



“Mermaid Applique Pillow”

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Description: This pattern was designed to show a simple machine applique, quilting and felt to make a sweet pillow. The project can be completed in a couple of hours. Full color pictures are included.



Finished Mermaid Pillow

1 remnant— This will be the background fabric you applique the design to. It needs to be a little larger than your machine hoop

Remnant pieces for the applique design. We used a stripe and a polka dot fabric

Fleece fabric for the pillow. We had a remnant piece and used it to determine the size of our pillow.

Matching Thread for sewing and colors for embroidering— Quilt batting

Stabilizer and an embroidery machine—Free Motion quilting foot for your sewing machine

Wonder under or some kind of iron on backing for the applique pieces

Wash away marker, cutting implements, pins, spray adhesive, fabric turner, chalk marker

Fiberfill





We cut small pieces of our remnants for the applique design and fused our iron on backing to each piece. This will help those small applique designs stay put once you complete and wash in the future.



We hooped our fabric background piece with some tearaway stabilizer and loaded the embroidery design onto our machine. The design we used is from Designs by Sick Applique Mermaid 001.





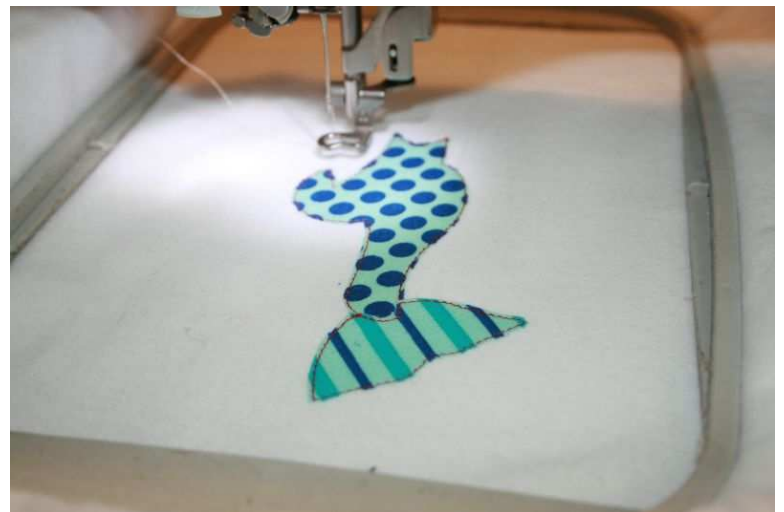
The design begins by stitching a placement line. This is where you put your first piece of fabric that has been backed with the iron on material

The machine will then tack that piece of fabric down and you can remove the hoop, trim the excess material away from the stitched line and use your iron to adhere the remnant to your background fabric. Be careful when cutting the extra fabric away so you don't cut the background.



The pattern will then stitch the placement line for the next applique piece. Then you will put the second remnant over the top and sew it down.

This shows both pieces have been sewn, trimmed and fused to your background material.





The embroidery will then move through the remaining colors and complete the design



We used quilt batting and sandwiched it between the front embroidered piece as well as a back piece. You won't see the back piece once it is on the pillow, but we wanted the quilting to look finished and the back fabric helps accomplish that.

Basting spray helps keep everything from moving around as you quilt.



We also installed our quilting foot for our machine and dropped the feed dogs in preparation for free motion quilting





Using our wash away marker, we marked the area around the design that we wanted to quilt. This shows the back once completed. Our quilting was very random stippling.



We cut around the quilted area and used a zig zag stitch to finish the edges of our applique.



Our desired pillow shape is a shell. We placed the applique on the fleece remnant piece that is two layers and drew a shell shape. We made sure our curves were not too deep to allow for the seam allowance. Then we marked placement for a name to be embroidered on the front.





We cut out the shape, hooped it with tearaway stabilizer on the bottom and washaway stabilizer on top and embroidered the name.

Next we attached the embroidered Mermaid and sewed several detail lines over the shell shape using zig zag seams.



Placing right sides together, we clipped the front and back pieces of the pillow together and sewed a seam all the way around leaving a small opening in the bottom for turning and stuffing. We also clipped all of the curves around once sewn.





Using our point turner, we carefully smoothed out all of the curves in the pillow shape.

Fiberfill was put into the Pillow shape. We made sure the curves were filled in before moving to the larger areas. Finally we used a hand sewing needle and closed the bottom up with a slip stitch.



Completed Pillow

ENJOY!

