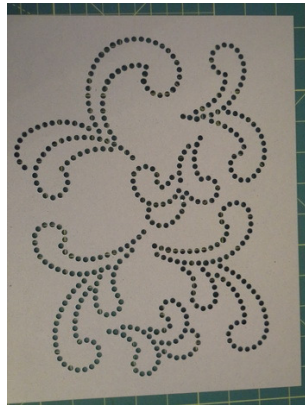


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Hotfix Rhinestone and Placement Lesson

To start with, you need to create the rhinestone templates. Use the SVG files included in the design and your craft cutter to cut your templates. If you don't have a cutter, you can print the template pdf file onto your card stock and use a set of punch tools to cut out the holes. Once the holes are cut, your rhinestone template is ready to use. It should look something like this. Each design has its own unique template.



Now to embroider your design onto your fabric / T-shirt etc. I use the design printout on the scale of 1:1. This you can printout directly from your embroidery software. It definitely makes placement a lot easier. Place your design where you want and mark.



Materials

Stockcard for the rhinestone templates and for going inside the shirt

Hotfix Rhinestones

Non stick, heat resistant craft sheets

Iron

Printout of designs

Temporary adhesive spray





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Hoop up your fabric / garment with the correct stabilizer. Position it correctly in the hoop for stitching. Stitch out your design. If you want to add a second part to your design, print out the second design. Again place it where you want it on the fabric / garment and mark. Hoop up the fabric / garment with the correct stabilizer. Remember to position it correctly in the hoop for stitching. I use temporary adhesive spray to help hold the fabric in place as well as the design printout. It really helps with the positioning in the hoop and is easily removed before stitching.



If you decide to use an iron on backing to cover the back side of the design to stop any scratchiness, do this now before continuing.

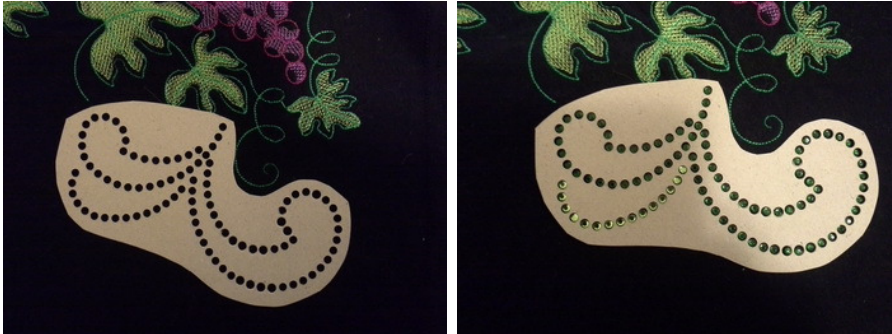
Once the embroidery is done, stabilizer trimmed and if necessary a soft iron on backing is added, you are now ready to add the rhinestones. First place a piece of cardstock inside the garment where the rhinestones will be placed. Be sure to place a non stick heat resistant craft sheet over this cardstock. It prevents any glue from the hotfix rhinestones that might come through the fabric from sticking to the cardstock. Take the template that you have already prepared. If there are a lot of sections that require rhinestones, I like to cut my template into sections. It makes it easier to work with. Have a printout of the layout pdf on hand as reference.



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Lightly spray the back of the template with temporary adhesive spray and place it on the garment. Add your hotfix rhinestones to the template making sure the glue side is on the fabric.



Place a non stick heat resistant craft sheet over the hotfix crystals and template. Using a hot dry iron, heat up the hotfix crystals through the craft sheet. Keep the iron on them for about 10 seconds or until the glue has melted sufficiently to bond them to the fabric.



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Continue in this method until the design is completed. Use a variety of colors to create your very own uniquely embroidered garments and projects. The sky's the limit. This is so much fun to create unique clothing etc, you won't want to stop.

