	7" Block	6" Block	5" Block	4" Block
10" x 10"	9" x 9"	8" x 8"	7" x 7"	6" x 6"

## *Other fabric prep...*

Press fusible webbing B to the back of Fabric B with an iron. Set aside.

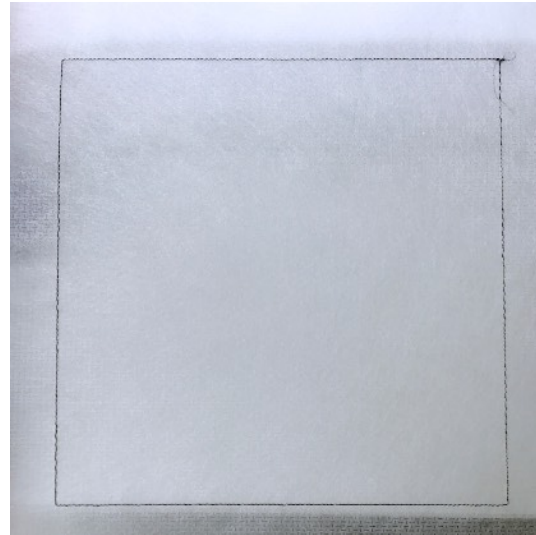


# Cactus Block Instructions

Load the Block design to your embroidery machine...

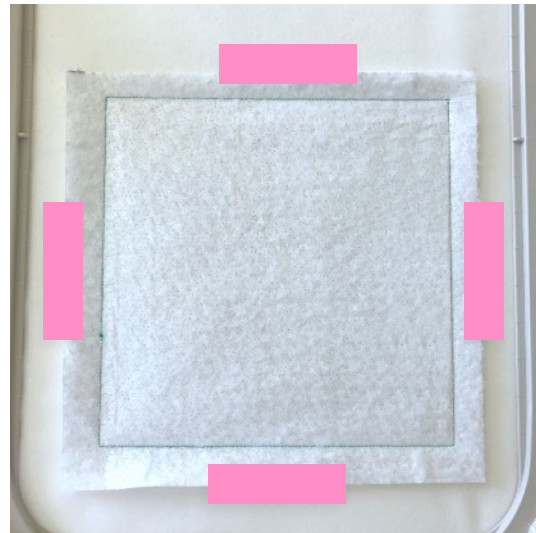
1. Hoop a piece of stabilizer.

Using thread for the quilting stitches, sew Stitch Sequence 1 directly on your stabilizer to create a placement line for your batting.

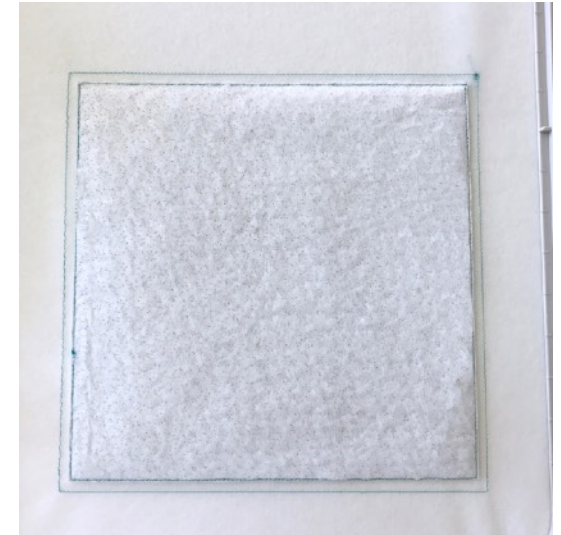


2. Center Batting over the placement line. Tape in place.

Sew Stitch Sequence 2 to create a cutting line on the batting.

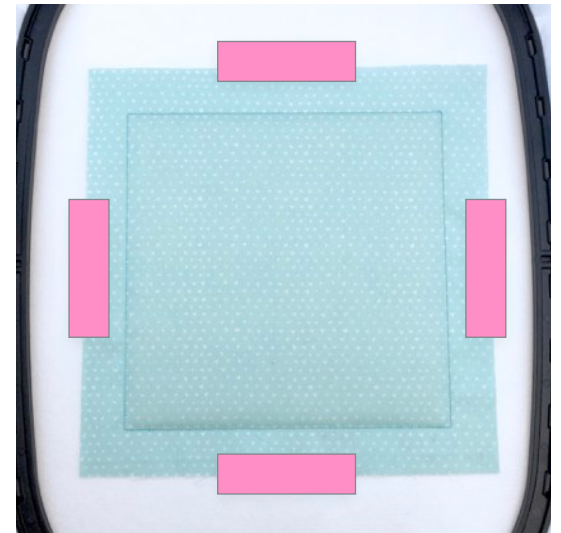


3. Remove the hoop from your machine and trim around the outside of the cutting line. This will lessen the bulk in the seam of the finished project.



