



Introduction to Applique

Needle Turn & Raw Edge

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Location: Treelotta (In-person attendance is assumed. Please let us know if you plan to join us via Zoom instead.)

Class Description:

This class is perfect for anyone who wants to try appliqué. You'll learn three appliqué methods using your sewing machine: turned edge (which can also be done by hand), raw edge, and appliqué using interfacing. **You're welcome to focus on just one method or try more than one during class.**

We'll also cover several ways to prepare your appliqué shapes, and all patterns will be provided.

Methods:

Please review the appliqué methods ahead of time and plan your supplies based on the method(s) you'd like to try in class. **You do not need to purchase supplies for all appliqué methods. The supplies for each method are on the next page.**

1. **Raw edge applique:** cutting shapes out directly, applying a fusible web, applying them to your project and sewing them on by machine (will be shown how to cut shapes and apply to fabric using fusible web)
2. **Turned edge applique:** cutting shapes out with a seam allowance that gets turned over to form your shapes, applying them to your project and sewing them on by machine or by hand (will be shown how to cut shapes and prepare using freezer paper and the applying them to your project with either pins or a glue stick and sewing them on by hand or machine).
3. **Interfacing:** sewing interfacing on and turning your applique piece inside out and then applying it to your project with either pins or a glue stick and sewing them on by hand or machine (how to apply a light interfacing and cut it to apply to your project with pins or a glue stick). This method is only used for very simple shapes like circles and cannot be used for intricate shapes.

Skill level: Beginner

General Supplies:

- ☐ Sewing Machine – in good working order. Don't forget the power cord, foot pedal, and manual. You must have a basic knowledge of your machine. **Please ensure**

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you have an open toe or satin stitch foot that you can do satin stitch or zig zag stitch with for your machine and are familiar with operation of this foot and how to set your stitch width and length on your machine for this project.

- ☐ Basic Sewing Supplies - Pins, cotton thread (matching colors to applique or invisible thread. You can also use a neutral thread if you don't want to keep switching thread colors), seam ripper, etc.
- ☐ Rotary Cutter with new blade and cutting mat (These are also available in the classroom)
- ☐ Small iron and pad (if you have a travel iron it will be helpful in this class-we have irons in the classroom, but this will stop you from having to get up and down extensively to use the iron)
- ☐ Scissors: Pair of ~ 4" scissors for cutting your applique shapes ([Karen Kay Buckley blue handled scissors are recommended because they have micro serrated edges which prevents less fraying](#)). You also need a pair of paper scissors-cutting paper with your sewing scissors can blunt your blades!
- ☐ [Tweezers](#) (helps with placing and picking up small pieces)
- ☐ [Water soluble or air soluble pen](#) (for drawing placement on your background fabric)
- ☐ [Applique pressing sheet](#) (optional-this can help with assembly of large applique projects but the project in class is small enough it is not required)
- ☐ Fabric to make your applique-you will need approximately 4-5 different 5" square scraps for the flowers and leaves and a 2" x 8" scrap for the flower stem. You will need a 10" square piece for the background.

Supplies for Each Method:

For Turned Edge Applique

- ☐ Needles: [We recommend the Roxanne Applique Needles](#)
- ☐ [Fabric glue pen](#)
- ☐ Silver gel pen or [Frixion pen](#)
- ☐ [Making templates-plastic template sheet or heavy cardstock](#)
- ☐ Freezer paper or [tear-away stabilizer](#)
- ☐ Spray starch - not required but can be helpful: also a small, flat headed paint brush can help apply starch to turned edges for applique.
- ☐ Thread to match your fabric pieces or neutral or invisible thread.

For Raw Edge Applique

- ☐ [Steam a Seam Lite](#)
- ☐ Thread to match your fabric pieces or neutral or invisible thread.
- ☐ Pencil

For Interfacing Applique - by machine or hand

- ☐ Light to medium weight interfacing - about ¼ yd is sufficient for this class
- ☐ Pencil
- ☐ [Seam roller](#)
- ☐ Thread to match your fabric pieces or neutral or invisible thread.
- ☐ Hand applique sewing needles (size 10) - only if doing your sewing by hand and not machine, [Roxanne](#) or [Tulip Big Eye #10](#)

Treelotta Class Policies

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Class cancellation: Classes fill up quickly and we often have a waiting list. **If you cannot make it to class, please let us know at least three days in advance to receive store credit.** Out of consideration for our instructors, cancellations less than three days before class (or no-shows) will be charged full price. If you are experiencing any fever, cough, shortness of breath, or any other flu/Covid-like symptoms please do not come to class. Please contact us to let us know by phone at 303-997-4372.

Classes with registration of fewer than three participants three days prior to class date may be canceled by the instructor. In the event of inclement weather, the instructor will have the discretion to cancel class.

Classes start on time. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to get set up.

Parking: Parking is available on the street in front of the shop as well as in our parking lot behind the shop. For after-hours or weekend parking, you may also park in the Malley Recreation Center lot (which is across the alley from the parking lot behind our building). Please do not park in this lot on weekdays from 9-5 as you will likely be ticketed.

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