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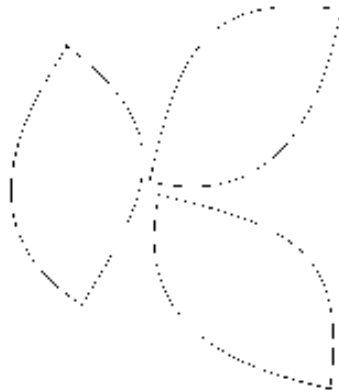
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How to use fusible web for appliqué

Fusible web products make appliqué easier. There are several products on the market. This tutorial will explain how to use Steam-a-Seam 2, a fusible product that has a layer of fusible web sandwiched between two sheets of removable paper.

To make fusible appliqué shapes you will need:

- Appliqué fabrics and background fabric, pencil, sharp scissors
- Fusible web, such as Steam-a-Seam 2
- Iron, ironing board, pressing cloth
- Appliqué pattern shapes (example below shows leaf shapes)



1. Trace the appliqué shapes onto the Steam-a-Seam 2 with the pencil.
 - a. Trace onto the paper that is stuck more securely. You will peel off the other side.
 - b. Leave at least half an inch between all pieces so you have room to cut them out.
2. Cut out pieces leaving an approximate ¼" margin around them.
3. Peel off backing paper. (Not the side you drew on.)
4. Using your hands (NOT your iron) press the pieces of Steam-a-Seam 2 to the back of your appliqué fabrics. If the product will not stay on, warm the fabric with the iron and then press the appliqué piece onto the warm fabric by hand. Never iron with the paper still attached.
5. Once appliqué shapes are temporarily secured to the fabric, cut out along the drawn lines with sharp scissors cutting through both the Steam-a-Seam 2 and the fabric.
6. Peel paper off the appliqué shapes. Arrange the shapes on the background fabric, fusible side down, tucking background shapes under foreground shapes as necessary to create the image.
7. When you are happy with the arrangement, press with a hot, dry iron for 10-15 seconds for cotton fabric. Repeat, slightly overlapping pressed areas until completely bonded.

Steam-a-Seam 2 is a product of The Warm Company: <http://www.warmcompany.com/saspage.html>