

Embroidery Machine Appliqué



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Multiple Fabric Appliqué Design

Appliqué embroidery uses fabric pieces to fill in parts of a design and finishes with a smooth satin stitch. These step by step instructions shows you how to stitch a design that uses more than one piece of fabric.

Getting Started:

- I recommend preparing your fabric ahead of time with fusible webbing.
- Once the fabric piece has cooled down, be sure to remove the backing paper.
- This step makes trimming easier, prevents fraying along the edge of the fabric, and sticks to fabric to prevent wrinkles.

Hooping:

Hoop the background fabric or garment with the proper stabilizer. I prefer a double layer of stabilizer.

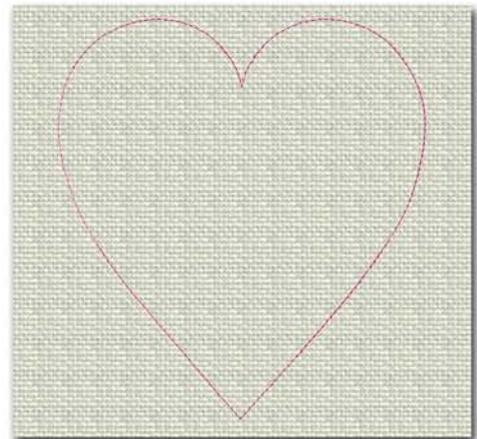
Steps:

1. Placement Line (Pink)
2. Cutting Line (Turquoise)
3. Tackdown Stitch (Orange)
4. Cover Stitch (Default)

NB! It is important that these steps alternate colors in the design file so that your machine stops between steps, but you do not need to use pink and turquoise or orange thread. Pick a neutral color and use it for all placement, cutting and tackdown stitches. Once all fabric is tacked down and trimmed, then use different thread colors for the remaining color stops to coordinate with your fabric choices.

Placement Line:

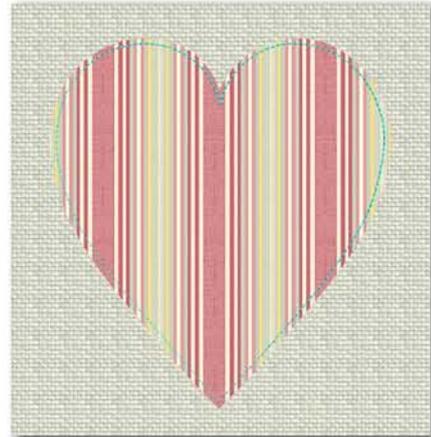
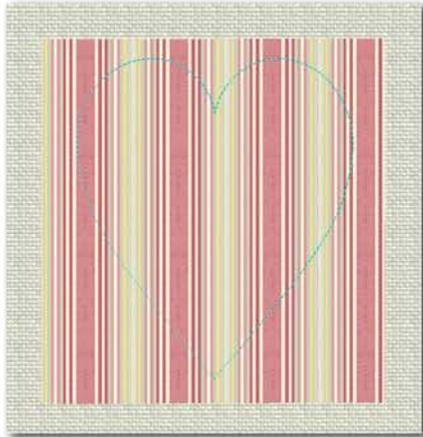
- Attach the hoop to the machine and press start
- The pink steps are single running placement stitches showing you where the fabric should go
- Cut a piece of fabric larger than the stitched Placement Line
- Place the fabric right side up over the Placement Line, ensuring that the fabric covers all the stitches



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Cutting Line:

- Stitch the Cutting Line
- Remove the hoop from the machine but do not remove the fabric from hoop
- Place the hoop on a flat surface
- Using a sharp curved pair of scissors or appliqué scissors trim away all fabric outside the line, cutting as close to the stitching as possible



Tackdown Stitch:

- Reattach the hoop to the machine and stitch the Tackdown
- This will secure the appliqué as the machine stitches by stitching a zigzag stitch or a slightly to the inside of the appliqué



Cover Stitch:

- Stitch the Cover Stitch
- This may follow immediately after the Tackdown or come later in the design's stitching process
- The Cover Stitch is commonly a satin stitch, although other decorative stitches also may be used

