

WOODLANDS VEST

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Design Inspiration

The applique design for this vest was inspired by a wall quilt with several bands of animal appliques and woodland and mountain scenes. I reduced the scale of the bands to fit the vest and hunted for photographs of my favorite woodland and mountain animals that I could adapt for applique. The use of flannels and plaids complements the woodlands theme. The vest reverses to a plaid corduroy.

Fabrics

Applique side: 100 % cottons and cotton flannels.

Reverse side: 100 % cotton corduroy.

Embellishments

Strip pieced base fabric with machine blanket-stitched applique animals and machine blind-stitched applique mountains, jumbo piping.

Patterns

Simplicity 9058 (modified).

Special Sewing Techniques

The pattern for this vest originally had princess seams. The base fabric was pieced together so that the curve of the princess seam is hidden in the mountain applique. This gives the vest some subtle shaping without detracting from the lines of the design. The mountain appliques have turned-under edges and are finished with a blind hem. The animal appliques are fused and blanket stitched. The vest is reversible and the edges are finished with jumbo piping.