

Quick and Easy Hand Appliqué Techniques

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- Step 1. Pre shrink template paper.
- Step 2. Hand trace appliqué shapes on the shiny side of the template paper or scan the pattern and mirror image the design and print on the paper side of the template paper.
- Step 3. Before you cut out your templates I always iron a second sheet of template paper to the sheet with the design on it. If you are using the computer to generated sheets the inks will bleed and some marking pens also bleed onto your fabric. Place one sheet shiny side down on ironing mat, then place the second sheet on top with shiny side down, iron the 2 sheets of paper together with inking sandwiched between 2nd sheet. Make sure your templates end up with one shiny side and one paper side. Cut out templates. Use curved craft scissors to cut out your templates.
- Step 4. Place templates on the wrong side of the selected fabrics with the template across the bias. This will help reduce fraying and make turning the seam allowance easier.
- Step 5. Iron templates to the wrong side of selected fabrics. Cut out the Fabric leaving ¼” seam allowance around each template
- Step 6. With a ¼” stencil brush apply starch to the seam allowance about 1” at a time. Using a stiletto, turn the seam allowance over the template and iron seam allowance dry. Remember not to iron seam allowance where another piece will cover these seam allowances.
- Step 7. Iron templates from the front. While the template is warm remove the template. Re-iron the seam allowances to make sure they are flat. Templates can be reused several times when making multiples of the same shapes.
- Step 8. Assemble appliqué pieces as you make them. Place them on the pattern and use 100% water soluble “Roxanne’s Glue Baste It™” to baste your appliqué shapes together.
- Step 9. After you have glue basted the prepared appliqué pieces together on the pattern pick the appliqué up as one unit and place it on the background. Now glue baste appliqué pieces to the background. Use very small amount of basting glue, just enough to hold the pieces in place. You will find that your blocks come out much flatter using this method.

Quick and Easy Fusible Appliqué Techniques

- Step 1. Make a mirror image copy of the drawing.
- Step 2. Trace each template shape adding 1/8” seam allowances to the under lapping edge on paper side of paper-backed fusible web.
- Step 3. Cut out, leaving a small margin beyond the drawn lines.
- Step 4. Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse to wrong side of appliqué fabric.
- Step 5. Cut out each shape on drawn line.
- Step 6. Place a Teflon pressing sheet on top of the original drawing.
- Step 7. Follow the drawing and position each appliqué shape on the pressing sheet and iron the shapes to the pressing sheet to form one appliqué unit.
- Step 8. Remove the appliqué unit from the pressing sheet and position on the quilt block where desired, and fuse to the block background fabric following manufacturer's instructions.
- Step 9. Finish appliqué edges by machine using a buttonhole stitch, satin stitch, or stitch of your choice.

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