4. Center Fabric A over the batting, right side up, and tape in place.

Put the hoop back on your machine and sew Stitch Sequence 3 to tack down the fabric.





5. Sew Stitch Sequence 4 to sew the stipple quilting.

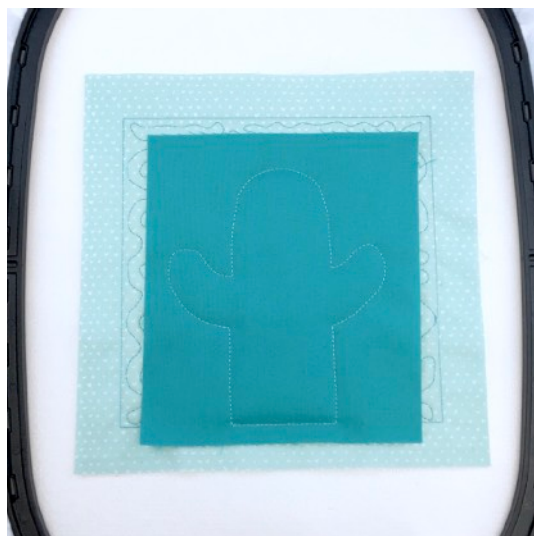


6. Change thread to match Fabric B, then Sew Stitch Sequence 5 to stitch placement lines for Fabric B.

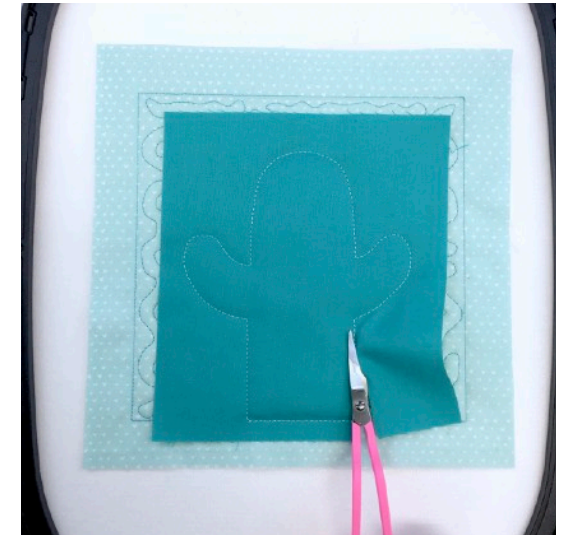


7. Remove any paper backing from Fabric B, then center the fabric over the placement line.

Sew Stitch Sequence 6 to create a cutting line on Fabric B.



8. Remove the hoop from your machine and trim around Fabric B, getting as close as you can to the stitch line without cutting through it.



9. Replace the hoop on your machine. Sew Stitch Sequence 7 to sew the zigzag stitch.

Trim any bits of fabric from outside the zigzag.



10. Sew Stitch Sequence 8 to sew the satin stitch.





11. Change to Black Thread.  
Sew Stitch Sequence 9 to sew  
the eyes.



12. Change to Pink Thread. Sew  
Stitch Sequence 9 to sew the  
Flower.



13. Change thread to match  
flower center. Sew stitch  
sequence 10.



**STOP HERE & leave your project hooped!!!**

If you are continuing on to create the Double Block Wall Hanging, or another Pickle Pie Designs Quilt Block project, refer to those separate instructions.

If you are making a quilt block, continue to the next step of these instructions.

## Quilt Blocks:

1. Skip the last Stitch Sequence.

Remove the hoop from your machine, and take the project out of the hoop.

2. Using a rotary cutter, trim your block to size by cutting around the outside stitch line plus a 1/4" seam allowance.

Your finished block will measure an additional 1/2" larger than the design size. For example, an 8" block will measure 8.5" x 8.5" when cut.



# Can't Touch This Block Instructions

## Supplies:

- Background Fabric, Scrap or Fat Quarter
- Border Fabric, Scrap or Fat Quarter
- Fusible Webbing
- Pickle Pie Designs Machine Embroidery Scissors
- Mesh or Fusible Mesh Cutaway Stabilizer\*
- Cotton Batting and/or Insulated Batting\*\*
- Microtex Needle, size 80/12
- Thread:
  - Match Fabric A
  - Coordinate with Fabric B
  - Word 1 (Can't)
  - Word 2 (Touch)
  - Word 3 (This!)



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\*\* Use Insulated Batting if you are making a Hot Pad project. Refer to the insulated batting manufacturer's instructions to determine if you need to add a layer of cotton batting to your project.

The supplies listed above are for a stand-alone quilt block. If you are making a project, see the accompanying PDF Quilt Block Project Guides for any additional supplies you may need for the project.

