

Go Fish!

By Cindy Mccoy

Cindy Mccoy's **Go Fish! Kennel Quilt** is designed to fit perfectly into a small cat kennel. This little quilt is easily made from your stash in no time at all, and is sure to make you smile!

Make one for your pet, and then make another to donate to a local animal shelter in your area. Visit the PetfinderFoundation.com for a list of animal shelters needing **Kennel Quilt** donations in your area, or go to www.quiltpatternmagazine.com to learn more.

If you are designing your own, be sure to check out the **Guidelines for Small Kennel Quilts** on the next page to create a safe quilt for pets! — TQPM

Materials:

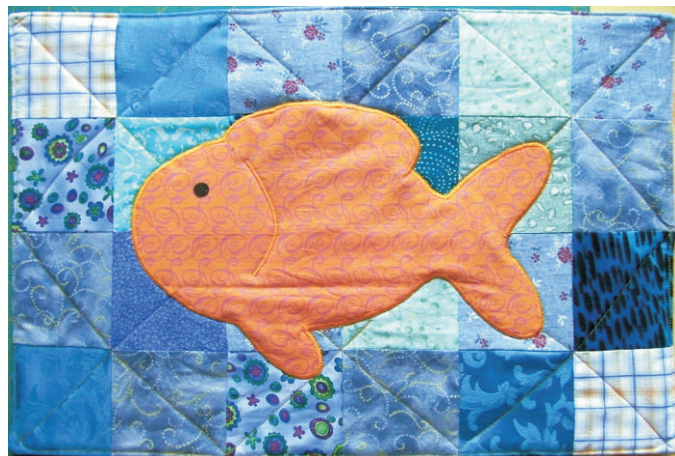
Use pre-washed, 100% cotton fabrics and batting.

- 24 (twenty-four) 3-1/2" squares in various blue fabrics for background
- 8-1/2" x 11" piece of yellow/orange fabric for fish
- 1" x 1" piece of black fabric for fish eye
- 12-1/2" x 18-1/2" rectangle of fabric for backing
- 12-1/2" x 18-1/2" rectangle of batting
- 8-1/2" x 11" piece of freezer paper

Directions:

Sew pieces right sides together using a 1/4" seam and a small stitch length (e.g. 14 stitches/inch).

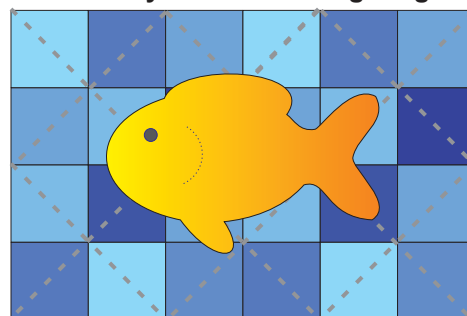
1. Lay out the 24 blue squares in 4 rows of 6 squares each, as shown in the layout and quilting diagram. Sew each row of 6 squares together. Press the seams in alternating directions for each row. Sew the rows together to complete the pieced background. Press the seams in one direction.
2. Print the **Go Fish!** templates found on the third page. Trace the fish and fish eye onto freezer paper. Cut out each shape 1/4" beyond the line.
3. Iron the freezer paper templates to the right side of the appropriate fabric pieces. Cut the pieces out on the line.
4. Remove the freezer paper from the fabric pieces.
5. Center the fish on the pieced background and pin in place. Referring to the layout, pin the fish eye in place.



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Made by pattern tester Sylvia Dell'Aere
12" x 18"

Go Fish! Layout and Quilting Diagram



6. Secure the pieces to the background using a small hem or satin stitch that overlaps the raw edges of the appliqué.
7. Place the quilt backing right side up on a flat surface. With right sides together, align the raw edges of the quilt top and the quilt backing. Place the batting on top of the quilt top, again aligning the raw edges. Pin in place.
8. Sew the top and backing together leaving a 10" opening for turning. Make sure to catch the batting when stitching. Backstitch on either side of the opening. Trim corners.
9. Turn the quilt right side out. Carefully poke out the corners. Whipstitch the opening closed with small, tight stitches. Press.
10. Quilt in a simple pattern to keep the batting in place. See diagram above.

Guidelines for Small Kennel Quilts:

- ▶ Materials used should be 100% cotton (biodegradable).
- ▶ Pre-wash fabrics (pets can have allergies just like humans).
- ▶ Finished size should be 12" x 18". This fits the most commonly used small kennel used at shelters.
- ▶ When piecing, use a small stitch length (e.g. 14 stitches/inch).
- ▶ Do not use binding as it can be hazardous to pets if it becomes loose. Layer, sew around the edge using a small stitch length, and turn quilts pillow-cover style. Whipstitch the opening with small, tight stitches.
- ▶ Use only simple appliqués that are secured with tight stitches along the edges. Avoid using fusibles.
- ▶ Keep the quilting simple and use small tight quilting stitches that won't catch on pet claws. Do not tie quilts as the ends can get caught in claws or chewed off.
- ▶ Do not use any metallic threads or other embellishments (e.g. beads, charms, buttons, ribbons, lace, trims, etc.) of any kind. Do not add handles or loops to the quilt.

