APPLIQUÉ INSTRUCTIONS

The laser cut appliqué circle in this package is designed for turn under appliqué. The template was cut from a product called Stitch-N-Peel. ***Product Notation Below.** This product is not a fusible iron on stabilizer.

► Turn Under Appliqué: Supplies

- Fabric Glue Pen or UHU Glue Stic
- Schmitz Sewing Needles, (60/8) (Sharps Microtex)
- Purple Thang
- Size 60, 80, or 100 Weight Appliqué Thread
- Small Embroidery Scissors

Turn-Under Appliqué Instructions

Step 1: Just prior to adhering the Circle onto your fabric, the shinny paper is removed from the backside of the circle. The sticky side of the template is placed against the wrong side of the 2-1/2 in square cut for your circle.



Step 2: Trim the fabric around the outer edge of the circle, leaving about 3/16" of fabric for the turn-under on the backside.

Step 3: Using your glue pen apply a small amount of glue on the backside of the

fabric, around the edge of the circle.

Step 4: Use the flat end of your Purple Thang,

gently fold and press the seam allowance over the

edge of the circle, pressing the fabric into the glue on the backside of the stabilizer.

Step 5: Placement of the Circle: After the glue has dried the circle is glued onto your fabrics.

MACHINE APPLIQUÉ

The circle is sewn onto the flower by machine. The instructions in this booklet are for Machine Appliqué.

NOTE - A Little Advice: Generally, the smaller the thread, the smaller the needle, the smaller the stitch, the better it looks. But remember, that's following someone else's advice (in this case, mine) and is not always the right solution. If you are not comfortable going smaller, a larger stitch may be the right choice for you. Experiment a little on a different piece of fabric if you are new to Machine Appliqué until you have some confidence!

 Selecting Thread: I normally use the lighter weight threads, 60 weight and smaller. I have used cotton, polyester, rayon, and silk. **NOTE - My Advice!:** Use what you like. We are lucky to have a lot of great options, so pick a thread and be happy. I normally match the thread color to the fabric. I generally use the same thread in the bobbin as I use on the top.

5. Stitches and Stitch Setting: My appliqué is normally done with a very small zigzag or a very small blanket stitch. Decorative stitches are also becoming very popular. So pick your stitch. Play around a bit on your machine. Once you find the stitch you want, play around with the length and width. When you are happy, then you can begin the appliqué process.

General Machine Settings for Invisible Appliqué:

Blanket Stitch: Width (.07-1.2) Length, (1.7-2.1) Zigzag: Width (.05-.09) Length, (1.3-1.5)

- 6. Appliqué Foot: An Open Toe Embroidery Foot is the most common foot used for Machine Appliqué.
- Object Placement: When you begin stitching, the needle position should be set so it jumps on and off the folded-edge of the appliqué pieces.

BINDING

Circle Layout, Single Edge, Bias Binding: You need 1/2 yard to complete the binding for your circular flower. A 1/2 yard is needed to yield some longer length pieces to prevent excessive piecing to go around the quilt. The strips are cut on the bias at a 45-degree angle. Each strip is cut 1-3/8" wide. You will need to cut 3 or 4 strips to get around your quilt. Cut them all the same length for now because you will join them after you add the binding. You can cut away length to always have your bindings join on the flatter area of the flower instead of in the pivot as appropriate.

Square Layout, Double edge, Folded Binding: You need 3/8 yard to complete the binding for your square topper. Cut (4) $2-1/2'' \times 42''$ strips, sew them together end to end at a 45 degree angle, then iron in half with the seams towards the middle. Sew the raw edge to the raw edge of the quilt on the front side, then fold over the dge and hand=stitch it down to the backside.

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Product Notation: Stitch-N-Peel is a light weight cellulose-based stabilizer used for machine appliqué. It is not a fusible product, but meant for turn under applique. The stabilizer remains in the quilt after the appliqué is completed. Over time the stabilizer will break down and soften as you use the quilt. If and when the quilt is washed, the stabilizer will soften and dissolve into little fibers that will become part of your quilt. The applique templates are cut with a paper backing that is peeled off just before placing it onto your fabric. After the paper backing is removed the pieces are placed sticky side down, on the wrong-side of your fabric. If you make a mistake when placing the pieces onto your fabrics, simply peel it off, and reposition.

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