

Pfaff Pfeatured Pfoot #4: Open Toe Appliqué
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The Open Toe Appliqué foot, which is available in both metal and plastic versions, offers unsurpassed visibility. If accurate stitch placement is your goal, this is your foot!

WHY IS IT SPECIAL?



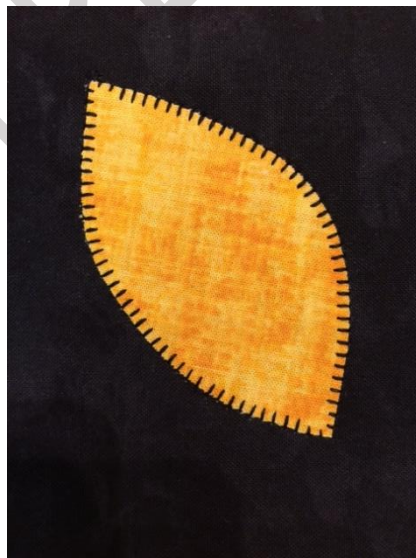
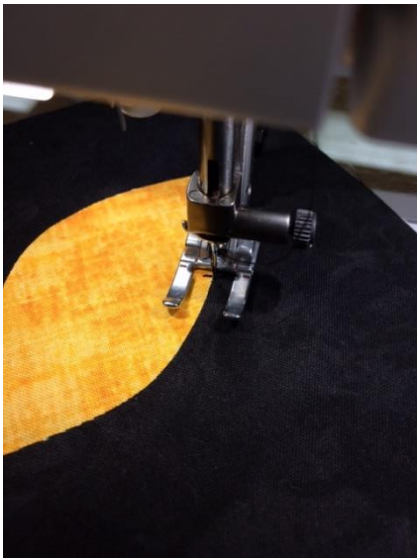
The Open Toe Appliqué Foot comes in both a metal and plastic version, but they both have the same markings (centre, 4.5 mm to the left and right of centre, and lateral needle drop). It has the back split that allows you to use your IDT, and it is suitable for straight and decorative stitches up to 9.0 mm in width.

Underneath, it has a cut-out area that accommodates stitch density and thicker threads.

WHEN WOULD YOU USE THE OPEN TOE APPLIQUÉ FOOT?

First off, because of the open toe and underneath groove, this foot offers unsurpassed visibility and unimpeded movement over dense threads. However, it does not offer a lot of pressure on the fabric or support around the needle. To counteract these negative effects of very positive features, 1/ choose a stitch that is primarily forward moving, without much backward movement and 2/ make sure that you are sewing on very stable fabric. If in doubt, USE STABILIZER. There are many types available for different applications and techniques, so take advantage of them. And always do a sample before tackling a project.

1/ Appliqué:



The open toe gives excellent visibility when following the edge of an appliqué piece. Depending on which stitch you choose and its position within your machine's stitch field, use the centre, left (when stitching counterclockwise), or right (when stitching clockwise) markings as your guide.

When using dense stitches, the groove underneath (which is wedge- or fan-shaped) allows you to adjust easily for curves and corners.

2/ Faggotting:



Faggotting is a technique used to join two pieces of hemmed fabric (or two pieces of trim) together with decorative stitches. It's easy to achieve with a little practice, and the results are impressive!

1. Place your fabrics side by side, finished edges together and spaced about $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart. Place a layer of heavyweight wash-away or iron-away stabilizer (or two layers of regular weight) under the fabrics (it will be visible in the gap) and pin in place;
2. Attach the open toe appliqué foot, engage your IDT, and choose a feather stitch or triple zigzag. Adjust your stitch width to 7 or 9 mm. Note: This foot is also available in a 6mm width if you have an older machine;
3. Place your foot so that it evenly straddles the gap. As you sew, the left- and right-hand swings of the needle will catch the edges of your fabrics. This is essential for the success of this technique.
4. When your sewing is completed, either wash or iron away the stabilizer, leaving only a web of thread holding the two pieces of fabric together. Experiment with other decorative stitches for different effects.

