

GO! Courtyard Embroidery Designs



GO! DIES USED: GO! Courtyard (55198)

Designs Included: The three applique stitch designs include a blanket stitch, motif stitch, and a satin stitch for a total of 3 machine embroidery designs.

Hoop Size Required: 360 mm x 540 mm or 14" x 21"

Machine Formats: DST, EXP, HUS, JEF, PCS, PES,

SEW, SHV, VIP, VP3, and XXX

Supplies Needed

- AccuQuilt GO! Me™(55275), GO! Cutter® (55100S), GO! Big® (55500) or *Studio 2™(50450) *with adapter
- AccuQuilt GO! Courtyard (55198)
- Machine Embroidery Designs downloaded from AccuQuilt.com
- Paper backed fusible web or acid-free water-soluble glue stick
- Fabric for applique shapes, background fabric or item to be embroidered (e.g., quilt block fabric, towel, t-shirt, bib, tote bag, etc.).
- Stabilizer: Cutaway or tearaway stabilizer. The blanket stitch and the motif stitch applique work well with a lightweight stabilizer and the satin stitch designs work best with a medium weight stabilizer. Layered designs where there are multiple shapes work best with a medium weight stabilizer.
- Embroidery Machine thread in colors to coordinate with fabrics. Thread may be polyester, rayon, or cotton.
- Neutral color bobbin thread.
- Mini iron or small iron that will fit inside the embroidery hoop to be used for fusing applique shapes to the background fabric.

General Instructions for Downloading Machine Embroidery Files:

Navigate to the link on the AccuQuilt.com website for the designs. Click on the link to download the zip file from the AccuQuilt website to your computer.

When the download begins, note the location/folder where the file is being saved. The downloaded file is a zip file and must be unzipped in order to use the files.

Navigate to the location/folder on your computer that contains the downloaded zip file. Right click on the zip file and find the command in the menu (words like “Extract All”) for unzipping files. Click and follow the instructions for unzipping and saving the files to the location of your choice.

When the files are unzipped and saved, you can then transfer the files to a flash drive in the machine format that is used by your embroidery machine.

General Instructions for the AccuQuilt GO! Applique Shapes

Follow the basic cutting instructions that came with your AccuQuilt GO!, GO! Big, GO! Me or Studio 2 cutter. In addition, to assure accurate cuts and minimize stretching or shrinking of fabric during the cutting process, the following tips are recommended:

1. Fabric with fusible web and paper attached is the usual method for cutting shapes for machine embroidery applique. Fusible web should be fused to the applique fabric before cutting. See instructions on the fusible product you are using for more information.

Shapes may be cut on the lengthwise, crosswise, or bias grain if fusible web and paper are attached when the shape is cut. It is recommended that the paper not be removed until AFTER the shape has been cut. You can remove the paper by scoring it with a pin after the shape has been cut.

2. Fabric without fusible will cut more accurately if starched and pressed before cutting. If cutting without fusible, it is recommended that the shape be cut on the lengthwise grain as shown on the die package instructions.
3. Fabrics with higher thread count (e.g., batiks and quilt shop quality 100% cotton fabric) work best for machine embroidery applique.
4. Applique shapes are directional and asymmetric. Please the fabric on the GO! Die with the right side of the fabric facing up or facing the foam on the die according to the machine embroidery instructions.
5. To stitch a mirror image design, simply mirror the design on your embroidery machine and cut the shape to match the mirroring.
6. Do not starch or iron the shape after it has been cut—only press to secure it inside the placement lines once it has been placed onto the background fabric.

Special Instructions for the GO! Applique Shapes

Follow instructions above for preparing fabric for cutting. Precut fabric for individual shapes as follows. Place fabric on die with right side up.

Instructions for Stitching the Embroidery

File names, design measurements, and technical information are provided on the following pages. These designs are created with coded color stops after each design element. Color choices are optional and should be considered only as recommendations. Palettes may be changed to meet design and/or individual color choices. All of these designs also look beautiful stitched in a single color.

Step One:

Each file will stitch an outline of the applique shape(s) and then stop. These are the placement stitches for the applique shapes.

It is usual to use the same thread color for the placement stitches that will be used for the applique stitches. If using a different color thread for the placement and/or tack down stitches, it is important to remember that these placement and tack down stitches will not show at all through a satin stitch but may show through other decorative applique stitches.

