



**Joyce Drexler,**  
from Sulky of  
America wore a  
great vest, that she

had embellished with the wonderful new Blendable threads. Blendables come in two weights, 12 wt. cotton or 30 wt. cotton. They are a multi-colored thread, but are different from others because the variations in color are irregular, so they don't stripe. Look for directions for her vest in one of the upcoming Sulky Books.



## Picture Perfect Photo Embroidery

Joyce brought a fun project for America Quilts creatively viewers. A thread painted dog wall hanging! Scan in a photo of your favorite dog or cat. Crop or resize to have the head only, about 5" square. Print it on fabric. Because this is a wall hanging, you don't need to worry about it being colorfast. You can make your own printable fabric, by cutting muslin fabric to 8-1/2" x 11" and pressing Totally Stable to the back of the fabric to carry it through the ink jet printer.

Once printed, remove the Totally Stable from the back of the fabric.

Hoop the printed photo with Cutaway stabilizer in a round wooden hoop. Insert a size 90 Embroidery Needle. Choose colors that coordinate with your printed photo. Start with the light colors first. Thread with 40 wt. Sulky Rayon Embroidery thread on top and Sulky bobbin thread in the bobbin.

Set your sewing machine for free motion embroidery. Drop the feed dogs. Put on the Free Motion Quilt foot. Select Straight Stitch. Select More Options. Select the Free Motion Icon, then Embroidery/Darning/Quilting on your Pfaff 2144. On other models, put on the darning foot, drop the feed dogs and select straight stitch. Before stitching, lower the presser foot to free motion position.

Following the direction of the fur, free motion stitch the fur. You don't have to fill in the entire fabric picture. You just want to highlight, and add texture. [Figure 1]

When your stitching on the dog/cat is complete, remove from the hoop and press. Cut out the embroidered animal.

Spray wrong side with KK2000 Temporary Spray Adhesive and place on background fabric. [Figure 2]

To applique the dog to the background fabric, re-hoop in the wooden hoop and stitch around the outline of the dog through all layers.

Remove from the hoop. Place the backing fabric and batting behind the front piece. The front and back should be wrong sides together, with the batting between them. Sew around the wall hanging, near the edges. Bind the wall hanging. See page 91 for information on binding.



Figure 1

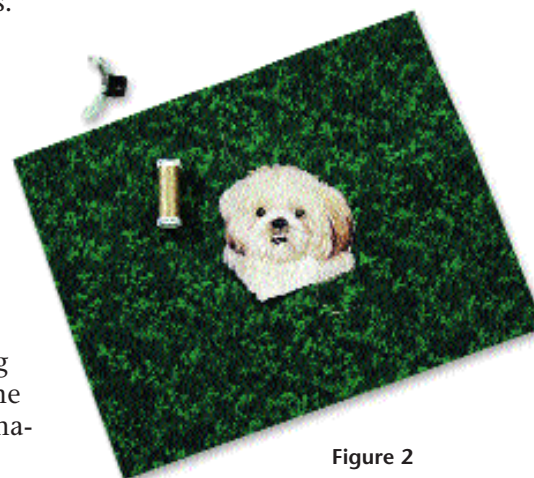


Figure 2

### Sewing Supplies

- ✂ Fabric for printing
- ✂ Sulky Totally Stable Stabilizer
- ✂ Sulky KK2000 Temporary Spray Adhesive
- ✂ Blendables Thread 12 wt. and 30 wt.
- ✂ Sulky 40 wt. embroidery threads
- ✂ Sulky Super Solvy
- ✂ Sulky Cutaway Plus
- ✂ Sulky Polyester Invisible thread
- ✂ Sulky Puffy Foam
- ✂ Sulky Secrets to Successful Embroidery
- ✂ Schmetz Embroidery needles size 90
- ✂ 9mm Open Toe Appliqué foot #820213096
- ✂ Free Motion Quilt foot #820242096
- ✂ Round wooden hoop (the hoop needs to fit under the needle)
- ✂ Dark green tone on tone fabric for background 16" x 18"
- ✂ Assorted leaf fabrics
- ✂ Fabric for binding
- ✂ Schmetz size 90 topstitch needle

