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and New Age YoYo's!*

New ways to Piece and Applique

Renee Artim designer and teacher and Shelley Hooke, designer and teacher from Simply Sew joined Sue with a new easy way to quilt with appliqué!

They showed quilts made with their new laser cut fabric technique. The Sherwood Oaks features beautiful oak leaves. This 36" square wall-hanging will elegantly bring the fall season indoors! The kit includes the Simply Sew pattern and batik fabrics, laser-cut for your convenience and speed of assembly. The leaves and rings can be appliquéd using a variety of techniques. This wall hanging can be finished in a weekend!

A Purple Double Wedding Dance was made with a triangle and an arc.

The Dilly Dilly Heart quilt was shown in



Sue Hausmann, Renee Artim and Shelley Hooke

Sewing Supplies:

- Optional Patterns/Kits available from www.3crazyladies.com:
 - Dilly Dilly Hearts Summer Pattern/Kit
 - Dilly Dilly Hearts Winter Pattern/Kit
 - Laser, Pre-cut pieces of Steam-A-Seam 2
 - Laser, Pre-cut pieces of Freezer Paper
 - Sherwood Oaks Pattern/Kit
- Hobbico Custom Sealing Iron # 140002361
- Sulky 30 wt. Blendable Threads
- Sulky 40 wt. Rayon Threads
- New, Clean Paint Brush (to apply starch)
- Brass Stiletto # 140 000631
- 6mm Open-Toe Applique Foot # 820215-096
- 1/4" Right Guide Foot 820541-096
- Open-Toe Free-motion Foot # 820544-096
- Liquid Starch
- Microtex Needles
- Sulky Totally Stable Fusible Paper Stabilzier

several different color waves. One was inspired by the orange and purple, desert colors of the hot California summer. Another is the blues and purples of winter. This elegant wall-hanging measures 43-1/2" x 32-1/2". The kit, available

at www.3crazyladies.com, includes the Simply Sew pattern and batik fabrics, laser-cut for your convenience and speed of assembly. The 32 hearts can be appliquéd using a variety of techniques, including raw-edge, needle-turn, or decorative machine stitching.

Renee and Shelley brought the Dilly Dilly Heart pattern for the America Quilts creatively viewers. They showed two different ways to finish the blocks.

Each block consists of two rectangles 6 1/2" x 3 1/4" and two heart halves (pattern included).

Option 1: Steam-A-Seam 2 Method

Fusible Raw Edge Appliqué: Cut heart pieces from fabric, making sure to cut a left and a right for each heart. Cut the same from Steam-A-Seam 2. Apply the Steam-A-Seam 2 hearts to the wrong side of the fabric. Notch the heart halves and fusible heart web hearts. Web is cut just a little smaller than the fabric heart pieces. Press with dry hot iron. Press, don't iron. Let cool and remove paper from the Steam-A-Seam 2.

Notch your rectangles. You can alternate lights and darks. Use dark hearts on light rectangles. Place right sides of heart together. (Not sticky side).

Insert heart between the right sides of two rectangles matching the notches.

Sew with 1/4" seam, then press with steam to fuse the hearts. Then open the rectangles and press seam open.

Option 2 Totally Stable templates:

This Appliqué method results in a turned under edge. Cut heart templates 1/4" smaller than the heart half from Totally Stable. Press the Totally Stable to the wrong side of the fabric heart halves. Dip a brush in liquid starch. "Paint" the fabric heart halves on the edges. Using a stiletto, turn the edge of the fabric to the wrong side using the Totally Stable as a template. Press the edges as you go. The liquid starch creates a nice sharp edge.

Pull off Totally Stable and press again.

For either method, match the notches on the heart halves and place on background matching all notches. Layer and pin. Snap on the 1/4" Right Guide Foot. Sew with 1/4" seam. Use 80/12 Microtex or Quilting needle with a sharp point.

Snap on your 6mm Open-Toe Applique foot and select a buttonhole/blanket stitch, stitch 18 on the Pfaff 2170. Stitch around the hearts. You could also use a basic hand appliqué or hand buttonhole stitch.

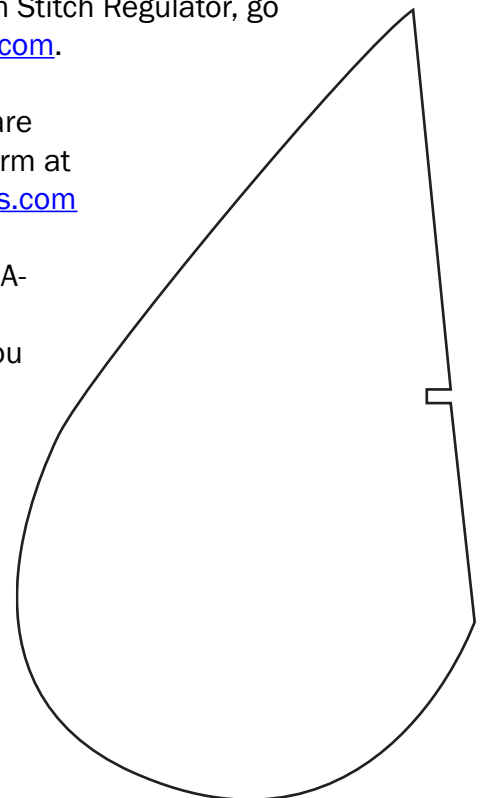
Sew the rectangle blocks into rows. Sew the rows together adding floating hearts in the vertical seams as pictured on the previous page. They are stitched the same way as they were in the original seams.

Alternate light hearts on dark backgrounds and dark hearts on light backgrounds.

After your quilt top is complete, add borders and layer with batting and backing fabric. Snap on your Open-toe Free-motion foot and quilt as desired. Shelley and Renee like to quilt using the Pfaff creative Fabric Mover with Stitch Regulator to keep their free motion quilt stitches nice and even. To read more about the Fabric Mover with Stitch Regulator, go to www.pfaffusa.com.

All quilts shown are available in kit form at www.3crazyladies.com

Laser cut Steam-A-Seam hearts are included when you order the kits.



What's New to Do New Ways with Yoyos!

Pat DeSantis from Wrights brought a new way to do Yoyos. Fabric yoyo's have been a popular way to use up scraps to create yoyo quilts and other projects for years, but they can be very tedious to cut and sew. Pat showed a new, fast, easy way! Cut two to four layers at a time, using the Easy Circle Cut™.

Follow the instructions on the Easy Circle Cut™, to cut 6" circles. Thread with Sulky 12 wt. thread top and bobbin. Select a straight stitch, set the stitch length to 4. Snap on the 1/4" Right Guide Foot w/ IDT for a 1/4" seam allowance. Leave long thread tails when you begin and end stitching around the circle. Pull up bobbin thread to make the yoyo.



To combine them, overlap slightly and straight stitch together. Then for a fun look, snap on the Decorative Trim Foot to stitch Rick Rack and trim over the stitching. You can make tie backs, belts and more!

Try adding fiber fill to the center, adding beads and embellishments to make a necklace. Add them to shoes, bulletin boards or make pins like Sue and Pat were wearing. There is no end to the fun you can have with fabric yoyos!



Pat DeSantis and Sue Hausmann



Sewing Supplies:

- Pfaff Sewing Machine
- Easy Circle Cut™
- Rotary Cutter and Mat
- 1/4" Right Guide Foot #820541096
- Sulky 12 wt. Cotton Thread
- Schmetz Topstitch Needle size 90
- Decorative Trim Foot #820614096
- Wrights Hem Tape
- Wrights Baby Rick Rack

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