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Applique - Single Fabric



Applique is so easy to create and is one of the most popular machine embroidery techniques. It's great for beginners, intermediate and advanced embroiderers. This "How To" covers the applique technique using a single color of fabric. This applique technique can be used on all the single fabric applique designs found on Embroidery Weekly, unless otherwise specified.

Materials:

Cut Away Stabilizer

Temporary Adhesive Spray

Printed Cotton Fabric

Avalon if applique is to go on toweling

Project or fabric that applique is going on

Embroidery thread of choice



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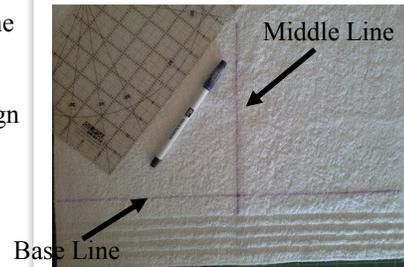
Lets get started!

First, open your design in your embroidery software and print out a print preview of your design. If your software doesn't put in the center lines, add in the center lines with a ruler and a pencil. Draw a block around the design and cut out along the block.



Next, using a magic marker (one that fades or washes out), mark the middle of the fabric where you want your design. Remember, this will be the middle of your design.

Next, mark a base line. This is the lowest point of where your design will be stitched ie. Your design will not stitch beneath this line.



Place your printout onto the markings so the bottom of the printout "rests" on the base line and the center of the design on the middle line. Using your magic marker, mark the center of the design.



Center of the design marked



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Hoop 1 layer of stabilizer and marked fabric. Be sure to center the markings of your design in your hoop.

If you are stitching on toweling, hoop only the stabilizer. Spray the stabilizer with temporary adhesive spray and position your marked fabric onto the stabilizer. Firmly press the toweling into place.



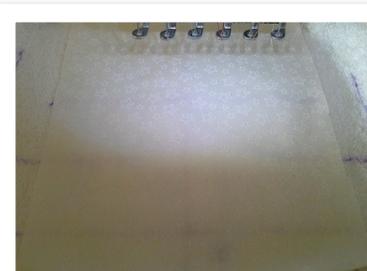
Marked fabric centered in the hoop



The first color stop has been marked as a die line on the stitch chart. This marks where to place your fabric. Stitch the first color stop.



Remove the hoop from the machine and spray the die line area with temporary adhesive spray. Place your piece of fabric over the die line and hand press in place.



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The second color on the stitch chart is marked as the zig zag color. This is used to hold the applique fabric in place. Stitch this color stop. Remove the hoop from the machine and trim away the excess fabric from around the zig zag stitch.



Depending on the fabric that your applique design is being stitched on, you may need to place a piece of Avalon over the design, especially if the design is going to be stitched onto the fabric. If your applique design is going onto a piece of toweling, then put a piece of Avalon over the design. If your design is going onto a smooth fabric, the Avalon won't be needed. Now stitch out the rest of the design. And that's your applique design done.



How easy was that?

