

Basic Appliqué Pumpkin Instructions

A traditional binding method works great for the majority of quilting projects, but what if corners of your quilted project aren't square? Learn to prepare the bias binding strips and add a simple traditional double fold binding in the round to your ready to binding project. Curved edges are not to be feared, simply mastered.

Finished size: 17" x 35½"

Supplies Needed: (for one towel)

- 1 yd. prewashed toweling fabric
- Or
- One purchased towel
- Appliqué fabric (for pumpkin and stem)
- Lightweight fusible interfacing
- Monofilament thread
- Or
- Coordinating rayon or cotton thread

Helpful Notions:

- Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler
- Spray starch or starch alternative, such as Best Press™
- Pinking shears
- Clover Hera Marker
- Matching all-purpose thread

Instructions:

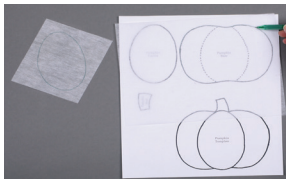
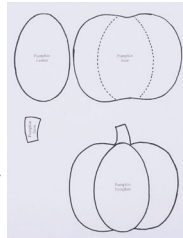
Note: Read all instructions before beginning the project.

1. Prepare towels:

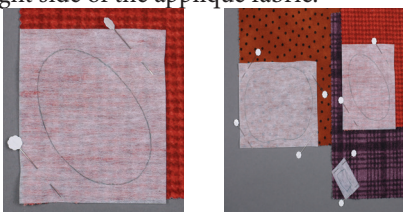
- Stabilize towel well with spray starch or starch alternative.
 - Let fabric dry completely.
- Hem toweling fabric by pressing under both cut ends twice and edgestitching using the Edge-Stitching Foot.

2. Create the pumpkin base appliqué:

- Print out the Basic Appliqué Pumpkin Pattern Templates.
- Trace the base pattern onto the non-fusible side of the fusible interfacing. The interfacing should be at least ½" -¾" larger than the pattern shape.

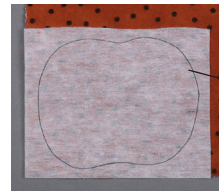


- Position and pin the traced interfacing, non-fusible side to the right side of the appliqué fabric.



- Erasable fabric marking pen or pencil
- Press cloth
- Open Toe Foot
- Optional: Long serger tweezers

- Stitch on the traced line, shortening the stitch length to approximately 1.5-2.0.



Stitch on traced line

- Trim to a scant ¼" seam allowance, using a pinking shears, to reduce bulk.



- Carefully cut a slit in the center of the interfacing. Be careful not to cut into the appliqué fabric.



Slit interfacing only

- Turn the Pumpkin Base right side out through the opening in the interfacing.



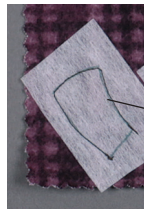
- Smooth edges using the curved end of a point presser.



3. Create the Pumpkin Center appliqué in the same manner as the Pumpkin base.

4. Create the Pumpkin Stem appliqué:

- Trace the stem pattern onto the non-fusible side of the fusible interfacing. The interfacing should be at least ½" - ¾" larger than the pattern shape.
- Position the traced interfacing, non-fusible side of interfacing to right side of appliqué fabric.
- Stitched on the traced line. Shorten stitch length to approximately 1.5 - 2.0. Leave one short end of the stem open to allow for turning the small appliqué. It is not critical which short end is unstitched, you'll just have a slightly different shape stem.



Stitch on traced line

- Trim to a scant ¼" seam allowance, using pinking shears to reduce bulk.
- Turn stem to right side through end opening. A pair of long serger tweezers can be very helpful.

5. Position pumpkin appliqué pieces:



- Place the pumpkin base on background fabric, pin in place.
- Position and pin the pumpkin center over the pumpkin base.



- Tuck the pumpkin stem under the layered pumpkin pieces, pin in place.



- Check that you like how the pumpkin looks. Reposition if desired; then fuse in place, covering appliqué with a press cloth. Remove pins.



6. Stitch appliqué to background fabric:

- Insert a new embroidery needle, size 75/11.
- Thread the needle with clear monofilament thread or coordinating thread using color of your choice.
- Wind a bobbin with lightweight bobbin thread.
- Attach an Open Toe Foot. The underside of the foot is grooved, allowing stitches to follow in the hollowed out area to easily flow under the foot.
- Stitch appliques using either a straight stitch, blanket stitch, or other decorative stitch of your choice.