# Can't Touch This Block Instructions, continued...

## Stitch Sequence/Color Chart:

Stitch Sequence:	For:	Thread Color Suggestion:
1	Placement line for batting	Match Fabric A
2	Tack down batting	Match Fabric A
3	Tack down Fabric A	Match Fabric A
4	Quilting Stitches on Fabric A	Coordinate w/ Fabric A
5*	Word "Can't"	Color of Choice
6	Word "Touch"	Color of Choice
7	Word "This!"	Color of Choice
8	Cutting Line for Fabric B	Contrast or Match Fabric B
9	Zigzag Fabric B	Contrast or Match Fabric B
10	Satin Stitch Fabric B	Contrast or Match Fabric B
<b>STOP!</b>	<b>LEAVE THE PROJECT HOOPED!</b> Proceed to the starting page for the project you're making for additional instructions.	—
11	Final Outline (for projects that call for one)	Match Fabric A

\* The block with wording is broken up into 3 Stitch Sequences to give you the option of stitching them in different colors.



## Prepare the Block Materials...

Follow the charts below to cut, fold & label your materials, finding the columns for your block size...

### *Cut Background Fabric...*

For:	Label:	8" Block	7" Block	6" Block	5" Block	4" Block
Background	A	10" x 10"	9" x 9"	8" x 8"	7" x 7"	6" x 6"

### *Cut Border Fabric...*

For:	Label:	8" Block	7" Block	6" Block	5" Block	4" Block
Border	B	10" x 10"	9" x 9"	8" x 8"	7" x 7"	6" x 6"

### *Cut Batting...*

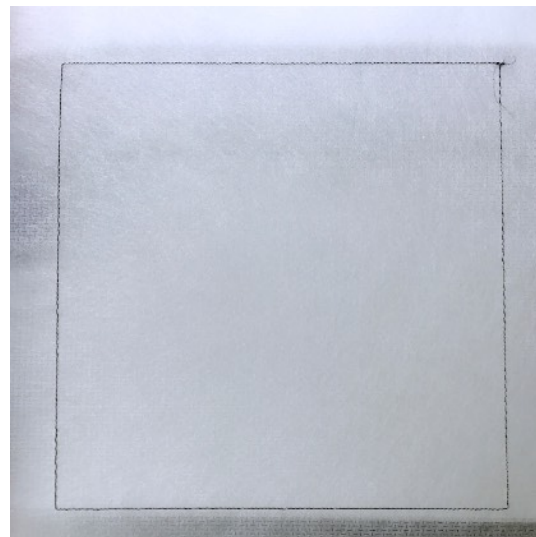
8" Block	7" Block	6" Block	5" Block	4" Block
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# Can't Touch This! Block Instructions

Load the design to your embroidery machine...

1. Hoop a piece of stabilizer.

Using thread to match Fabric A, sew Stitch Sequence 1 directly on your stabilizer to create a placement line for your batting.

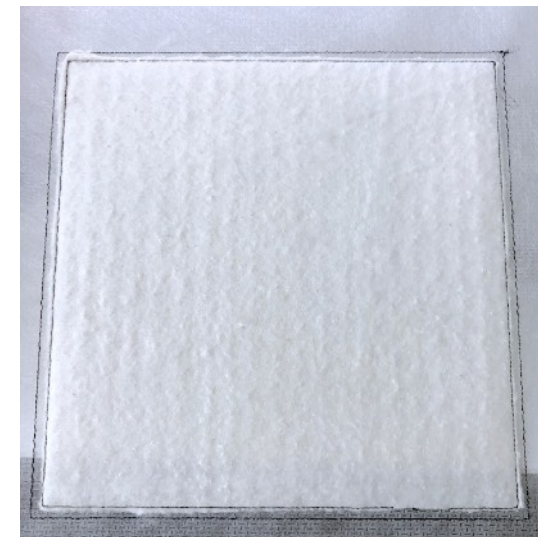


2. Center a piece of Batting over the placement line. Tape in place.

Sew Stitch Sequence 2 to create a cutting line on the batting.

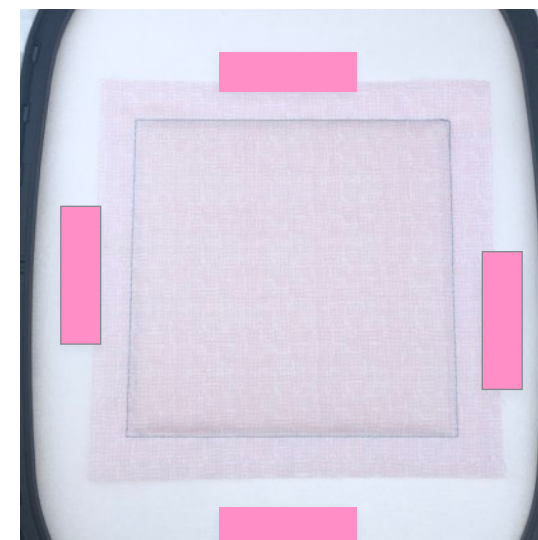


3. Remove the hoop from your machine and trim around the outside of the cutting line. This will lessen the bulk in the seam of the finished project.

