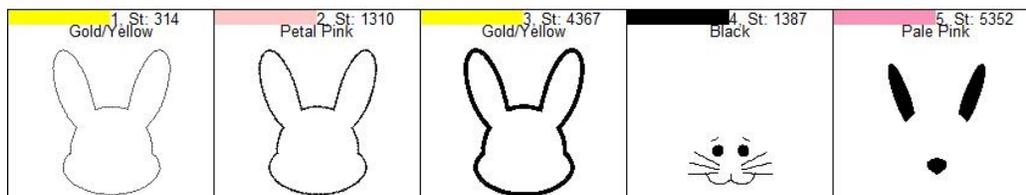


How to Make an Applique

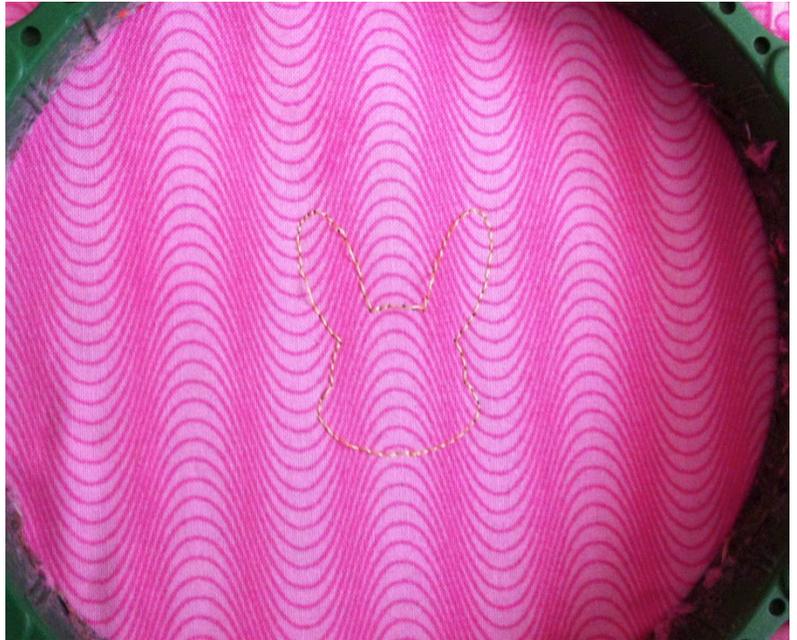
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All designs come with a stitchmap that shows step by step pictures of each stitching sequence your machine will make to stitch the design. Use the stitchmap if your machine has a small screen so you can see what each step is stitching. The colors on the machines will vary so you cannot trust the color of thread your machine tells you! Please look at the stitch map to see what piece is being stitched to be sure you are using the thread color you desire.

This example is stitching a little bunny. The stitchmap shows this as the stitching order-



Step 1. Choose your fabric and thread color and thread your machine. Hoop your stabilizer only and fabric/shirt. Step one of the design is the outline and notice it tells you yellow thread. This suggests the color of fabric to put down and the color of thread to use. This is the outline stitch for your design so you know where to place the fabric for the inside of your bunny.



Step 2. Spray wrong side of fabric with sticky spray or lightly coat with glue stick, or use heat n bond light (only if



you like one of these methods, it is not required) and place it sticky side/heat n bond side down on top of stitched outline so it completely covers the outline.

Step 3. The stitchmap now shows petal pink for thread, but you do NOT need to change threads. This is the tack down step which will stitch a funny little V-stitch around the shape of the previous outline so your fabric will be stitched to the shirt. All of my appliques have the outline followed by the



tack down and the tack down will always be shown in the petal pink, but you will want to use the same color thread as the fabric, so we keep the yellow thread in the machine. Stitch out step 2 of the design.

Step 4. Take hoop off machine but do NOT remove fabric or stabilizer from hoop.

Use small scissors (I like the curved tiny ones best) and trim the fabric around the stitches as closely as possible without cutting the stitches.





Step 5. The next step shown on the stitchmap is the yellow satin stitch of the bunny's shape so you can leave the same color of thread in the machine and stitch out step 3.

Step 6. Use the stitchmap to see the thread changes of each step (or your machine screen depending on the type of machine you have) and change thread as needed and stitch the rest of the design.



And you are done!

All of my appliques are done similar to this. Many have more than one fabric and for those, you just continue to do the outline, put the fabric down, then stitch the tack down, then trim the fabric around the stitches, then repeat. Hope this helps!