

## Instructions for cutting appliqué shapes with scissors

The machine embroidery appliqué designs come with a file that has the outline of the shapes / templates that can be stitched on the embroidery machine. Rather than making a paper pattern from this file, the most efficient way to cut the appliqué fabric using those stitching lines is as follows:

1. Prepare fabric by fusing a fusible web onto the wrong side of the appliqué fabric. This should be slightly larger than your appliqué shape. Do NOT remove the paper.
2. Work with an unthreaded needle in your embroidery machine.
3. Hoop stabilizer.
4. Mount hoop onto machine and stitch the shape outline onto the stabilizer with the unthreaded needle.
5. Lay the prepared fabric (with fusible and paper attached), right side up, over the stitch holes made in the stabilizer. Use tape if needed to hold the prepared fabric in place.
6. Stitch the shape again onto this prepared fabric.
7. Remove the fabric from the hoop and turn it over. On the paper side, you will see the stitch holes showing through the paper.



8. Use this line for cutting your shape.
9. Trim just outside the stitching line so that the finished appliqué will be held securely without fabric threads showing on the outside of the decorative appliqué stitch. Before starting a project, try a sample first, to be sure your cutting line fits perfectly with your stitching line.
10. To remove the paper, use a straight pin to score the paper and it will peel off easily.