

Machine Embroidery Applique Instructions

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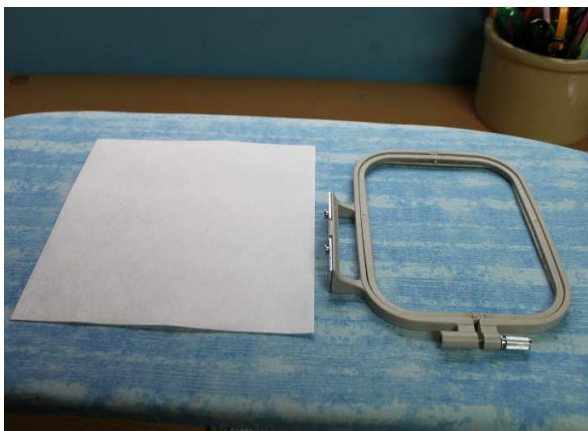
Machine Embroidery is a simple and easy technique used with your choice of an applique embroidery design and your embroidery machine.

I have put together some instructions that are basic and simple to use with pictures.

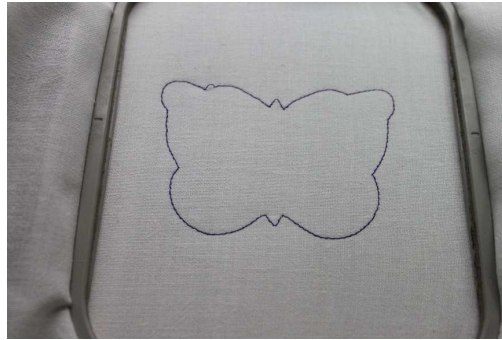
1. First choose your design. I have chosen a simple applique butterfly design I have digitized. You can use any applique you would like. Load the design into your embroidery machine. I use Free Ware viewer to view my color changes. (if you would like you can print out your thread changes and pattern out)



2. Now that you have chosen your design you are ready to begin. Take your hoop and a piece of stabilizer along with what you are planning on putting the applique on. (In this instance I am using a Feed Sack Towel) Hoop your stabilizer and your material as you normally would and attach the hoop to your machine.



3. Stitch out the First thread ONLY. You may want to use a light color so that the thread does not show through your finished product. This is called a simple running outline stitch. The first color stitch out is the placement of where you will place your background Fabric for your applique. Your first color stitch out should look like this.



4. Take your piece of Fabric and lay it over the stitches. Like this:



Keep your applique piece positioned. You can use a spray adhesive or some tape each side of the applique material. In this case I used a little spray.

5. Stitch out Thread Change 2. This is called your tack down stitch. It will look like this when you are stitching it out and when finished with thread number 2. Take the hoop out of your machine to cut around the stitches.



6. Next take your really sharp scissors. I use a curved scissors along with a tweezers when if I do not cut close enough. You now want to cut off the excess fabric around the stitched lines, trying to get as close as you can without cutting the stitches. Like this:



Where I have some the excess fabric still on the piece I take my tweezers and hold with that and cut off the longer pieces.



When you have finished cutting around your applique, put the hoop back in your machine. It will look like this when you re-hoop.

Some little pieces are okay close to the stitches.



7. With your cut out applique and putting your hoop back in your machine. Stitch out thread change 3.



This is the final stitch for your applique piece. Usually it is a Satin Stitch.

Your finished product should look like this when you are finished stitching with your embroidery machine.



Here is what my final product looks like. I added some words after I finished the applique.



Some more helpful tips.

1. Holding the fabric down with your hands can be dangerous. Please do not do this. We wouldn't want you to get your needle in your fingers or hand.
2. Some designs after you are finished have other stitches, you want to finish up the design after you finish your applique. Some designs even have more than one applique color in the designs you would follow these instructions if there is another applique part in your design.
3. Appliqueing can be beautifully done on most fabrics, quilts and shirts. You can add your own personal style with the Fabric you choose to applique.

Thank you for downloading my instructions for Appliqueing. I hope this helps you.

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Have a beautiful day!

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