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Lesson 2—Appliqué Tree with Embellishments

Welcome back to our Oh! Christmas Tree Apron Sew-Along, sponsored by our friends at HUSQVARNA® VIKING®! We are so glad that you have joined us. In this lesson, we will learn all about machine embroidery using the Ribbon Embroidery Attachment available from HUSQVARNA® VIKING® and also about manual appliqué by machine. If you are just now joining us, click here to visit the sew-along homepage, where you can download the free Oh! Christmas Tree Apron PDF pattern, enter for your chance to win an EPIC™ 95Q sewing machine from HUSQVARNA® VIKING®, and catch up on the first lesson!

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SUPPLIES NEEDED

For Both Versions

Rectangle of main fabric cut for apron body

Rectangle of plaid fabric cut for tree appliqué with HeatNBond Lite fused to the wrong side.

Temporary fabric marker

Apron Pattern

General Sewing Supplies

For Machine Embroidery Version

40wt. Embroidery thread in green and any other colors desired for stitching garland

60wt. Embroidery bobbin thread

Medium tear-away stabilizer

Size 75/11 Embroidery needles

Embroidery design (see Supplies for specifics of design used)

Embellishment materials (see Supplies for embellishment ideas and amounts)

Embroidery hoop appropriate for chosen design (360×260 if using the design showcased on the samples)

HUSQVARNA® VIKING® Ribbon

Embroidery Attachment

For Manual Machine Appliqué Version

40wt. Embroidery thread in green

60wt. Embroidery bobbin thread

Sewing thread for sewing buttons (could also use 40wt. Embroidery thread)

Various sizes and colors of buttons for embellishment

Lightweight tear-away stabilizer

Size 80 Microtex needles

Tree Template

9mm Open Toe foot

Button foot and Button Placement Tool



NOTES

All seam allowances = $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless otherwise noted. Stitch D:1 places the needle $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the right-hand side of a 9mm foot. You can also use a center straight stitch and the $\frac{1}{4}$ " indicator line on the bobbin cover. The advantage of using stitch D:1 is that the fabric will ride on all feed dogs and be completely under the foot. This will help the fabric to stay straight as it feeds through the machine.

All measurements given are for adult size. Measurements for child size are in parentheses.

FABRIC PREPARATION FOR BOTH VERSIONS

NOTE: Refer to photo 2 for all lines drawn in this section.

1. Using a temporary fabric marker, draw a line down the vertical center of the rectangle of main fabric. The line should be drawn on the right side of the fabric.
2. Using the apron pattern, draw the arm curves onto the right side of the rectangle of main fabric. Be sure to align the top and sides of the fabric as shown on the pattern as it is very easy to turn the pattern the wrong direction. The fold line of the pattern should align with the line drawn in step 1.

3. Measure $2\frac{3}{8}$ " ($1\frac{3}{8}$ ") down from the top edge of the rectangle and draw a line long enough to intersect the lines drawn for both arm curves. This line represents the lower edge of the decorative band at the top of the apron. This will be referred to as Line 1 going forward.

4. Measure $1\frac{1}{2}$ " ($1\frac{1}{2}$ ") down from the line drawn in step 3 and draw another line. The top of the tree appliqué will fall on the intersection between this line and the vertical center line. This will be referred to as Line 2 going forward.

MACHINE EMBROIDERED VERSION

1. Cut a piece of medium tear-away stabilizer large enough to fit the hoop. Find and lightly crease the vertical center of the stabilizer.
2. Place the stabilizer behind the marked fabric with the vertical centers aligned.
3. Hoop the fabric and the stabilizer with Line 2 approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ " down from the top inside edge of the inner hoop and with the vertical center aligned with the registration marks on the inner hoop. NOTE: *The stabilizer must fill the hoop, but the fabric most likely will not (see Photo 2). Adjust as needed to make this happen and then tighten the hoop.*
4. Load the design to your machine.
5. Align the design to the marked fabric using one of the following methods:

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Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4

METHOD 1:

Using the mySewnet™ App

- Ensure that your HUSQVARNA® VIKING® Designer EPIC™ 2 is logged in to your local WiFi connection and to your mySewnet™ account.
- Open the app on your smart phone or tablet and sign in to your mySewnet™ account in the app.
- Touch the Design Placement icon (photo 1), then choose the Designer EPIC™ 2.

