

Appliqué— The Cuddle® Way

Appliqué gives you the freedom to sew any shape you can think of—from florals to monograms to spaceships. It can also add both texture and a personal touch to your quilts, pillows, garments, and more.

Let's get started:



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Why appliqué?

Three reasons:

- Fun
- Freedom, and
- Flexibility of design.

RECOMMENDED NOTIONS

- Lightweight woven fusible, such as Pellon SF-101 (Shape-Flex)
- Water soluble topper, such as Sulky Solvy

WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

- For best results, wash finished projects in cool water with a gentle detergent.
- Do not use fabric softener.
- Dry in a no-heat dryer or line dry.

1 What you'll need:

NEEDLE — SCHMETZ 90/14 stretch machine needle

THREAD — Coordinating polyester sewing thread, 40 wt.

Note: Decorative/specialty threads, while beautiful, will most likely be lost in the nap.

MACHINE FOOT — Use an open-toe presser foot for visibility. An even-feed or walking foot is highly recommended.

APPLIQUÉ DIES, optional — Cuddle® 3 is well-suited for appliqué dies, such as those from Accuquilt. Before cutting, apply a lightweight, woven fusible. Place fused side against the die.

2 Construction tips.

- Test all fusibles to get the correct heat/pressure ratio.
- Add appliqués before assembling the project, whenever possible.

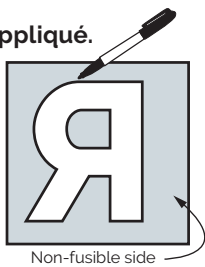
3 Prepare background fabric.

Avoid puckers or shifting while sewing. Behind background fabric, place a layer of:

- lightweight tear-away stabilizer,
- wash-away stabilizer, or
- thin batting.

4 Trace the appliqué.

Trace appliqué design on the non-fusible side of interfacing. Reverse design, if necessary.



5 Fuse and cut the appliqué.

Fuse* the traced fusible* to the wrong side of the Cuddle® appliqué fabric. Use synthetic/polyester setting on your iron.

Cut out the appliqué using micro-serrated scissors.



6 Spray baste and place appliqué.

Spray baste the back of the appliqué and position on the background fabric as desired.

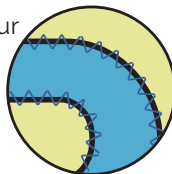
Note: On Luxe Cuddle®, using a water-soluble topper is recommended. Smooth over the appliqué and tape in place.



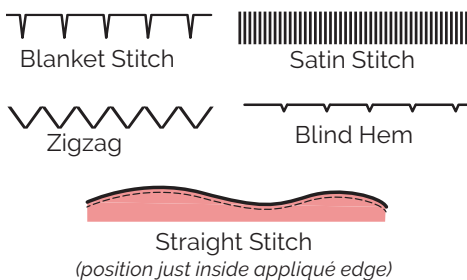
7 Stitch the appliqué.

Attach the appliqué with the stitch of your choice. In general, coordinate the top thread color to the appliqué.

Note: When turning corners or at sharp angles, stop with the needle down before adjusting fabric.



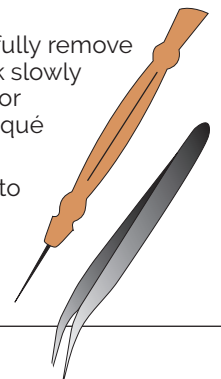
8 Stitch options.



9 Finish up.

After stitching, carefully remove any stabilizers. Work slowly to avoid weakening or distorting your appliqué stitches.

Use a ByAnnie stiletto and/or tweezers to remove any remaining bits.



* Refer to manufacturer's guidelines for all fusibles and stabilizers