

2025 - Whirligig Garden Stitch Along – Week 14

Raw-Edge Applique

Raw-Edge applique is a technique where fabric shapes are attached to a background fabric without turning the edges under, leaving the raw edges visible. This technique is fun, easy and perfect for adding that final touch of whimsy to our garden.

Benefits

- Easy - Great for beginners
- Fast – Finish projects quickly
- Versatile – Create any shape

To Sew or not to Sew

A paper-backed fusible webbing is used to adhere the shape to the background and helps minimize fraying.

- A permanent fusible web such as Floriani Press N Bond provides a permanent bond with the fabric and stitching around the edges is optional
- A temporary fusible web such as Quilters Select Appli-Stick temporarily secures the shape to the background and is repositionable. Secure with a straight stitch, zig-zag, or decorative stitch for a permanent hold

Supplies

- Novelty fabric
- Paper-backed fusible web as discussed above
- Scissors



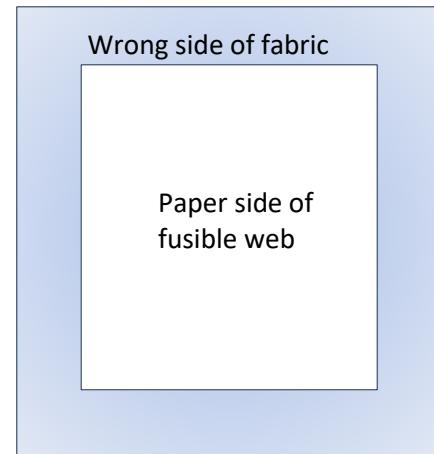
Pro Tip

Heat requirements for fusible webbing and individual irons vary; read the directions and test for best results.

Quilt Along with QUILTERS SELECT®

Technique

- Identify the motif you wish to cut from the fabric
- Cut a piece of fusible web big enough to cover the entire shape
- Place fabric wrong side up
- Place the webbing fusible side down. The paper side should be facing up
- Fuse in place using an iron
- Cut around the image
- Remove backing
- Place on the background and fuse
- Stitching in place is optional



Finishing up

- Trim excess threads.
- Use a lint roller to remove loose threads etc.
- Stitch around the entire perimeter slightly less than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away from the edge to prevent stretching.
- Press flat before quilting.
- Mist the pinwheel with water and stuff the flaps with a tissue to create the 3-D effect. Let dry overnight.

Pro Tip

Rough cutting around the motif before doing the final cut will make it easier to handle and cut precisely.

Quilt and bind your garden as desired.