

Machine Appliqué 101

Step 1:

If your final product will be laundered, be sure to wash and dry both fabrics before you begin.

Step 2:

Mark center of item to be sewn and place it on the embroidery frame. I use filmoplast (sticky paper) to stabilize the fabric.

Step 3:

Cut out your appliqué fabric to be about 2 inches larger on all sides than the appliqué design. So if your design is 3"x3", then cut your fabric to be at least 5"x5".

Step 4:

Center the appliqué fabric on top of the item to be sewn. I usually just place it and hold it by hand while the machine sews, but you could pin on the outside edge of your fabric.

Step 5:

Sew the tacking stitch. In my designs, this will be the first stitch you sew and will be followed by a scissors mark, indicating when it is time to cut.

Step 6:

Remove the embroidery frame from the machine. Using rounded tip appliqué scissors, cut all around the design, gently tugging at the fabric to cut as close as possible to the stitch line.

Step 7:

Replace the embroidery frame and continue sewing the satin stitch around the outline of the design.

Step 8:

Press from the back of the fabric using light steam.

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