



# Decorative Applique Mini Pillows Seasons

## Embroidery Club Feature Collection

28 Designs

Larger than  
8.50" x 8.50"  
Sewing Field

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### Instructions for all Seasonal Applique Pillows

(Pumpkin Pillow pictured in instructions, but use these instructions for all pillows)

#### Things you will need

- Sewing machine and embroidery machine
- 8 ½"x8 ½" pillow form (you can make them using soft cut away stabilizer and batting stuffing)
- 10" x 10" hoop or larger
- Adhesive spray or tape
- Soft cut away stabilizer
- Rotary cutter or scissor

#### Material

- 1 piece cut 8 ½"x8 ½" for the front of pillow
- 2 borders cut at 1 ½"x8 1/2" (border pieces for pillow trim)
- 2 borders cut at 1 ½"x10 ½" (border pieces for pillow trim)
- 2 back pieces cut at 7"x10"
- (Note: We used the same material for the borders and the back pieces)
- 1 piece of material for the first applique in each embroidery design
- 1 piece of material for the second applique in each embroidery design

#### Summary of the embroidery steps to create all four pillow fronts:

These designs have an 8 ½"x8 ½" square outline that sews first. This helps you place the front pillow material on the hoop. The thread color can be any color you would like (It will now show on finished project). The Designs are placed approximately ½" from the bottom of the material. This will allow a ¼" sewing field (they are not centered like most embroidery designs).

There will be two sets of Outline and Tackdowns for each design, because each design has two applique areas. The Outline will sew, then you place your material, and then you will sew your Tackdown. After each Tackdown, trim your material close to the outside stitches. Then continuing sewing.

#### Instructions on how to embroider pillow fronts

1. Begin by Hooping 2 pieces of soft cut away stabilizer in large hoop.
2. Place in machine and run color #1





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3. This is an 8 ½"x8 ½" square that creates the front of your pillow. Place your pillow front material over square and adhere using either tape or adhesive spray.
4. Finish embroidering the remaining color changes. Remember to place the applique material after each Outline color change, which will be followed by the tackdown (trim material before sewing next color change).
5. Take out of machine and out of hoop. Trim the excess stabilizer to match the 8 ½"x 8 ½" square.
6. Take the 8 1/2" border pieces of material and lay the right sides together. Use your sewing machine, sew ¼" seam along each side of the front.



7. Take the 10 ½" border pieces and sew the top and bottom pieces (right sides together) using a ¼" seam.





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8. Iron the seams so they are flat.
9. Take the two 10 ½" back pieces and turn one side of each piece in approx. ¼" two times, iron, and pin in place. Stitch down. This gives the pillow opening a finished seam.



10. Still working with the two back pieces, place the raw edges (opposite the seam edge) to the top and bottom of your pillow front (right sides together), and pin in place (all the way around the pillow).





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11. Sew all around the outside edges using back stitches to secure ends.



12. Cut corners diagonally so when you turn it inside out the corners will look nice.



13. Turn inside out (through the opening in back) and poke out the corners so they look like a squared corner.
14. Iron the outside edge flat.



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15. Using the "stitch in the ditch" method, sew along the border and the front of the pillow.



Proceed to instructions to create **FREE-STANDING PIECES** to attach to your pillows.