NOTE: Touching the question mark at the top of your screen will open the help section where you will see videos to go with these words and photos.

- Take a photo of the entire hoop with Design Placement feature (photo 2). Touch Use Photo to move on or Retake to take a different photo.
- Choose the correct hoop size at the top of the screen, then adjust the corners of the box so that they fall at the corners of the inner hoop, if needed (photo 3). Touch the forward arrow at the bottom of the screen to move on.
- Check to ensure that you selected the proper hoop size and touch the

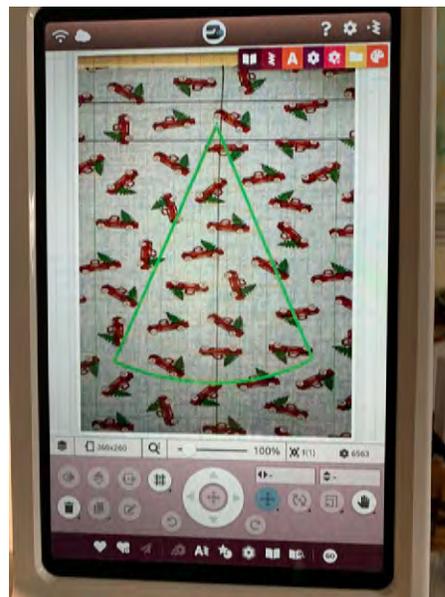


Photo 5

- paper airplane icon at the bottom of the screen to send the photo to your Designer EPIC™ 2 (photo 4).
- The fabric in your hoop will show up as the background of your embroidery field on the screen of your machine (photo 5). In this photo, you can see that the top of the tree appliqué falls above Line 2 so the design will need to be moved down slightly.
- Using the control wheel or drag-and-

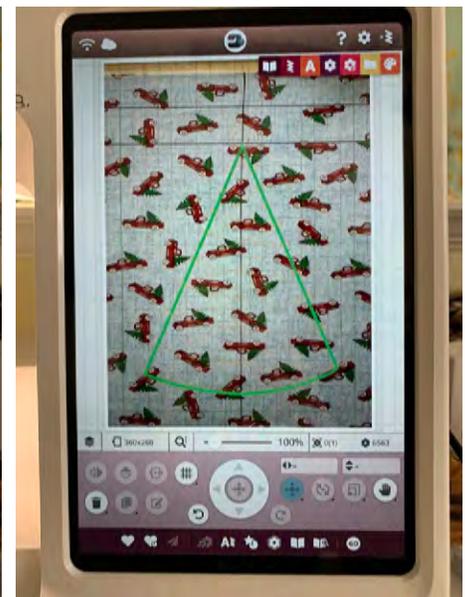


Photo 6

- drop, move the design so that the tip of the satin stitching for the appliqué tree is aligned with the intersection of Line 2 and the vertical center line on the screen (photo 6). Ensure that the ribbon embroidery swirl at the top of the tree will not fall on or above Line 1. Use the Zoom function to zoom in on the embroidery design, if needed.
- Advance to Embroidery Stitch Out.

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METHOD 2:

Using the Design Positioning features of the HUSQVARNA® VIKING® Designer EPIC™ 2

- a. Advance to Embroidery Stitch Out.
- b. Attach the hoop to the machine and touch the check mark on the screen. The hoop will move so that the needle is ready to stitch the first stitch of the design.
- c. Touch the Design Positioning icon at the bottom of the screen.
- d. Touch the flower icon labeled 1 at the bottom of the screen.
- e. Drag and drop the turquoise crosshair to near the top of the satin stitching of the appliqué tree on the screen (photo A). Touch the Zoom icon and then Zoom to Cursor. Use the arrows on the control wheel to move the crosshair until the top of the top most stitch of the appliqué tree is in the middle of the crosshair (photo B).
- f. Touch the hoop icon labeled 2 at the bottom of the screen. The hoop will move so that the needle is where the stitch centered in the crosshair will stitch (photo C).
- g. Use the arrows on the control panel and/or drag and drop the design until the needle is at the intersection of Line 2 and the vertical center line in the hoop (photo D).
- h. Touch OK.

