

Luxury Applique



Applique embroidery uses fabric pieces to fill in parts of a design. Celebrate the unique beauty of luxury fabrics (think satins, lace, chiffon, and more!) in this project tutorial.

Project Needs & Notes:

- 1/8 of a yard of luxury fabric (this tutorial uses silk)
- Medium-weight cutaway stabilizer
- Sulky Soft 'n Sheer Stabilizer
- Temporary spray adhesive (such as Gunold's KK100)
- Air erase pen for marking

The design featured in this tutorial is:

- [Y4992, Morning Glories \(Luxury Applique\)](#)
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When you download the in-the-hoop wedding cake design, you'll find two files.

One of the files is an embroidery file and the other is a dieline.

The dieline file is marked with the letters DL. Dielines are used to cut the fabric to the right shape and size.

Open the dieline file with an embroidery software, and print it. If you do not have embroidery software, [Wilcom's TrueSizer](#) is a free program to use.



The luxury applique designs have multiple dielines in one file.

Before cutting the paper, label each applique dieline with its location.

For this example it's "left leaf", "upper right leaf", and "lower right leaf". This will help with placement later.



Cut around the paper dieline shapes.

Spray a piece of Sulky Soft 'n Sheer stabilizer with temporary adhesive and smooth the fabric on top.

Then spray the back of the paper dieline with a small amount of temporary adhesive, and smooth it on top of the fabric..



Cut out the shape, and repeat for the other applique pieces.

Leave the paper dieline on for now, so they can be easily identified.

Folding back one corner of the paper dieline will also help with removal later.



Now that the applique pieces are ready, it is time to prepare the fabric for embroidery.

Cut a piece of cutaway stabilizer a bit larger than the hoop.

Spray the stabilizer with a temporary adhesive, and smooth it onto the back of the fabric behind where the embroidery will be sewing.



Print out a template of the design from the embroidery program you used to print the dieline.

A template, or printout of a design, is an excellent tool to help with placement.

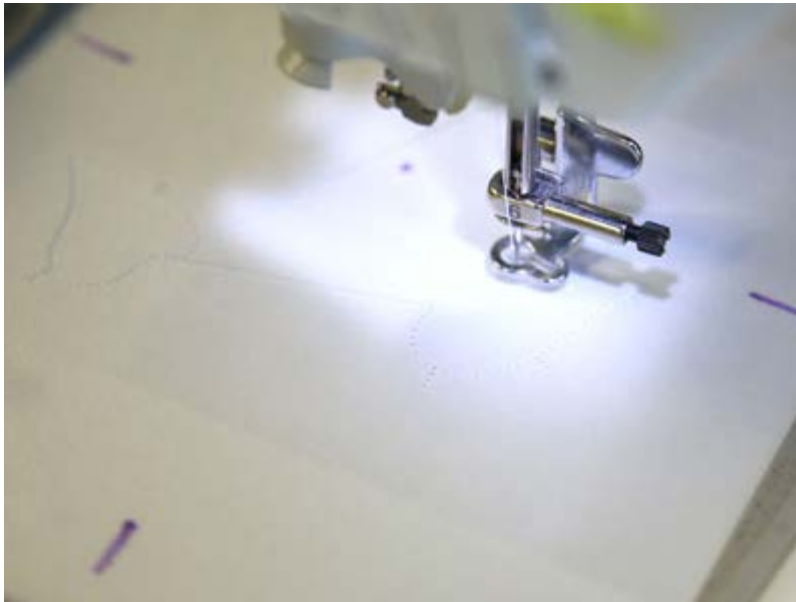
Position the template where you want the embroidery to stitch out on the fabric.

Mark the center point, as well as the horizontal and vertical axis lines with an air eraser pen.



Hoop the fabric and stabilizer together, aligning the marks on the hoop with the marks on the fabric.

Use clips to hold the excess fabric if necessary to keep it from sliding under the hoop while embroidering.



Attach the hoop to the machine and load the design.

Move the hoop so that the needle is directly aligned with the center point on the fabric.

Begin embroidering the design.

The first thing that will sew out is the dielines which trace out the shapes for the luxury applique pieces.



After the dieline sews, stop the machine, and remove the hoop, but do not unhoop the fabric.

Spray the back of the first applique piece with temporary adhesive.

Next, place the applique piece over the stitched dieline, and remove the paper. Once aligned, apply pressure to the applique piece with your fingers to make sure it is adhered well to the fabric.



Repeat to add the other applique pieces.



Attach the hoop back onto the machine, and continue with the design.

First, embroidery stitches will bind the applique pieces in place, and then the rest of the inside elements will sew.



When the design is finished, trim away the excess stabilizer from the back of the design leaving about a 1/2" around the embroidery.

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