

Using Fusible Web for Applique

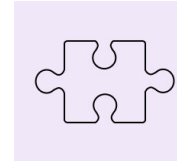


Fusible web is a double sided sticky paper that, when used with an iron, will allow you to affix applique shapes to your fabric. This method is called raw edge applique and once the shape is adhered to the background, you can then either machine or hand stitch around your shape to permanently hold it in place.

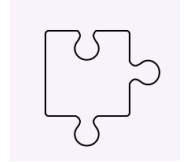
There are many different makes of Fusible web to choose from. I use Vliesofix Bondaweb 329 Wonder Under. If you use a different brand, you may need to refer to the manufacturer's instructions.

To use:

First of all, trace your applique shapes from your diagram onto the fusible web paper. The main thing to remember here is that if your shape is symmetrical you can use it smooth side upwards. If your shape is not symmetrical, trace it with the rough side facing upwards, so that when you turn it over to fix it on to the fabric it is facing in the right direction.

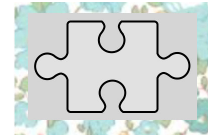


Smooth Side Up



Rough Side up

Cut around your shape leaving roughly a quarter of an inch around the outline. Place the shape on to the wrong side of your fabric, with the rough side facing downwards. Press with a hot iron, but no steam (as this can cause the paper to wrinkle)



Cut out your shape precisely.

Peel off the backing. Tweezers can be useful with small pieces.

Place your shape into the position you want to fix it, right side up on both your shape and your background fabric. Press with the iron and this should adhere the fabric in place.



Stitch around the shape with either the machine or by hand.

PLEASE NOTE: your applique has raw edges, so try to choose a stitch that will cover and fix these down firmly. Blanket stitch is a good choice.



For further information you can visit the manufacturer's website at www.vlieseline.com