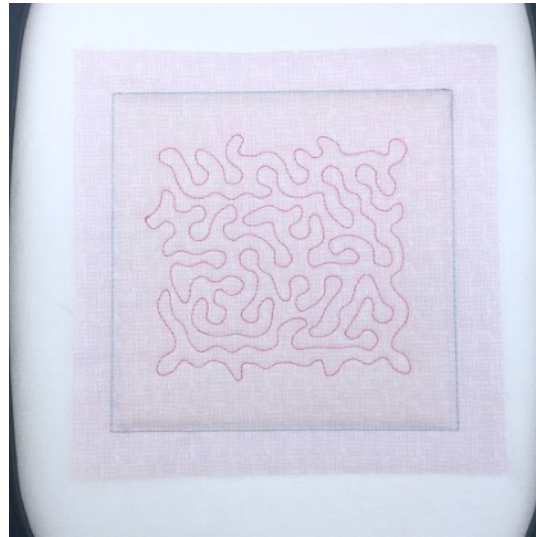


4. Center Fabric A over the batting, right side up, and tape in place.

Sew Stitch Sequence 3 to tack down the fabric.



5. Change to thread for quilting stitches. Sew Stitch Sequence 4 to create the stipple quilting.



6. Change to thread for the first line of wording. Sew Stitch Sequence 5 to stitch "Can't".



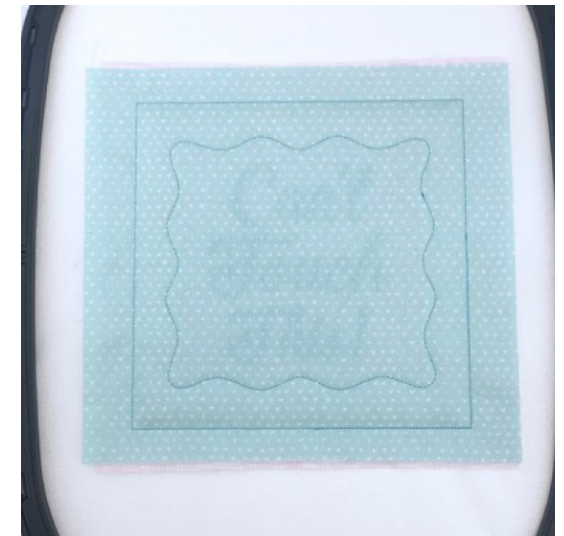
7. Change thread for the second line of wording, if desired. Sew Stitch Sequence 6 to stitch "Touch".



8. Change thread for the second line of wording, if desired. Sew Stitch Sequence 7 to stitch "This!".

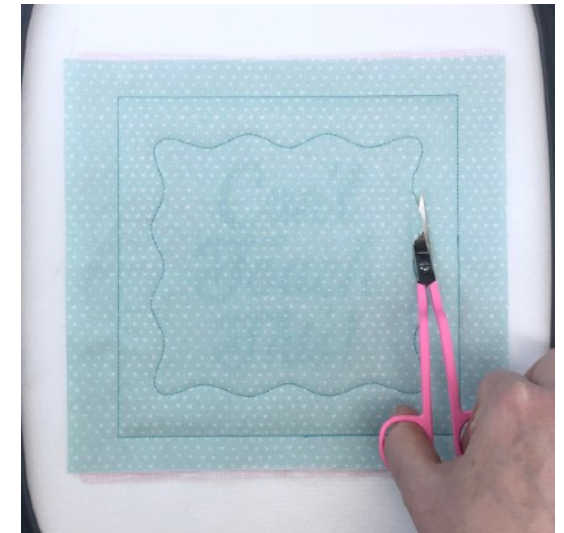


9. Change to thread to match or contrast Fabric B. Center Fabric B over the project and tape in place. Sew Stitch Sequence 8 to tack down and stitch a cutting line on Fabric B.



10. Remove the hoop from your machine. Poke a small hole into the center of Fabric B. To get started, use a pin or thread snips to gently pull the center of Fabric B up slightly. Carefully snip Fabric B to start the cut, being careful not to snip down into Fabric A.

Trim the remainder of Fabric B from inside the cutting line, as shown, getting as close as you can to the line of stitches without snipping them.





11. Replace the hoop on your machine. Sew Stitch Sequence 9 to sew the zigzag stitches on Fabric B.

Trim any bits of fabric from outside the zigzag.



12. Sew Stitch Sequence 10 to sew the satin stitches around Fabric B.



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