

► Appliqué Options

The pieces can be sewn onto the quilt top by machine or by hand. They can also be embroidered on using a digitized embroidery design (See the Riley Blake Wall Quilt on Booklet 4) or a satin stitch on your machine. For a standard machine appliqué process, use the following instructions.

1. Clean and oil your the machine before you begin.
2. A good stitch requires a new, sharp needle. I normally use a size 60/8 Microtex Sharp, however the needle should be adjusted to the thread weight you choose to work with.

NOTE - A Little Advice: Generally, the smaller the thread, the smaller the needle, the smaller the stitch, the better machine appliqué looks. But, this depends on experience and comfort level. If you choose to go bigger, it is up to you! Don't be afraid to experiment a little on a different piece of fabric!

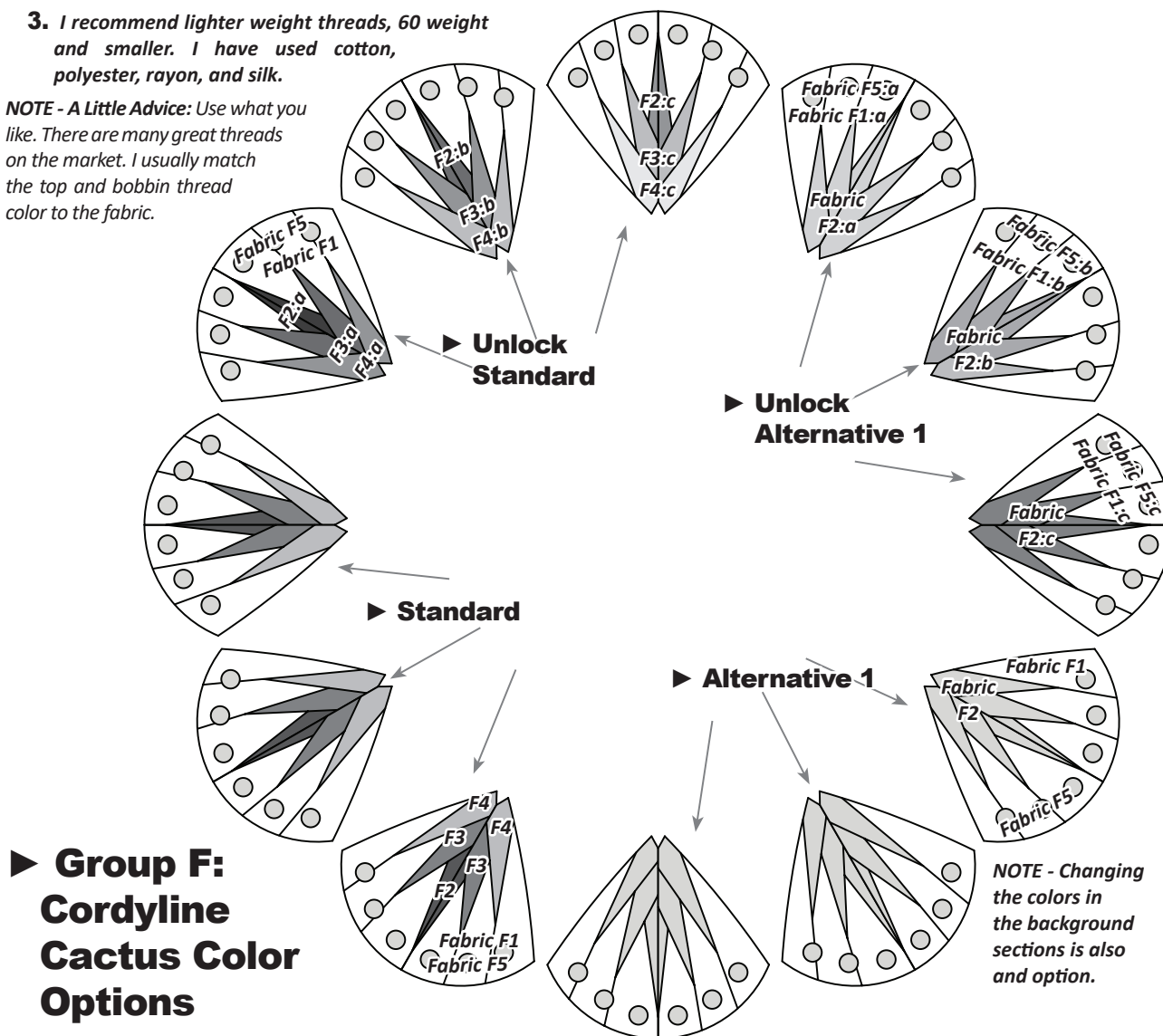
3. I recommend lighter weight threads, 60 weight and smaller. I have used cotton, polyester, rayon, and silk.

NOTE - A Little Advice: Use what you like. There are many great threads on the market. I usually match the top and bobbin thread color to the fabric.

4. I use a very small zigzag or blanket stitch. Decorative stitches are also great. Play around on your machine with stitches and stitch length and width until you are happy. Then, begin the appliqué process.

► Settings for Invisible Machine Appliqué:

- Blanket Stitch: Width (.7-1.2) Length (1.7-2.1)
- Zigzag: Width (.5-.9) Length (.8-1.3)
- Appliqué Foot: An Open Toe Embroidery Foot is the most common foot used for machine appliqué.
- Object Placement: When you start, the needle position should be set so it jumps on and off the folded-edge of the appliqué pieces. Stitch around the appliqué pieces to complete each block Group.



► Group F: Cordyline Cactus Color Options

► Quiltster Compatible

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