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APPLEY DAPPLEY

Applique



Quick, easy and fun machine applique design inspired by the apples falling from the trees in my garden in the autumn ...



The first six issues

I made my applique panel into a 16" square cushion cover with a simple envelope closure at the back. If you want to resize your design to fit a different cushion or for another purpose, then you will need to adjust the quantities below:

You will need:

Suitable base fabric (should be cotton duck or equivalent). 3 pieces, the front panel measuring 16" square (I like to make my cover the same size as the pad to allow for flattening during use), and two back pieces measuring 12 x 16" each.

Scraps of "appley" fabric – red felt, cotton, anything you like really – enough for 9 apples. For a cover this size, each apple measures 3 ½" across.

Scraps of "leafy" green fabric for the leaves. You won't need very much – each leaf is only 1 ½" long x ¾" wide.

Very small amount of dark brown felt for apple pips and stems
Piece of plain cream fabric measuring 3 ½" square for the inside of the apple.

Black, grey and cream thread for your sewing machine.

Bondaweb or fabric adhesive

Light fade, or other temporary fabric marker

To make the front panel

- Fold your fabric into 3 each way and press lightly (not too firmly as you want the creases to press out at the end).
- Open it out so you have a 3 x 3 grid. This will be your guide for positioning your apples
- Cut 9 apple shapes from your appley coloured fabric and position – but don't secure yet. Repeat with leaves and stalks (note the 6th apple – the leaf and stalk are reversed).
- Position the outer apples slightly towards the inside of their squares to allow for your seam allowance.
- When you're happy with your colour combination/positioning, secure your applique pieces with Bondaweb or fabric adhesive.
- Machine applique in place. Use black thread in the machine needle and grey/other dark colour in the bobbin.
- Go around the edges twice, and indicate shading on bottom left of apple by going backwards and forwards.



(see picture below) for every apple except apple 6.

- Secure apple 6 by going once around the edge only. Applique leaf and stalk as for other apples.
- Cut out the apple interior. Use the same template, but make the piece $\frac{1}{4}$ " (approx.) smaller all the way round.
- Position on top of appley coloured fabric and secure in place with cream thread.
- Draw in the lines for pip and core and then stitch over them with black thread. Applique the pips in place (a bit fiddly but worth doing – if you really can't face it then glue or hand stitch them in place).



Press panel lightly on reverse.

Make cushion cover

- Hem one long edge on each of the rectangular pieces of main fabric.
- Place your front panel right way up on a flat, clean surface. Then place your back panels right side down on top, lining up sides so they overlap in the centre.
- Pin or tack in place
- Machine around edges
- Clip corners and trim seams (use pinking shears if you have them or oversew to avoid fraying).
- Turn right side out and press.
- Insert pad.

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