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TQPM and **Petfinder Foundation** have joined together to help the animal victims of disasters. When Hurricane Sandy hit the East Coast (2012), **Petfinder Foundation** was there. Seeing a need for the animals and shelters that were affected by this storm, they contacted **TQPM** and asked for Kennel Quilts for various shelters.

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Pretty Girl is an **HSPPR** adoptee on her Kennel Quilt during the 2012 Colorado fires.

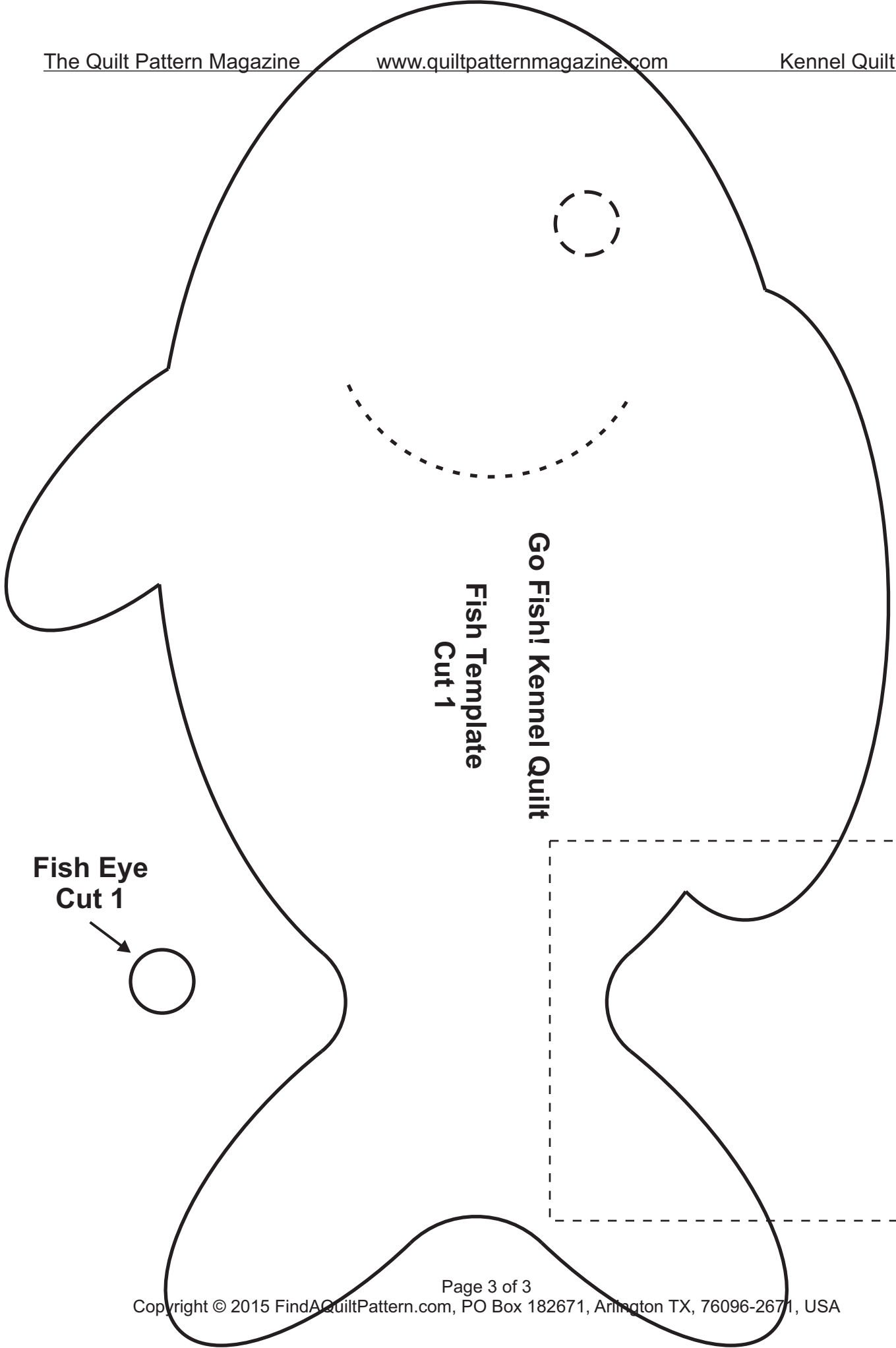
The readers of **TQPM** responded with over 100 quilts sent from the USA, Canada and England. As a result of the overwhelming response, **TQPM** and **Petfinder Foundation** formed the **TQPM Small Kennel Quilt Team**.

TQPM Small Kennel Quilt Team is a volunteer organization that is available when disasters strike. It is a way to join a larger effort to help our animal friends in times of need by doing what we love.

Members of the team supply kennel quilts to shelters. Free patterns can be downloaded from the **TQPM** website. Just Click on the **TQPM Small Kennel Quilt Team** box on the side bar of any page at **TQPM's** website.

Be part of the team that helps animals in disasters.

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**Fish Template
Cut 1**

**Fish Eye
Cut 1**

3-inch Test Square