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What's New in Notions!

Apliquick Tools –



I am so excited to be carrying these wonderful appliqué tools. When an aficionado of the art develops tools, you know they do the job well, are made with precision and quality and are well tested. This method is similar to the freezer paper method but with less mess and more accuracy.

To start, I have the Apliquick rods, stabilizer and glue pen. I'll have more Apliquick products coming.

As usual Clover brings us some helpful products to make life easier for us.

Clover Embroidery Needle Threader – This threader



has a unique design for easy and smooth threading even with thick threads, floss and thin yarns. Our local needlework group gave a thumbs up on this one!

Clover Handy Thread Twister [not pictured] – a fun gadget for making twisted cord. Keeps cords separated while twisting. Great for trim, bracelets, drawstrings.



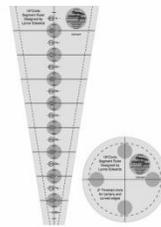
Press Perfect Hot Ruler – Use this heat-resistant ruler to measure, mark, fold and press. Remember the old metal hem gauge? Remember the burnt fingers? No more!

Also, use with your Clover Fabric Folding pen to mark and fold.

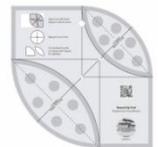
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Creative Grids Rulers

CGR18CF Segment ruler – This is an 18 degree wedge or segment ruler for Dresden plate, fans, etc. Each petal can be cut up to 8 1/2" with no waste. Use 20 segments to make a complete circle or 5 segments for a fan. It includes a 3" finished circle template used for the center or to round off the segments.



Creative Grids Round Up Tool – A great tool for rounding corners on quilts, runners and placemats – much easier to bind than square corners.



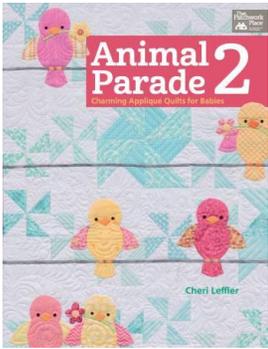
You can use it to cut 8" or 10" circles for appliqué, potholders, cut drunkard's path, orange peel or petal shapes. Conveniently works with pre-cut 5", 7" and 10" squares.

With purchase of select Creative Grid Rulers, choose a **Cut Loose Press Pattern** at no charge to get you started.



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Animal Parade 2 – A great book with wonderful, whimsical creatures to appliqué with your favorite method. And best of all there are wonderful quilts that can be used on their own or with the appliqués. You'll notice a

Curvy log cabin, a Whirlwind Whiz quilt, Hexagon or 60 degree blocks and Flying Geese. Ask about the rulers I have to help you make quick, easy and accurate blocks.

Machine Know How Tips

This month I want to talk about some common machine issues. These happen to everyone, beginner or experienced and drive us crazy!

- Problem: Big loops on the back of the fabric but OK on the front. Fix: Rethread top of the machine, make sure the presser foot is up for threading and down for sewing.
- Problem: Thread lays along the top with bobbin thread forming little loops over it. Fix: Rethread the bobbin. Make sure it is in correctly [could be upside down], is the right bobbin for your model [yes, there are different styles]
- Problem: Bad jamming noise!! Machine handwheel won't turn. Big loops of thread stuck in bobbin case. Fix: Rethread the top of machine. (Either the take-up lever is not threaded or it

has jumped out or was not slipped in all the way. Sometimes certain thread spools will cause this to happen more often.

- Problem: Thread "balls" up on the back of fabric when starting. Fix: Put threads under the presser foot and **to the side -- not the back before you sew.**

Sew You Know

Applique Tips and Products

Applique is a venerable technique that has seen many methods develop as new products and electronic sewing machines were introduced. Most machines today have at least a basic zigzag and many have our new favorite, the blanket stitch. When doing machine appliqué, always use needle down, a slower speed and an open toe appliqué foot. When I do my Applique Options Workshop, I work with everyone individually to find all the new stitches and features your machines might have to make appliqué fun and easy.

I carry many great products to help with your appliqué projects. Check the website for more information.

Appliquick Tools – These precise, well designed rods are phenomenal tools for a more precise "freezer paper" style of appliqué. It leaves less glue on your fingers.

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The glue stays sticky longer and is repositionable. The stabilizer makes the perfect pattern with light fusing to hold in position and softening over time for the right amount of body without stiffness.

Roxanne's Glue Baste-It – Water soluble, fast drying glue in the Ez-Squeezy bottle which lets you get to the last drop. It has a special “needle-like” applicator for pin point droplets of glue where you want. I also have refills.

Beacon's Liquid Thread – An interesting fusible liquid that can be washed out *until* it is ironed, then it is permanent. “Paint” only your appliqué edges for total control resulting in less glue [less stiffness] with multilayered projects.

Bohin Glue Pen – A water soluble “skinny” glue stick that goes on pink and dries clear.

Patch Stick – A glue stick that works beautifully with wool appliqué. A dab on the patch plus where it is going does the trick.

Sulky's Fabri Solvy – This water soluble “fabric” allows you to do machine needle-turn appliqué and it washes out after you appliqué.

Misty Fuse and Soft Fuse – Lightweight fusible web to avoid the “cardboard” feel of so many other products. One has paper for

tracing shapes and the other can be cut directly with your template rulers.

Mettler's Web Bond #101- My go-to basting spray. Where you spray is sticky not what touches it! No sticky hands, no “stick” where you don't want it. Try it for pre-cut appliqué shapes. It's repositionable!

Olfa Precision Applique Scissors – My favorite little scissors. Accurately cuts up to 6 layers of fabric not just threads like other little scissors. Handy for snipping curves and trimming shapes.

Clovers Point to Point tool – Has many different shapes to turn and push out edges. I use mine with the Fabri-Solvy to turn appliqué shapes without poking through the seams. Also a Hera marker.

Goddess Sheets – A non-stick, transparent sheet that puts a glossy sheen on fused surfaces and helps prevent all those fusible accidents. Several sizes available.

Clover Applique pins – Sharp, high quality pins only $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long so you don't get “poked”. [hint: spitting on your own blood dissolves the stain!]

Let me know what you'd like to see for upcoming topics - a technique, general notion information, more sewing machine articles, etc.

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