

MATERIAL GIRLS of the Program Team PRESENT:
Handy Dandies for the Adventuresome Quilter Jan. 2011

Appliqué: (10 tips & tricks)

1. Clip only the inner curves. Leave the outer curves unclipped; this prevents those little points on the edge of the fabric.
2. When clipping & pre-pressing the inner curves use tweezers to hold small pieces of the clipped edge in place.
3. A great place to find appliqué motifs is in a coloring book.
4. Always use a stabilizer on the back of the main fabric with machine appliqué. Use a disposable coffee filter, ironed flat as stabilizer. Stabilizer will make stitches smoother, prevents puckering of the background fabric & reduces the amount of fabric the machine pulls up into the stitching. It is easy to tear away after you are finished with the block.
5. When using fusibles remember to always flip your image before tracing onto the pressing paper backing; then press fusible onto the wrong side of the fabric. Your appliqué will be right side up.
6. For needle turn appliqué: run a basting stitch along the edges of the motif. Pull the thread slightly and the appliqué piece will cup the seam allowance in to the wrong side.
7. Always cut base block at least a half inch bigger than the finished block should be, then square it up after appliqué is done.
8. If you trace appliqué patterns onto fabric be sure to do it on the wrong side of the backing fabric so the lines won't show if you miss cutting on the line.
9. When working reverse appliqué, lightly spray with sizing then iron before you start cutting and turning your fabric.
10. Save appliqué templates in brown envelopes of various sizes. Label: Pattern, Date, Content. Trace the template on front of envelope, insert templates and pattern inside.
*Some information in Handy Dandies for the Adventuresome Quilter may have been obtained from the websites listed in the Wickedly Wonderful Websites, and is intended to encourage quilters to explore those links.

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Wickedly-Wonderful-Websites

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APPLIQUE

How to's <http://www.quilt.com/HowTo/AppliqueHowToPage.html>

Patterns <http://www.freeapplique.com/>

Techniques <http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/techniques/applique/index.html>

Techniques <http://www.quilt-lovers-guide.com/applique-techniques.html>

Tips <http://quiltbug.com/articles/applique-tips.htm>

Techniques <http://www.bdieges.com/text/bdaplq.html>

Techniques <http://www.stitchemup.com/applique/easy-applique.htm>