

Appliqué Directions...

The bat appliqué pieces are constructed by using a heat activated double stick fusible web and stitches.

Make sure to read and follow the directions on the fusible web you are using. Those instructions may differ from mine below, so alter accordingly.

Step 1. Cut out the reversed appliqué pieces.

Step 2. Trace the appliqué pieces onto the paper side of the fusible web, making sure the appliqué pieces are still in their reversed position. Tip: Use a pen that dries fast to prevent smearing and transferring ink lead onto fabric. Note: A lite box is a helpful tool to use while tracing. If a lite box is available Step 1 is not necessary.

Step 3. Cut out the appliqué pieces from the fusible web, leaving approximately a 1/4" around the outside of each piece to allow for trimming once applied to fabric.

Step 4. Peel away the none paper side of the fusible web and adhere them to the wrong side of your chosen fabrics.

Step 5. Cut out the appliqué pieces directly on the drawn lines.

Step 6. Lay the Bat Appliqué Template under a appliqué placement sheet. Then, start removing the paper backing from the fusible web for each appliqué piece and assemble onto the placement sheet in their coordinating spots.

Step 7. After all appliqué pieces have been applied carefully move from the placement sheet into place on the Bat Place-mats.

Step 8. Once you are pleased with the appliqués placement heat set the fusible web in place. *Once ironed you can no longer reposition the pieces.*

Step 9. Now is the time to have some fun with your stitch selections. Whether you are using a machine or sewing by hand, adding some decorative stitches to will surely add a nice touch when finishing off the appliqué edges.

The traditional blanket stitch or stain stitch, is always a nice choice, especially for smaller appliqué pieces. Tip: Use a 1.5mm - 2mm in those cases.

Additional Tips for Sewing Appliqué Decorative Stitches:

- Before you start stitching, I highly recommend testing different stitch options on a scrap piece of fabric. While testing, take notes of the stitches you like and their settings (stitch number, stitch length and width). This sampler will help make it easier to select the best stitch per appliqué piece.
- Look over the appliqué to determine which pieces need to be stitched in what order. Sewing pieces from the bottom layer up.
- Decorative stitches can be tricky since they don't just sew straight. Often the needle moves right, left and even backwards to create a stitch. So, please watch the presser foot, **not the needle**. Keeping your eye on the center point of the presser foot, is your best guide for aligning the stitches with the edge of the appliqués.
- Slow and Steady makes for a great appliqué stitch formation. **Please be patient and sew slowly!**
- It's highly important to pick the correct presser foot while sewing decorative stitches. As the presser foot helps feed and guide the stitches through to ensure the stitches form properly.
- The needle may become sticky. Using a Non-Stick Needle (Teflon) will help.



Decorative Stitches Test Sampler Information:

Stitch #	Length	Width	Appliqué Piece

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1" SCALE

