

Customize & embellish blank cotton dishtowels with this easy appliqué technique!



MATERIALS NEEDED:

- 1 - 100% Cotton Dishtowel
- Pre-printed panel motifs or a running border stripe fabric of your choice
- Transfer Web; Wonder Under, Steam-A-Seam, or preferred, etc.
- Decorative thread for the appliqué step.
 - Recommendation: 12 wt cotton when blanket stitching for a rustic, "hand-made" look. Use a size 14 topstitching needle when using this thread.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Select the panel, motif, or running border you want to apply to the dishtowel.
2. Fuse the transfer web to the wrong side of the selected fabric motif.
3. Cut out the panel, border, or motif on the finished line or edge.
4. Peel the paper backing off the transfer web.
5. Position the now fusible appliqué on the dishtowel where desired.
6. Press with a hot iron.
7. On your sewing machine, select the "Blanket Stitch" setting. Adjust the stitch to your liking.
8. Attach your decorative stitching presser foot or open-toe foot.
9. Stitch around the appliqué.

ALTERNATE APPLIQUÉ OPTION:

If your machine does not include a blanket stitch, zigzag satin stitching can also be used.

1. Set your machine stitch width to approximately 3-3.5.
2. Set your stitch length to less than 1 (.05) or in your buttonhole region for length.
3. Attach the decorative stitching foot to your machine.
4. Stitch around the edges of your appliqué; if you have to pivot, do so with the needle in the fabric on the OUTSIDE of the curve and pivot slightly keeping the edge of the appliqué as straight from front to back as possible while you stitch.