

Applique a Fantasy Dragon/Flower Workshop

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Applique a Fantasy!

Master the technique of applying fabrics from the back of your work and embellish the front with satin stitch and free machine quilting to work a fantasy dragon. This technique enables intricate machine applique to be worked using even difficult fabrics. You can choose one of the prepared designs or create your own and turn the finished masterpiece into a wallhanging or cushion or perhaps the centrepiece for a special quilt.



Requirements:-

Background - plain fabric of your choice approx 15+square

Piece of NON fusible lightweight interfacing approx 15+square

Wadding approx 15+square . I like to use Warm and Natural but anything low loft and not too thick will be fine. Think wall hanging rather than bed quilt.

Fabric for applique . you will need between 8 and 10 different fabrics depending on which design you choose and how you wish to divide it up. The biggest piece you are likely to need is approx 10+x 8+, and most are a lot smaller, so this is an ideal piece to use up scraps or finally open those inspiration packs we acquire at shows. Any fabric can be used . cotton, silk, organza, metallic, embroidered but I would suggest that initially you avoid any fabric that frays madly.

I would suggest that you choose colours that you feel work well together but we are creating our own fantasy so don't play it too safe! For the dragon you might like to use its possible environment for inspiration e.g. Ice dragon, fire dragon etc

Please cut the background, interfacing and wadding ready but don't cut any applique fabrics as the sizes of these will vary

Threads to match/tone with fabric - I like to use Maderia Rayons as they have a lovely sheen and behave well on my machine . you might also like to bring a metallic or varigated thread for adding free machine embellishment to your applique

Black machine thread . the finer the better

Sewing Machine . please clean/oil if necessary before the workshop to avoid hiccoups on the day. Your machine will need to be able to do satin stitch and also drop or cover the feed dogs for free motion quilting.

Please bring an open toed foot and a darning foot

Sewing machine needles to suit your threads . please start with a new needle as it will make your life much easier!

Usual sewing kit, scissors etc

Pencil and notebook

Fine black drawing pen for tracing design onto interfacing

If you have any queries regarding the above please feel free to contact me . patashton-smith@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01434 683830

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