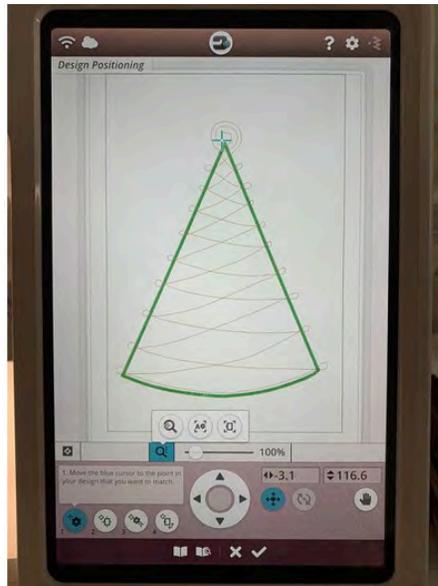


Photo A

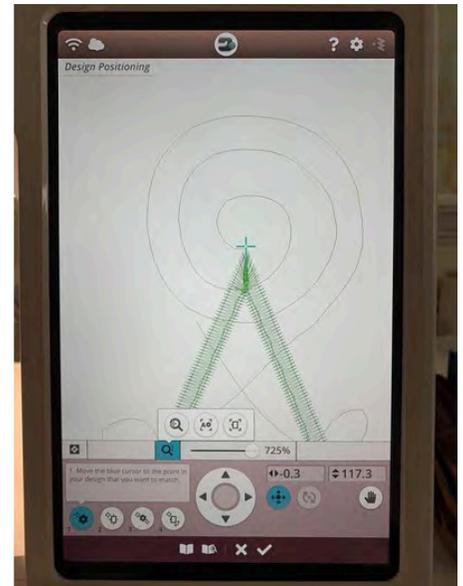


Photo B

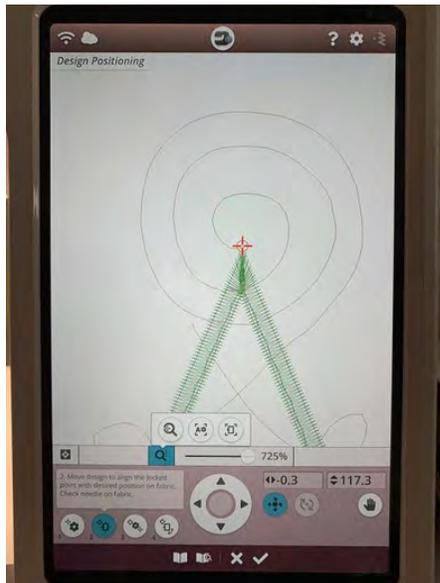


Photo C



Photo D

Embroider the design as follows:

1. **Color 1:** Stitches a placement outline for the tree. Remove the paper from the back of the plaid appliqué fabric to expose the fusible web. Cover the placement outline with the appliqué fabric with the fusible web to the apron fabric. Smooth in place, but do not iron (photo 7).
2. **Color 2:** Stitches a tackdown outline for the tree. Remove the hoop from the machine, but do not remove the apron from the hoop. Trim the excess fabric from around the outline stitches, close to the stitching (photo 8). Press in place to activate HeatNBond, taking care to not touch the hoop with the iron. Reattach the hoop to the machine.



Photo 7



Photo 8

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3. **Color 3:** Stitches the satin stitch outline for the tree.

4. **Color 4:** Ribbon Embellishment. Follow the instructions that come with the Ribbon Embroidery Attachment to load your chosen embellishment material. Change the embroidery foot to the attachment holder. Follow the instructions on screen to set up and calibrate the attachment (photo 9 – shown loaded with mini rickrack). Embroider Color 4.

5. Remove the Ribbon Embroidery Attachment, then remove the hoop from the machine. Your appliqué and ribbon tree is now complete (photo 10 – shown with $\frac{3}{8}$ " wide grosgrain ribbon).

6. Carefully tear away excess stabilizer away from the outside of the tree. There is no need to remove the stabilizer that falls inside the tree, but you can if desired.

