## How to use our acrylic templates

### Equipment required
Template
Fabric
Fusible web or fabric glue
Interfacing (if using)
Iron (if using fusible web /interfacing)
Cutting mat
Craft knife, rotary cutter or scissors (personal preference)

### Instructions

1) Choose your fabrics you wish to use to make your item.  Some of our templates have separate pieces so you will need to pick different fabrics for each individual piece.



2) Cut the fabric and fusible web in a square shape slightly bigger than the templates.  Iron on the fusible web and draw around the templates.
*Note - Make sure that you draw around the pieces all the same way so when you turn them over they all fit together.
**Note – fusible web always needs to be ironed to the wrong side of the fabric. When using it always check that you are ironing the glue side to the fabric (check with the fusible web instructions to see which side this is) This will prevent you having a very sticky iron!

3) Cut out all the fabric pieces to make the finished shape, peel back the bondaweb and iron them on to the main shape.
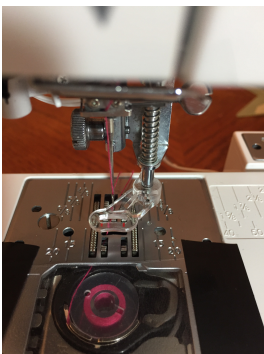   *** Note - don't peel back the fusible web on the main shape in this step, only the separate pieces, for example with the unicorn it is the unicorn's mane and star.



4) Now peel the back off the fusible web on the main shape and iron it to the the fabric that you are sewing it on to.  For example a cushion, purse, picture, etc. Then iron some interfacing (depending on the project)  on to the back of fabric.



5) Now you are ready to start sewing.  Put your free motion foot on to your machine and lower your feed dogs (check your manual to see how to do this on your sewing machine) If it isn't possible to lower your feed dogs then you can put a darning plate over them.

5) Choose a contrasting thread to sew around the individual pieces on the fabric.  For best results you should go around each piece two/three times.



7) Tear away the interfacing (if using) from behind the fabric.  If you are making something that will be worn then I recommend that you pull the top threads through to the back after finishing the stitching and knot them at the back to ensure they don't come loose in the wash.

8)  You can now sew the item as per your pattern.

**** Note – If you were sewing on to a T-shirt or a hoodie you would do every step up until step 7.  After that I would advise to iron a very soft interfacing over the stitches on the back to make it more comfortable for the wearer.

Glossary

Fusible web – This is a product that feels a little like paper.  It works in the same principal as double sided tape.  Both of the sides have glue on them but one is covered over with a thin layer of tracing type paper.  To use it you iron the fusible web on the the wrong side (back) of the fabric and then you peel the top tracing paper away and iron your shape onto the item you wish to sew.

Interfacing – This is a product that helps to stiffen your sewing project.  It is used a lot when doing free motion and applique to stabilize the fabric while you sew.  There are many different weights of interfacing.  When making keyrings and hair clips I use the iron on tear away interfacing so once you have finished sewing you can tear it away and you won't see it in the edges. However, if I wanted to use it and I wanted the fabric to remain stiffer I would use a heavier weight interfacing that stays on rather than tearing it away.  For t-shirts and hoodies I would use a tear away interfacing too.

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