

Applique Tutorial from DESIGNS BY JUJU®

Step-by-Step directions for completing a three-fabric applique design using our Baby Butterfly design, available as a free download so you can work alongside us!

First, gather your supplies. In addition to the design file and color chart, you will need embroidery thread and bobbin, fabric, scissors, and stabilizer hooped with your base item.

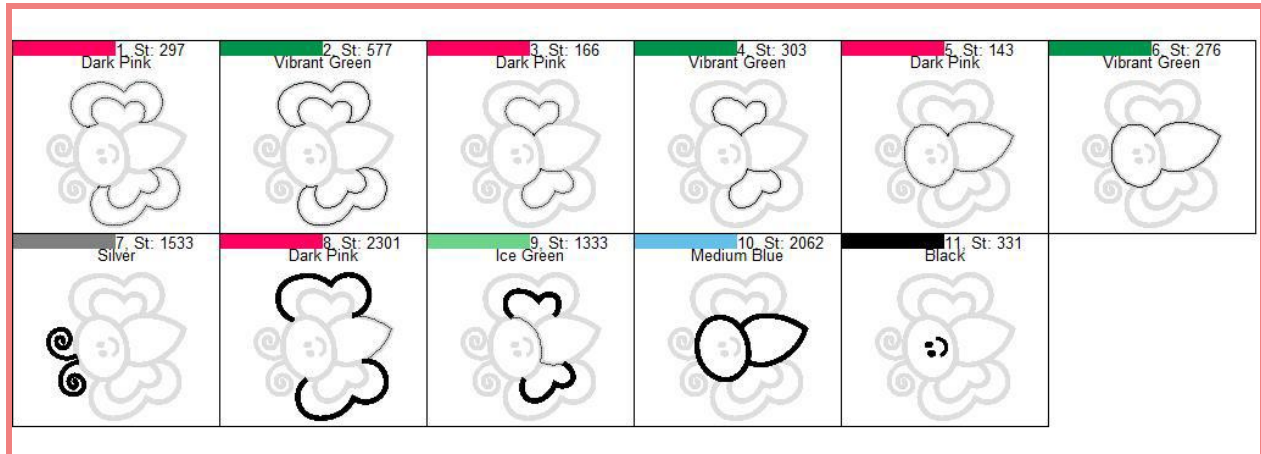


We recommend preparing your fabrics ahead of time with a fusible product. This step makes trimming easier, prevents fraying along the edge of the fabric, and adheres fabric to the item to prevent wrinkles. We use Heat'n Bond Lite. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for fusing to the backside of fabric.

Once it has cooled down, be sure to remove the backing paper!



Refer to the included color chart for your design:



In general our applique designs start with all the placement and tack down stitches for the fabric portions of the design:

- The pink steps are single running placement stitches showing where the fabric should go
- The green steps are double running tack down stitches that attach the fabric to the hooped item

Please note: often our applique fabric steps are pink/green, but depending on the design it may instead be two shades of pink, or red/black. In any case, it is important that these steps alternate colors in the design file so that your machine stops between steps. However, you do NOT need to use pink and green threads for these steps! Instead pick a neutral color and use it for all placement/tack down stitches. (Once all fabric is tacked down and trimmed, then use different thread colors for the remaining color steps to coordinate with your fabric choices.)



Run Design Step 1: a single running stitch to show fabric placement for the outer wings.



Design step 1 is placement stitch for first fabric

Lay your first fabric down, making sure the entire placement stitch is covered. (You may wish to use a spritz of spray adhesive to help hold it in place.)



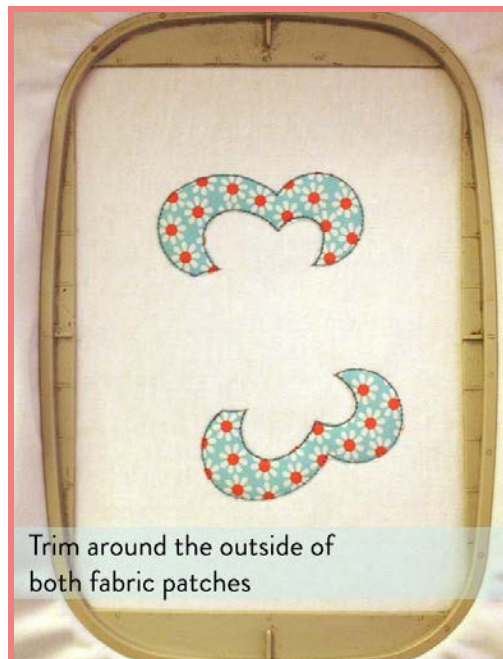
Lay first fabric over the placement stitches

Run Design Step 2: a double running stitch to attach the first fabric to the item.



Design step 2 tacks down the first fabric

Remove the hoop from the machine but do NOT unhoop your item. Trim around the tack down stitches as close as you can without snipping them.



Trim around the outside of both fabric patches

Return the hoop to the machine and run Design Step 3: placement stitches for the inner wings.



Lay your second fabric down, making sure the entire placement stitch is covered.



Run Design Step 4: tack down stitches for the second fabric. Then carefully trim.



Return hoop to machine and run Design Step 5: placement stitches for the body of the butterfly.



Lay your third fabric down, making sure the entire placement stitch is covered.



Run Design Step 6: tack down stitches for third fabric, then trim.



At this point with all fabric trimmed out, it is good to fuse the fabric in place before moving forward. Depending on the size of your hoop, you may need to use a small travel or craft iron.

NOW thread color matters! Pick threads that coordinate with the fabrics you have chosen and what you want for the remaining details. You may follow our color chart for inspiration or do your own thing.

(Please note that our satin stitch steps start with a zig zag underlay to provide a nice foundation for the satin stitches which follow.)

Design Step 7: satin stitches for the antenna



Design Step 8: satin stitches for the outside wings



Design Step 9: satin stitches for the inside wings



Design Step 10: satin stitches for the body



Design Step 11: face details



Depending on what model embroidery machine you have, you may have to trim the jump stitches between elements yourself when the design is completed.



Now sit back and admire your work!



The Baby Butterfly applique comes in 3 sizes for the following hoops: 4x4, 5x7, 6x10. The zip contains the design files in 11 machine formats: ART, DST, EXP, HUS, JEF, PCS, PES, VIP, VP3, SEW, XXX (please note that PCS and SEW formats will only include 4x4 files when available for the design). Also included is a color chart and thumbnails (which provides exact dimensions and stitch counts for each size). You will need to extract the files from the zip first before transferring the file you want to stitch to your embroidery machine.

We would love to see pictures of your Baby Butterfly applique! Please email them to support@designsbyjuju.com or post in our [Facebook Blessings Group!](#)