

# THE STITCHERY

## Applique

Applique is a decorative technique in which fabric pieces are placed and stitched onto another fabric by hand or machine. Traditionally, the fabric pieces were basted in place before being sewn, but now adhesive products make it easier to do the task and finish it more quickly. A satin stitch gives a bold outline to an applique design and holds it to the backing fabric, although other decorative and blanket-type machine stitches can be used.



### Step One

Print the letter of a font you'd like to applique and cut out. Cut a piece of fabric to fit the size of the letter.



### Step Two

Cut a piece of Bondaweb to match the piece of fabric for the letter.



### Step Three

Press the Bondaweb to the piece of fabric. Make sure the adhesive side (rough) is facing the wrong side of the fabric.



### Step Four

Place the cut out letter on the wrong side of the fabric face down.



### Step Five

Using pencil or fabric pen trace out the letter on the wrong side of the fabric.



### Step Six

The cut out letter should look something like this.



#### Step Seven

Peel the Bondaweb paper from the wrong side of the fabric.



#### Step Eight

Place letter on the piece of fabric that you will applique on. Make sure it is in the right position.



#### Step Nine

Fuse the letter to the fabric. Press for 5 seconds with a dry iron (no steam).



#### Step Ten

Choose a thread that compliments the colours in the chosen fabrics.



#### Step Eleven

Set the sewing machine to satin stitch by adjusting the zigzag length and width to give a solid line.



#### Step Twelve

Stitch around the letter. Tie the ends of the thread on the right and wrong sides of the fabric.



#### Step Thirteen

Clip the threads. The finished wrong side of the fabric should look something like this.



#### Voila!

A beautiful personalized applique letter. You can do this with any shape or size!