

APPLIQUE TUTORIAL by A Creative Medley

What you NEED:

- Something to embroider on
- An applique design
- Applique fabric (number of pieces will vary by design)
- Scissors to trim applique fabric

Highly recommended:

- Iron on adhesive such as Heat N Bond LITE (the purple package, NOT the red one) (called HNBL in this tutorial). Steam a seam LITE 2 is another popular choice. The most important thing is that the package states that it can be sewn through.

Applique designs use fabric as an essential element of the design. Each patch of fabric will have 3 elements, the placement stitch, the tackdown stitch and the finishing stitch. They will each be a different color in the design so that the machine knows to stop after each step, but you can use the same color thread for all of the steps.

- If you are using HNBL, prepare your applique fabric(s). Iron the fabric (a little spray starch can help make it extra crisp looking). Apply the HNBL to the **WRONG SIDE** of your fabric following the directions on the package. Allow the fabric to cool. Remove the paper backing from the HNBL.



- Load the applique design onto your machine as you would any other.
- Most designs will place the fabric first, but follow the color chart for the design you are using. When you come to the first placement stitch, you will

stitch the placement stitch onto your item to be embroidered. This will tell you where to place the fabric.



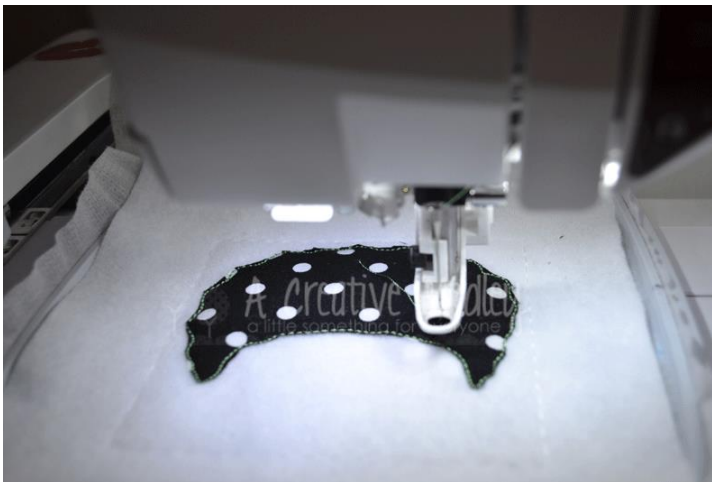
- Place your applique fabric **RIGHT SIDE UP** on top of the outline you just stitched. (Check to be sure you have removed the paper backing if you used HNBL).



- Run the next step, which will be the “tackdown stitch” This will sew the applique fabric onto your fabric.



- Remove the hoop from your machine, but **DO NOT REMOVE THE PROJECT FROM THE HOOP.**
- Trim around the tackdown stitches you just sewed, to remove the excess fabric.



- Repeat as many times as necessary for the design you are using if it has multiple fabric patches.
- Follow the color chart for the rest of the design as you would for any project. By the end, all of the raw edges should be covered with some kind of finishing stitch and you will have a lovely appliqued project!

