

Appliqué in the Hoop Technique Using Laser Cut Shapes

Steps for embroidery machine appliqué designs

Load the Appliqué Design

An Appliqué design will be loaded into the embroidery machine just like any other embroidery design.

Copy the appliqué file from the CD or Folder on the Computer onto the USB stick that came with your embroidery machine.



Preparing the hoop

Hoop a medium tear away stabilizer.



Background Fabric

The background fabric is always placed on top of the hoop/stabilizer. Do not hoop background fabric.

Use the Basting function on the embroidery machine to attach the background fabric to the stabilizer.



Placement Stitch

Each appliqué element will have a placement stitch. This is used to determine where to place the laser cut shape for the appliqué element.

To reduce thread changes, use the same thread for the Placement stitch and satin stitch. In the appliqué file, the Placement stitch is represented as the "white" thread color step.

Remove the Hoop from the embroidery machine unit and place it flat on an ironing surface.



Laser cut fusible Appliqué Shape

Peel off the paper backing of a laser cut fusible appliqué shape. Place the laser cut shape for the appliqué element on top of the Placement Stitch. It may be helpful to use tweezers to hold the applique shape in place.

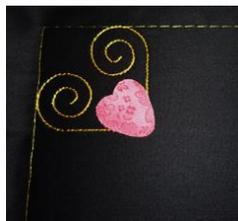
Note: The Appliqué shape can go beyond the placement stitch, such as the lower part of the heart shape shown; it is important to align the shape on the Placement line where the Satin Stitch will cover.



Press the appliqué shape

Using a craft iron with a Silk setting, place the iron on top of the laser cut shape appliqué shape for about 2-3 seconds.

Remove iron, and make sure the laser cut shape appliqué shape is secure and still covering the Placement stitch.



Continue to press each laser cut shape appliqué shape one at a time.

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Satin Stitch

Re-attach the hoop back to the embroidery unit.
Press the start button to start the Satin Stitch.
Change thread for the next appliqué shape.
Stitch out the Placement stitch for the next appliqué shape(s).
Remove the hoop from the embroidery unit.



Peel and Press the next set of pre-cut fusible appliqué shape(s).



Continue to Peel and Press the next set of pre-cut fusible appliqué shape(s) per the block instructions.
Complete the Satin stitch between each Placement stitch.



Multiple Placement Stitches will stitch out for more than one appliqué fabric if the shapes do not overlap such as the green leaves.



Upon completion of the Stitch Out, remove the hoop from the embroidery machine, and turn it over on a flat surface. Trim the threads and use tweezers to remove the medium tear away stabilizer starting in the center.



Take extra care to remove stabilizer from the decorative stitch area.

Once the stabilizer is removed, turn the hoop over and clip the basting stitch all around the design.

Turn the hoop over and use tweezers to pull the bobbin thread for the basting stitch. At this point the design should gently pull free from the hoop. Remove the remaining basting stitches. Wait to trim block until assembling the quilt.

