

Baktus Fabric Scarf



I mentioned in my book that inspiration for fabric patterning is everywhere, but that one of the places I find myself turning to repeatedly to get is art, especially textiles. This is the case when I'm designing patterns for sewn items as well. As an avid knitter, I'm often inspired by knitwear designs and find myself wondering how a particular knitted piece would work in fabric.

The original Baktus scarf was knitted design created by the talented Striikkelise and offered as a free pattern on flickr.

Check it out at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/norwayneedles/2963651011/>

Striikkelise has generously given me permission to recreate her pattern in fabric and offer free to whipup.net readers. This is a great pattern to showcase some of your own hand dyed and patterned fabric or use a favorite commercial cotton.

Enjoy!

Finished Size: 11 1/4" at widest point and 54" long

Materials:

Fabric:

Hand dyed and patterned or commercial cotton measuring about 18" x 54" for side A

Coordinating hand dyed or commercial cotton measuring about 18" x 54" for side B

Other Supplies:

24" x 36" sheet of tracing or plain white paper to draft pattern

Coordinating topstitching thread

Iron

Pencil

Pins

Quilter's clear, acrylic ruler

Rotary cutter

Scissors

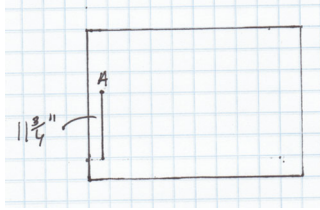
Self-healing mat

Sewing machine

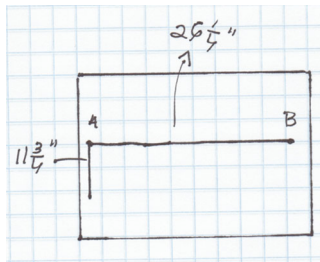
Sewing machine thread

Drafting the Pattern:

1. Position ruler perpendicular to 36" edge of paper and measure and draw an 11 3/4" line that runs close to and parallel with the 24" edge.



2. From one end of $11 \frac{3}{4}$ " line (point A), measure and mark a dot $26 \frac{1}{4}$ " away.



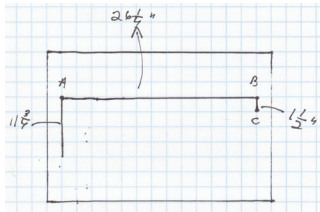
3. Label this dot point B.

4. Using a ruler, draw a line to connect point A to point B.

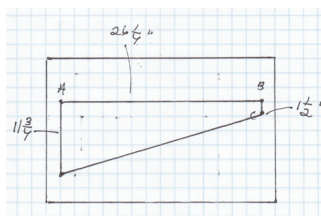
5. From point B measure and mark a dot $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " below point B.

6. Label this dot point C.

7. Using a ruler, draw a line to connect point B to point C.



8. Using a ruler, draw a line connecting point C to $11 \frac{3}{4}$ " original line at opposite end from point A.



9. Cut pattern out with scissors.

Cutting the Pattern:

1. Fold side A fabric in half along long edge.
2. Pin pattern to folded fabric so that 11 3/4" edge is flush with folded edge of fabric.
3. Pin paper pattern securely to fabric.
4. Working on a self-healing mat, use rotary cutter to cut fabric around pattern.
5. Remove pins.
6. Repeat steps 1-5 with side B fabric.

Sewing the Scarf:

Note: All seam allowances are 1/4".

1. Pin sides A and B, right sides together.
2. Beginning along long edge, stitch pieces together, leaving a 10" un-sewn gap to turn scarf right side facing.
3. Turn scarf right side out, remembering to poke out corners.
4. Press scarf flat including 1/4" seam allowance at gap.
5. Pin gap closed.
6. Using a topstitching thread and setting machine to zigzag, stitch around entire perimeter of scarf.

