

ABM Fish Runner March 2019

- Finished Size: 45" x 16"
- Required equipment: INNOVA AutoPilot Mach 3 with Grand Format Embroidery and a minimum of 50" wide by 18" high sew zone.
- Supplies:
 - ✓ Backing, Batting, and top fabric min 53" x 24"
 - ✓ A Variety of fabrics for fish. Jelly rolls will work.
 - ✓ A Variety of choice of threads or just one you like.
 - ✓ Fusible peel and stick webbing. Appli-Stick works well.
 - ✓ Scissors and Pins

Import the ABM Fish Runner project file into your INNOVA AutoPilot Mach 3 Computer.

Load your backing, batting, and top to your INNOVA frame.

Open the ABM Fish Runner pattern and position as desired.

Run the pattern with Pause ON under settings.

❖ The first item to stitch will be the cross hatching. I chose a neutral color thread to blend in.

❖ Second will be the borders with the little leaves. This is where you may want to introduce some colorful thread to coordinate with the fish fabric you have chosen.

❖ Now the fish!

○ Iron some fusible web to the wrong side of your fish fabric. Some people need a little more wiggle room than others but a piece that is 2.5" x 11" for each fish should do.

○ After the last little leaf row has stitched you will click continue to move the machine to its first fish. This is towards the middle of the runner. Now you know where to pin your fish fabric. Paper side down, right side of fabric up. You can move your machine to each end and side of the fish fabric and look on the screen to make sure the fish will land on the fabric. Very carefully pin each end of the fish fabric in place, making sure the machine will not be hitting the pins when it stitches. Ok, now you are ready.

▪ Take the thread out of the needle back past the take up lever. We are going to stitch without thread! This will punch holes in the paper of your fusible. Click go to paper punch the fish outline. 10 stitches per inch is fine.

▪ Remove the fish and cut along the dotted line. I cut just barely outside the holes rather than directly on them. This way the stitches of the path apply will land on the fish.

▪ Peel the paper off the back of the fish and stick him on the runner using the faint needle punch holes as a guide. If this is too hard to see, go to group manager and queue the fish to run again, only with thread this time. Then use the stitches to guide your placement.

▪ Now you will want to reduce the size of your stitch length to run the masked pattern in the fish. 14 to 18 spi will give you good results.

Continue to run the masked pattern.

▪ Next the path apply edging on the fish will run. Choose another thread

color if you like or stay neutral, your choice.

- Continue until all your fish are fried.

Finish as desired.