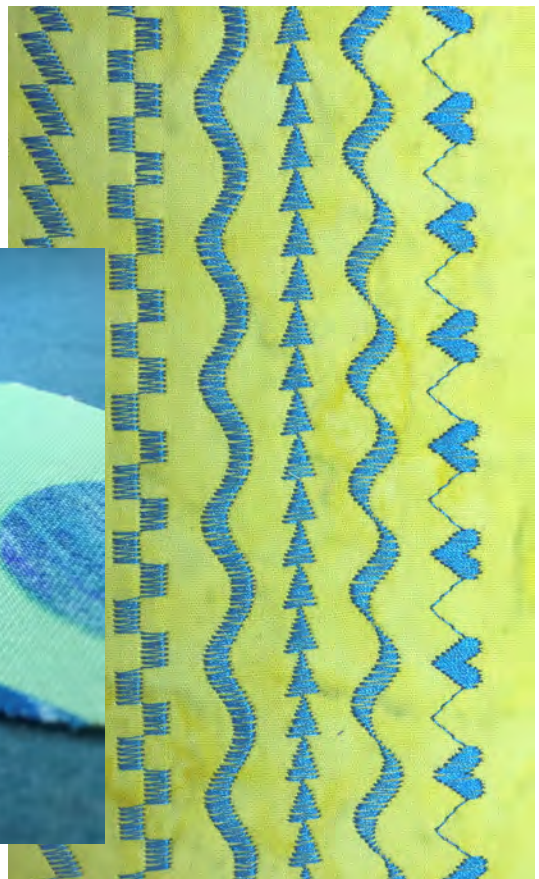


# APPLIQUÉ & DECORATIVE STITCHES

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# BLANKET STITCH APPLIQUÉ

Blanket stitch appliqué is traditional and trendy at the same time. Using Open Embroidery Foot #20 for appliqué makes it fast and easy to sew. The center part of the foot has been cut away, letting you see the needle as it stitches, making this foot perfect for blanket stitching.

## Supplies & Settings

- One piece quilting cotton for background, contrasting appliqué fabric, tear-away stabilizer, and paper-backed fusible web, all 8" x 8"
- Cotton, polyester, or rayon embroidery thread
- Open Embroidery Foot #20/20C/20D
- 80/12 Universal needle
- Far Right needle position
- Stitch: Blanket Stitch

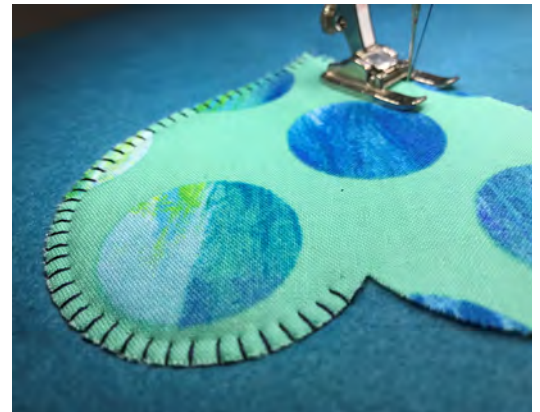
## Blanket Stitch Appliqué

1. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse paper-backed web to wrong side of the appliqué fabric. Cut out the desired shape and fuse it to the base fabric. Place 1-2 layers of tear-away stabilizer behind the base fabric if needed to prevent tunneling and puckering.
2. Attach Open Embroidery Foot #20/20C/20D to the machine.
3. Select the Blanket stitch; adjust stitch width and length as desired. Mirror Image Vertical (Left/Right) if necessary (and available) so the horizontal stitches of the pattern fall on the appliqué shape.
4. Move the needle to the far right; align the raw edge of the appliqué with the inside of the toe of the foot.
5. Stitch along all sides of the appliqué shape, with the straight portion of the stitch falling on the base fabric and the horizontal swing stitching on the shape.
6. At corners, stop with the needle down in the fabric, pivot 45° and complete the stitch, stopping with the needle on the background fabric; continue stitching. Pivot another 45° and align the next side of the appliqué shape with the inside of the right toe of the presser foot.
7. Pivot around curves, keeping the straight portion of the stitch against the edge of the appliqué.