Manual Appliqué by Machine Version

1. Using a pen or pencil, trace the tree shape from the Tree Template onto the paper side of a rectangle of HeatNBond Lite. Rough cut outside the drawn lines.

2. Place the traced HeatNBond to the wrong side of the plaid appliqué fabric and fuse in place (photo 11).

3. Cut out the tree shape on the drawn lines (photo 12). Remove the paper to expose the fusible web.

4. Place the tree on the apron fabric so that the top of the tree is aligned with the intersection of Line 2 and the vertical center line. Have the fusible web to the apron fabric. Check to ensure that the width of the bottom of the tree is centered on the vertical center line. Fuse in place (photo 13).

5. Select a satin stitch and thread the machine with 40wt. embroidery thread in the needle and 60wt. embroidery bobbin thread in the bobbin. Attach a 9mm open toe foot and activate the Integrated Dual Feed (IDF). Select stitch B:11 (a 4mm wide satin stitch).



Photo 9

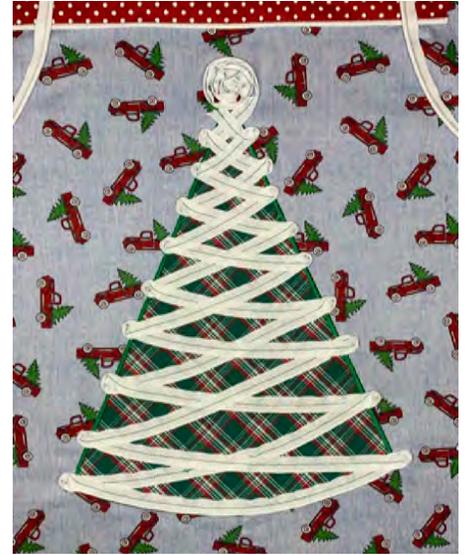


Photo 10



Photo 11



Photo 12



Photo 13

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Photo 14



Photo 15



Photo 16

6. With lightweight tear-away stabilizer under the fabric, stitch around all three sides of the tree. Stitch the bottom first, then the sides. Allow the satin stitch to fall mainly on the tree with the outside edge of the stitch falling on the apron fabric. Our HUSQVARNA® VIKING® Designer EPIC™ 2 has Adjustable Laser Sewing Guidance that can be used to keep your stitches straight and placed exactly where you want them. To use it to aid in aligning your satin stitch:

- a.** Activate the laser by using the function button above the needle.
- b.** On the screen, move the laser to position 1 (1mm to the right of center needle position). This places the laser almost to the right-hand side of the stitch.
- c.** Align the laser with the cut edge of the appliqué tree (with the tree to the left of the foot) and stitch (photo 14). Your stitches will fall mostly on the tree with the outside edge of the stitch falling on the apron fabric (photo 15). It doesn't get much easier!

7. Carefully tear away excess stabilizer away from the outside of the tree. There is no need to remove the stabilizer that falls inside the tree, but you can if desired.

8. Embellish the tree as desired. For the samples, various sizes of red and

white buttons were attached using red thread. You can use the button placement on the template, use the photos of the samples as a guide or randomly place the buttons.

9. To attach the buttons quickly and easily use a Button foot (photo 16) as follows:

- a.** Thread the machine with sewing thread in the needle and in the bobbin. Select the button sew-on stitch located with the buttonholes in the Utility Stitches menu (Stitch A:58) or select Sew On Button in the Sewing Advisor and it will find the stitch automatically for you.
- b.** Attach the Button foot to the machine.
- c.** Slide the Retractable Thread Shank Guide all the way back so that you will not have a thread shank under your button.
- d.** Insert the Button Placement Tool into the holes of the button, then insert the button into the foot. When the Button Placement Tool comes into contact with the foot, remove the tool. The button will be in the proper position for stitching, provided that it did not slip when removing the tool.
- e.** Adjust the stitch width if necessary to accommodate the distance between the holes of the button. Test using the hand wheel.

NOTE: The 4-hole buttons were sewn on the samples in an X pattern. If you choose to do so, you may need to make the stitch slightly wider.

f. Complete stitching using the Start/Stop button or the foot pedal.

Your apron front is now embellished! Join us next week as we learn to apply the decorative bands and piping and how to create those adorable pockets!