

TUTORIAL for

Machine Embroidery with Appliqué

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Most designs that combine machine embroidery and machine appliqué follow similar steps.

Outlined for you below is the basic procedure for stitching designs combining machine appliqué and machine embroidery. If you are new to machine embroidered appliqué, please read this section carefully before beginning to stitch-out the free Appliqué Designs from www.embroiderthis.com.

- **Outline Stitch for Appliqué Placement:** First, the design program will stitch an outline of the area where the appliqué is to be positioned with a running stitch. Then the stitching sequence will stop.
- **Remove Hoop from Machine to apply Appliqué Patch:** The hoop should then be removed from the sewing machine so you can position your appliqué fabric patch over this area.

*****At NO Time Should the Item Being Stitched Be Removed From the Hoop until the entire design stitching process is complete! *****

- **Cut the Appliqué Patch:** The patch of fabric for the appliqué should be cut so that it completely covers the area marked by the running stitched guidelines for the appliqué motif and so the appliqué fabric patch extends at least ¼ inch beyond this outline. This patch does not need to be “fussy cut” exactly to the shape of the design since any extra fabric extending beyond the design will be trimmed before the final satin stitching is done.
- **Position the Appliqué Patch:** Spray the wrong side of the patch with a temporary fabric adhesive like the 505 Spray offered by www.embroiderthis.com (<http://www.embroiderthis.com/505sprayandfix.html>) and position the patch over the running stitched outline. Remember, the patch should extend beyond the stitched outline by approximately ¼”.
- **Return the Hoop to the Machine:** After positioning the appliqué patches on the fabric in the hoop, secure the hoop back on your embroidery machine. It is not necessary to pin the patches in place.
- **Zig-Zag Stitch to Secure Appliqué Patch:** Start the next stitching sequence of the program and the design will stitch the outline of the design again, this time securing the appliqué patch fabric in place. This step usually uses a wide zig-zag stitch.
- **Trim Appliqué Patch:** Remove the hoop again from the embroidery machine (**but don't remove the item from the hoop!**) and trim the excess appliqué patch fabric very close to the stitching. Duck-Billed appliqué scissors make it easier to trim close to the stitching. It is imperative you trim the fabric right up to but not through the stitching.
- **Finish the Satin Stitched Edge Appliqué Patch:** Secure the hoop back on your embroidery machine and continue with the next stitching sequence. The program will stitch a final pass of satin stitching over the appliqué patch edge to cover the zig-zag stitches and trimmed edge of the appliqué.