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☆ Lessons in Carefree Embroidery ☆



How to Appliqué

Appliqués is a technique in which pieces of fabric, embroidery, or other materials are sewn onto another piece of fabric to create designs, patterns or pictures. Appliqués personalize your embroidery with your favorite fabrics, prints, and patterns and offer an unlimited number of looks and textures on an embroidery design while reducing the stitch count.

Materials Needed:

- Appliqué Design which includes 2 files:
 - Dieline; to cut the shape
 - Embroidery design
- Top fabric
- Backing material: (Cutaway or Tearaway for base fabric and Heat Seal for the appliqué)
- Adhesive Spray.
- Embroidery threads.

Equipment Needed:

- Embroidery or monogram machine.

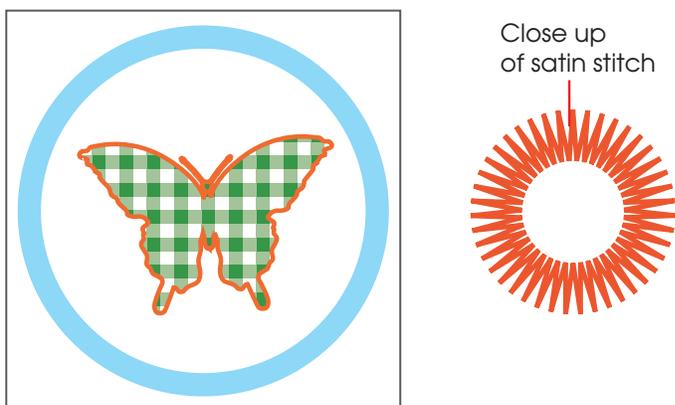
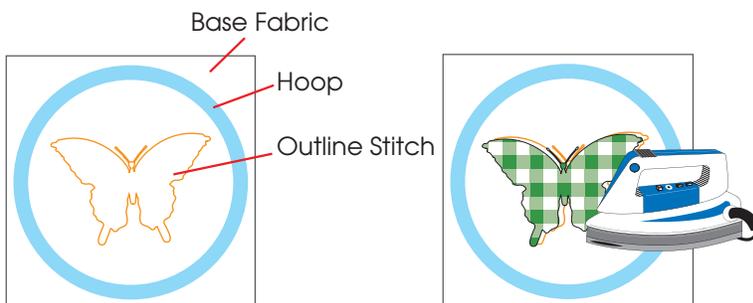
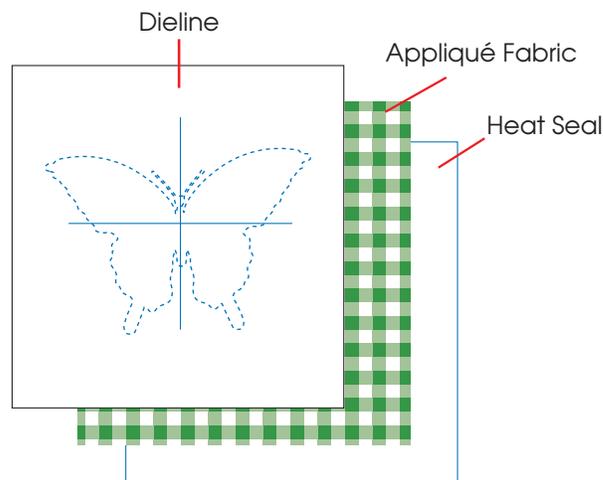
General Instructions:

1. Open and print the dieline file.
2. Place the appliqué fabric on top of the Heat Seal.
3. Spray the back side of the printed out dieline with adhesive spray and tack down on top of the appliqué fabric, creating a "sandwich" effect.
4. Cut out the shape and remove the paper template.
5. Hoop your garment/base fabric with a stabilizer.
6. Sew the Outline stitch onto the garment/base fabric.
7. Adhere appliqué over the outline stitch using an appliqué iron or a regular iron.
8. Tack down the appliqué with a loose tack down stitch to hold it in place and then sew your Satin Stitch. If you are using a Zig Zag Stitch instead of a satin stitch, you do not need to apply a loose tack down stitch.

Please Note: All appliqués must be backed with a Heat Seal. This forms a bond between the base fabric and the appliqué to keep the two fabrics from shrinking and causing the design to pucker.

Madeira offers the following products for creating Appliqués:

- E-Zee Backings (Cutaway, Tearaway)
- E-Zee Heat Seal #3218
- Adhesive Spray (Item #157-1000 or Item #157-1100)
- Embroidery threads



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