

Shadow Stitching Supply List

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Skill level: Skilled beginner

Add a whole new dimension to your machine appliqued quilt blocks by creating elegant textured background fabrics with shadow stitching! All it takes is background fabric, matching thread, and some beautiful, decorative stitches on your machine to take your blocks from ho-hum to stunning. You'll explore endless possibilities of stitch combinations to accentuate your machine applique designs in this fun-filled and relaxed stitching class. After you've created the new background fabric, you'll do some machine applique with high-contrasting stitches for the perfect flourish! Come spend the day creating your own unique background fabric and perfecting your machine applique skills.



Supply List

- Rotary cutter with a new, sharp blade
- Cutting mat (larger than 12" is best)
- Sharp scissors for cutting fabric and fusible web
- Rotary cutting ruler (your favorite size)
- **50-wt. cotton** thread to match your background fabric. (*Aurifil, orange spool.*) You may want to bring a variety of thread colors similar to your background fabric or a shade or two darker for more texture and visual interest. You'll want to have some choices. You will also need a high-contrast thread color for machine applique. (*I used black.*)
- Paper backed, fusible web (NOT fusible interfacing!) Enough to cut 4 – 11" squares.
- Basic sewing supplies including anything that will make your classroom sewing experience more enjoyable!

Fabric Requirements and Instructions

- Choose one or two fabrics for the background for your blocks.
- Cut a total of four - 11" x 11" blocks. (I used pink and mint blue fabrics for my sample and cut 2 squares of each.)
- Prior to class, spray each square with spray starch (not sizing). Soak fabric and let dry. Then press each square with a hot iron. The fabric needs to be stiff.
- Bring fabrics for applique hearts (enough for 11" squares for each heart) and at least 5/8-yard fabric for sashing and outer border.
- Paper backed, fusible web (*NOT fusible interfacing!*) Bring enough to cut 4 – 11" squares.
- Optional: tear-away stabilizer, enough for 4 – 11" squares.

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