In the embroidery file the placement stitches denoted by a different thread color (usually a golden yellow). Different machines respond differently to thread stops but all machines stop for a color change. This is done to insure that the machine stops after the placement stitches are completed.

Step Two:

After the placement stitches are complete, remove the hoop from the machine and secure the precut fusible applique shape just inside or on top of the placement stitches using a mini-iron. Water-soluble glue sticks can also be used so long as the edges of the applique shape are secured to the background fabric. To apply the water-soluble glue, place the embroidery hoop on a flat surface and rub the glue just inside the placement lines. When the shape has been secured, re-attach the hoop to the machine and complete the tack down and/or embroidery stitches. Because of the nature of fabric and of fusible web, it is not unusual to find that the cut applique shape may be very slightly larger or smaller than the placement stitches. In these cases, fuse the other edge of the applique shape exactly to the placement lines and ease/manipulate the shape into place.

NOTE: Some designs will not have tack down stitches but will proceed directly to the embroidery stitch. Examples of this type of design are the blanket stitch and some, but not all of the motif stitches. For this reason, it is critical that all edges of the applique shape are secured to the background fabric.

For designs with multiple layers, be sure to fuse the shapes in the order of stitching as shown in the stitch diagrams so that any shapes that overlap will stitch correctly.

Step Three (optional depending upon design):

If a design has layered applique pieces, additional placement stitches will be stitched after the first applique pieces have been fused and tack down and/or embroidery stitches are complete. If the design has layers, change the thread color and stitch the placement stitches. Remove the hoop from the machine and secure the precut applique shapes as in Step Two above. Complete the tack down/embroidery stitches for this layer of applique.

NOTE OF CAUTION: Some instructions show using a mini-iron while the embroidery hoop is still attached to the bed of the machine. To assure that the head of the mini-iron does NOT harm the bed of the machine, it is recommended that a piece of corrugated cardboard or picture frame mat board be slipped underneath the hoop before using the mini-iron at the machine.

Step Four:

Additional Embroidery embellishments, if there are any, may be stitched at this time.

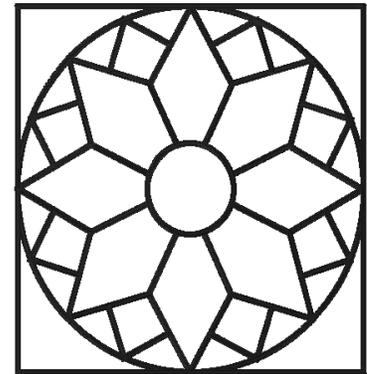
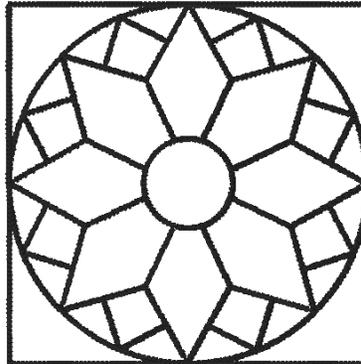
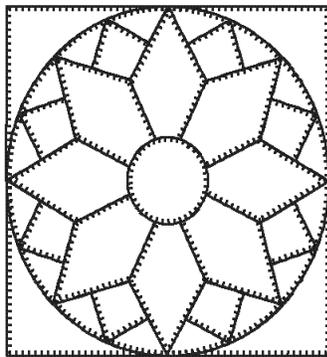
Enjoy!

Courtyard Blanket Stitch Applique	Courtyard Motif Stitch Applique	Courtyard Satin Stitch Applique
Design Specifications:	Design Specifications:	Design Specifications:
Size: 10" x 10" (254.2 mm x 254.2 mm) 6769 Stitches 2 colors, 2 thread changes	Size: 10" x 10" (254.2 mm x 254.2 mm) 191149 Stitches 2 colors, 2 thread changes	Size: 10" x 10" (254.2 mm x 254.2 mm) 27143 Stitches 2 colors, 2 thread changes

CUT ALL SHAPES WITH THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE FABRIC FACING UP

Color 1: Placement stitches

Place stabilizer and background fabric in the machine embroidery hoop and mount it on the machine. Stitch the placement stitches. The machine will stitch placement stitches for the outer edges of the shape.



Color 2: Embroidery Cover Stitches

Place When the placement stitches are complete, remove the hoop from the machine without disturbing the background and stabilizer fabrics. Fuse the shape just inside or on top of the placement stitches. Reattach the hoop to the machine and complete the applique cover stitches.