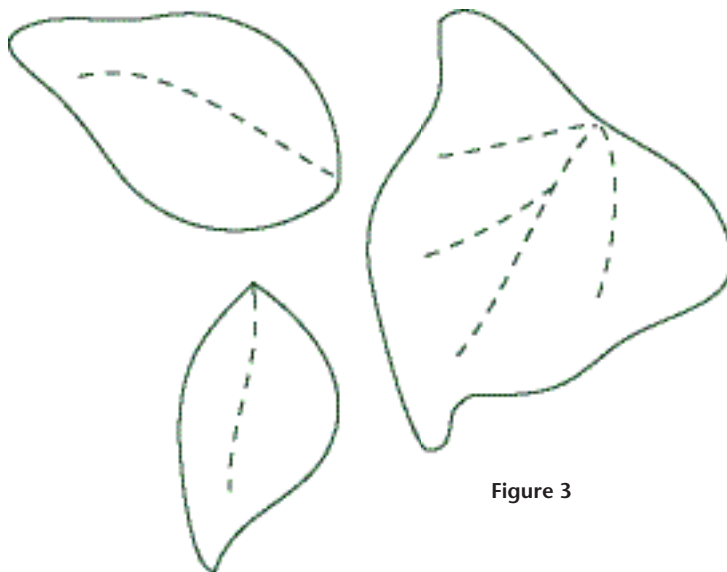


Figure 3



Figure 4

To make the leaves [Figure 3], you can either cut leaves from a leaf motif fabric, or you can use the leaf patterns included. The leaves are three dimensional and are made by layering two pieces of fabric, with Puffy Foam in between. Cut the leaves, (be sure to reverse half of them) and put the “sandwich” together with KK2000 Temporary Spray Adhesive. [Figure 4]

Insert a size 90 topstitch needle. Thread with Sulky 12 wt. Blendable thread on top and 30 wt. Blendable thread in the bobbin. Snap on the Open Toe Foot.

Draw on the vein lines with a fabric marker or chalk. Sandwich the leaves between two layers of Ultra Solvy. To get the layers to “stick” together, spray with water. [Figure 5]

Select a Zig Zag, width 5, length 1.0. Stitch around the leaves. Arrange your leaves around your dog/cat, so he is peeking out of the bushes. Draw some stems. Change to a straight stitch, length 3, and stitch the vein lines, through all the layers. Stitch the stems.

Your wall hanging is complete! Won't your pet be proud?



Figure 5



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### *Create "Antique" Look Photos*

To get different effects, you can also choose different settings when scanning, printing or copying. Often an antique effect is desired, especially if you are combining old and new photos. Just choose grayscale, or sepia, if that is an option on your scanner, to create black and white photos from color.

Another variable which will make a difference in the look, when printing the photos on fabric is the color of the fabric. The printer fabric is usually available in white or cream. The white, gives a bright, crisp image, especially in color prints. The cream will give a much softer effect, and is desirable when creating an antique effect. ■



## What's New to Do!

### Painted Stencils



Andrea Poulimenos, from Electric Quilt is constantly showing us that quilting software is for more than just quilts. How about making stencils? There are over 3,000 blocks to choose from, plus you can draw your own. Plan out your colors, and then print the stencil designs on EQ appliqué template material. Cut out the pieces with an Exacto knife leaving “holes” for you to paint through.

Now you are ready to paint on fabric with fabric paint. Andrea used DecoArt Acrylic Paints with DecoArt Fabric Painting Medium. Fabric Painting Medium, when mixed with Americana Acrylics, produces a washable, permanent paint for fabrics. It improves penetration so paint bonds to the fabric while helping to prevent, cracking, peeling and fading. It is suitable for clothing and home decor textile projects.

You should make sure the appliqué template material is firmly in place, and that there are no bubbles near an edge that would allow the paint to leak under the stencil. Be patient, it's best to let each coat dry over night.

Andrea had some cute projects. The “Grill Sergeant” apron is a great gift for Dad or Grandpa! The bibs are perfect for baby, and the bag is just right for teacher. [Figures A, B and C]



Figure A

## What's New to Do!



### Sewing Supplies

- ✂ Painted Stencils
- ✂ EQ Self Adhesive Template Sheets #140001434
- ✂ DecoArt Acrylic Paints
- ✂ DecoArt Fabric Painting Medium

Figure B

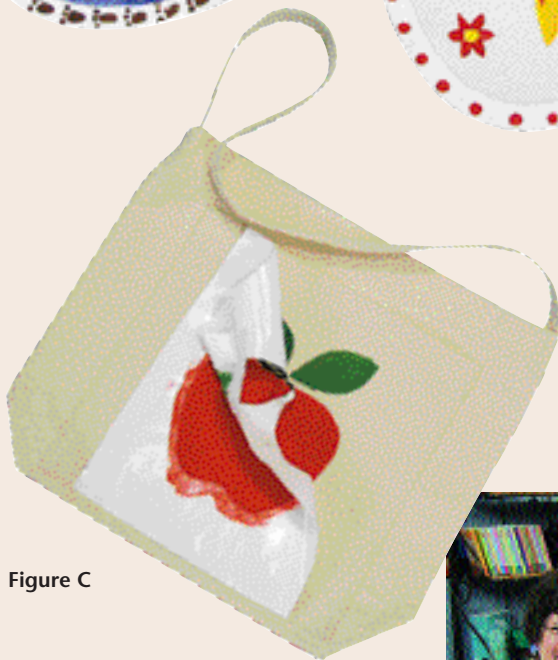


Figure C

