

Class Name: Saturday Seminar Series: Accuquilt Appliqué Topper

Class date: Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016

Times: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

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Introduction

This *beginner friendly** class will introduce you to our guild's Accuquilt Studio Machine*. You will make a simple pieced topper to use as a background for your accuquilt die cuts. Each student will get a chance to use the machine, hopefully making you comfortable enough to be able to use it on your own after you become familiar with all of the dies we have. It is available for our guild members to use whenever the museum is open. As an added "treat" you will learn shortcuts for quickly making four patches and 9 patches when you only need a few—not having to cut strips.

Fabrics Needed

½ yard of a focus fabric containing several colors (exact size needed is 13" by WOF) for the outer border

¼ yd of a background fabric for 4 and 9 patches (exact amount needed is 7½" by 29")

¼ yd of a coordinating fabric for 4 and 9 patches (exact amount needed is 7½" by 29")

backing: approximately 26" by 26"

binding: 3 WOF strips of your preferred width

For your accuquilt die cuts: If you will be using wool or felt, the use of paperbacked fusible web is optional. If you will be using cottons or other fabrics whose edges will ravel, we suggest using fusible web. Sizes will be dependent on the dies you have selected to use on your topper. If you are planning to hand appliqué your die cuts to your topper, you do not need to add fusible web to the cottons. (see reverse for die cut information)

Notions Needed

Sewing machine in good working order

Basic sewing supplies

60" or 120" tape measure

rotary cutter (45mm or 60 mm recommended), mat and ruler

Pre-class Preparation

- Wind a bobbin with your construction thread, and insert your needle in the machine.
- Please arrive a bit early to set up and thread your machine so we can begin on time and maximize the time allotted.

By preparing your fabrics at home before class, we hope you will leave with your topper completely pieced and the appliqué pieces ready to be attached. Please cut the fabrics we will use for the piecing before you come to class:

- For the 4 patches in the corners: Cut 2 squares of background fabric and 2 squares of your coordinating fabric, each at 7" by 7".
- For the 9 patches forming the checkerboard: Cut 2 squares of background fabric and 2 squares of coordinating fabric each measuring 7½" by 7½".
- For the border side bars: Cut 4 pieces of your focus fabric each measuring 6½" by 12½".
- For your chosen die cuts: see reverse side

Die cuts for Accuquilt class:

Choose the fabrics for your die cuts to co-ordinate with the fabrics you have chosen for your quick topper. You might choose wool felt, felted wool, quilting cottons, corduroy, etc.

We will be discussing a variety of appliqué methods that can be done using the die cuts. If you already have a favorite method, that would determine if you should have paper backed fusible web applied to your chosen fabric or not.

quilting cotton: apply paper backed fusible web unless you plan to do hand appliqué

wool felt and felted wool: no fusible web is required, although some like to use it.

Corduroy: fusible web is recommended

Below is a list of the die cut shapes we have set aside for use during our class, however if you have looked through the inventory list, you may choose other dies. Consult the inventory for fabric prep size as needed.

Please apply the fusible web, if you have chosen to use it, at home before coming to class.

Snowflake die (we have 2 styles): 5" x 6" rectangle for each snowflake

mitten: 4" x 6" each

heart: 5" x 6" each

maple leaf (looks like the one on the Canadian flag): 5" x 5" each

butterfly: 3.5" x 3.5" each

birds (2 styles): 3" x 4" or 2.5" x 5" each

all Christmas and winter die cuts: 4" x 6" each