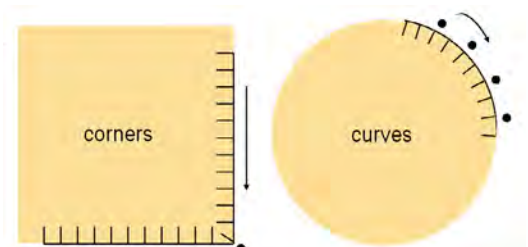
**Note:** Reduce motor speed to make maneuvering curves easier.



Open Embroidery Foot #20/20C/20D



● = pivot points



*Stop with needle in the fabric, lift foot and rotate slightly or pivot as needed.*

# INVISIBLE APPLIQUÉ

Blind or Invisible appliqué is similar to blanket stitch appliqué but uses a blindstitch, normally used for hemming. Some BERNINA models have this Hand-Look Appliqué stitch in the Quilt menu. The settings of the Blindstitch can also be adjusted for the same effect.

## Supplies & Settings

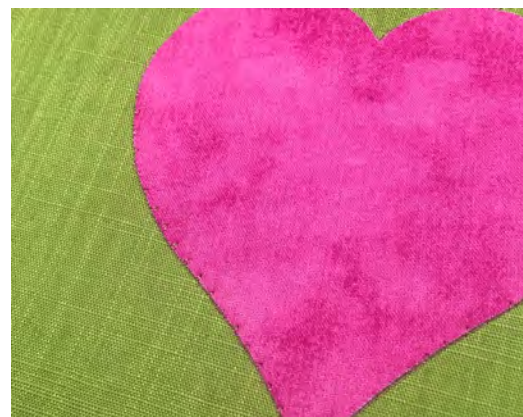
- One piece quilting cotton for background, contrasting appliqué fabric, tear-away stabilizer, and paper-backed fusible web, all 8" x 8"
- Monofilament thread or a thread color that matches the appliqué makes the stitching inconspicuous with a look similar to hand-stitched appliqué.
- Open Embroidery Foot #20/20C/20D
- 80/12 Universal needle
- Far Right needle position
- Stitch: Hand-Look Appliqué Stitch #1331 or Blindstitch #9

## Invisible Appliqué

1. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse paper-backed web to wrong side of fabric for appliqué shapes. Cut out the desired shape and fuse it to the base fabric. Place 1-2 layers of tear-away stabilizer behind the base fabric if needed to prevent tunneling and puckering.
  2. Attach Open Embroidery Foot #20/20C/20D.
  3. Select the Hand-Look Appliqué Stitch #1331 or Blindstitch #9 with a length of .75 mm and a 1 mm width.
  4. Move the needle to the far right; align the raw edge of the appliqué with the inside of the right toe of the presser foot.
  5. Stitch along all sides of the appliqué shape. The stitch is sewn on the background fabric and every few stitches it will barely take a bite into the appliqué shape.
  6. At corners, stop with the needle down in the fabric, pivot and align the next side of the appliqué shape with the inside of the right toe of the presser foot.
  7. Pivot around curves as needed to make them smooth.
- Note:** Reduce motor speed to make maneuvering curves easier.



Open Embroidery Foot #20/20C/20D



# DECORATIVE STITCHING

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BERNINA sewing machines have hundreds of decorative stitches that look great on all types of projects. Using the correct presser foot to stitch these is important. For satin and heavy decorative stitching, look for a foot with a wedge-shape indentation on the sole. It is there to allow the thread build-up to feed easily and smoothly under the foot.

Clear Embroidery Foot #39 has a clear sole, making it easy to see the fabric and stitching under the foot. It has two versions: #39 for 5.5 mm models and #39C for 9 mm machines. The red markings on the foot help to perfectly align rows of stitching.



**Clear Embroidery Foot #39/39C**

## Supplies & Settings

- One piece quilting cotton, 1-2 layers of tear-away stabilizer, all 6" x 6"
- Cotton, polyester, or rayon embroidery thread
- Clear Embroidery Foot #39/39C
- 80/12 Universal needle
- Center needle position
- Decorative Stitches as desired

## Decorative Stitching

1. Place 1-2 layers of tear-away stabilizer behind the fabric if needed to prevent tunneling and puckering.
2. Attach Clear Embroidery Foot #39/39C to the machine.
3. Select the decorative stitch of your choice and sew a line of it across the fabric.
4. Continue selecting stitches and stitching rows using the edge of the presser foot for spacing.

