

Appliqué Technique on Embroidery Machine - Step By Step Guide

Thank you for choosing our appliqué designs. Hope you will enjoy them.

Please read through this small tutorial to make sure you use the designs efficiently. Machine embroidery appliqué is an easy technique.

We've included step by step explanations using actual example to help you get started. Good luck!

General Suggestions

- * Print thread & fabric change list of specific design you're going to stitch.
- * If you intend to use fabrics of organic nature that may have tendency to shrink, wash them in hot (but not boiling) water before applying to your project.
- * Iron all fabrics you're going to use for your appliqué project.
- * You MUST have quality scissors with long sharp edges ("appliqué" scissors are readily available in most sewing centers and craft shops).
- * For appliqué, avoid using easily fraying fabrics. If you have no choice - eliminate fraying by applying "No Fray Spray" on fabric edges.
- * If you're dealing with slippery fabrics, prepare some double sided scotch or adhesive spray.

Main Steps

1. Hooping background fabric.
2. Marking background fabric using embroidery machine and very first thread of appliqué design.
3. Positioning appliqué fabric pieces on hooped background, sewing them on and cutting the excess one by one.
4. Running the rest of appliqué embroidery design.

Detailed Directions

1. Hooping the background fabric:

Stabilize and carefully hoop your appliqué background fabric. Make sure the fabric isn't stretched and there's no puckering. Large hoops sometimes don't hold the fabric well enough. If your hoop has such tendency, insert a piece of thick fabric between each long hoop side when hooping your appliqué background.

2. Marking the background fabric using embroidery machine and very first thread color of appliqué design:

Insert the hoop into your machine and load your appliqué design. Stitch the first thread (only). Use any light thread color that will not show through later. This is done to mark the background fabric and help you position appliqué pieces. Finished result should look something like this →



3. Positioning appliqué fabric pieces on hooped background, sewing them on and cutting the excess one by one.

- 3.1 Look at thread & fabric change list that corresponds with your design. Lay the first piece of appliqué fabric to hooped background. We rarely use adhesive materials to hold it on place - prefer to select fabric types that aren't too slippery. Most times it's enough to lay it accurately on hoop.

For problematic fabric types some adhesive materials like double sided scotch or spray adhesive may be required. NEVER hold fabric with your hands while your machine works - it's dangerous. You will need your hands later.

3.2 Stitch the thread that goes right after this fabric color.

If you can cut the edges accurately without taking the hoop out of machine - do it. If can't - take your hoop out of the machine (do NOT take the fabric out!) and carefully cut appliqué fabric edges as close to the seam as you can. Don't live more than 1 mm.



Insert the hoop back and repeat steps 3.1 & 3.2 until all appliqué pieces are attached to the background. Always follow colors list.

4. Embroider the rest of appliqué embroidery design, following thread change list.

Enjoy!



P.S.

Please note - appliqué designs are not resizable. If you resize appliqué design, in best case you will be able to use it as regular embroidery design (not appliqué) by skipping the first outlines that are supposed to hold appliqué fabric.

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