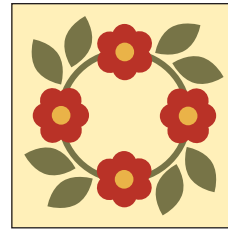
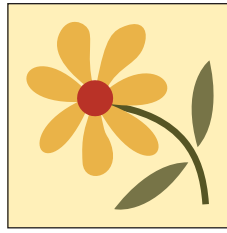
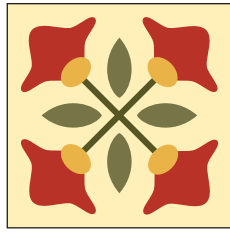


# The Appliqué Self-Help Flier



Dismayed ? Discouraged ? Dismissive ? Don't Be.  
You too can appliqué.

I haven't tried appliqué yet.

Go for it! Appliqué is just as much a part of quilting as piecing is. The most beautiful quilts are often those that combine piecing and appliqué. Some form of appliqué is very good to have in a quilter's bag of tricks.

I can't do appliqué.

Sure you can! If not one way, then another.  
Let's go about changing your mindset.



I'm intimidated by appliqué.

No need. There are many different ways to appliqué, by hand or machine, with lots of variations. There's no one correct method. Try a few and you'll find your favorite.

I don't have the patience.

It doesn't take patience to do something that you enjoy. If you haven't yet found the enjoyment in appliqué, then maybe you just haven't found the method that's right for you.

How long does it take?

I never think of timing it. When your brain is engaged and you're immersed in the process, seeing the design take shape before your eyes, the time flies by.

I don't know where to start.

Let's narrow things down. Are you interested in appliquéing by hand or by machine? If by hand, would you like to turn the edges as you go, or would you prefer that the edges are already turned when it's time to stitch? If by machine, would you like to try raw-edge, or turned-edge?

Hand appliqué is too hard.

It truly helps to have specific information on how to turn a point, how to stitch a notch, how much turning allowance, etc. A little knowledge and some practice (as with anything new) will take the frustration out of traditional needle-turn.

Fusible appliqué is not real appliqué.

It certainly is. It's one of many methods available to us today. While the prep time is longer, the stitching is quicker, enabling us to complete decorative pieces in a shorter amount of time.

Where can I get more information?

Take classes, keep your eyes and ears open, ask a friend to show you. I write a blog devoted to all forms of appliqué at [www.allaboutapplique.net](http://www.allaboutapplique.net). There's more info below.

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I do not know all things about appliqué! Gosh, who could? But I look, listen, and learn something new almost every day. I've been blogging about appliqué for awhile now, and on the site there's a wealth of information about all forms of appliqué, including many photo tutorials.

My illustrated guides to hand-stitched points and notches are posted, just look for them under the Categories.

While you're there, take some time to explore the rest of the Categories, Key Word Search, Appliqué Bookshop, and lists of designers and pattern companies.

Have fun, and welcome to appliqué!



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