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# Quiltricks NEWS

*Stimulating imaginations of quilt tricksters everywhere*

**Quiltrick #55:** Do you have a favorite feature on your machine? One of the things I love is the “needle-down” feature. It allows me to stop and shift my position without losing my place. It is especially nice when machine appliquéing rounded edges or corners.

I get so many requests for this, so here are the basics of Fusible Applique!

### How to do Fusible Applique

1. Pick out your design and, if desired, draw your design first on a clear plastic overlay, so when you need it later, you can see exactly where the images should be placed on the fabric.
2. Reverse the image (mirror image). This is important especially if you are writing words, or if you want the design to look exactly like the original design. This is easy to do, just turn your paper over and they are reversed.
3. Use a light board or a window to draw your reversed designs onto the paper side of your fusible. (Heat 'n Bond Light for example) The light will shine through the paper making it easy to trace the designs.
4. Roughly cut out the fusible shapes you want to applique - leaving a little bit outside the lines.
5. Place the rough side (glue) of the fusible shape on the **wrong** side of your fabric and press in place. You want to iron on the paper, not the glue!
6. Allow the shapes to cool and cut them out on the drawn lines.
7. Place the shapes on your background fabric. When you have them in the correct location (this is where the clear plastic overlay comes in handy), remove the paper backing and press into place. You may want to place them one at a time and sew each in place before adding a second image.
8. Using a blanket stitch, sew around each image (by hand or machine). If your machine doesn't have a blanket stitch, you can also use a zig-zag stitch. Repeat with the remaining images.



Signs of the Season



Santa's Sentries

### Come visit us!

- ▶ **January 12-13, 2018**  
Southwest Florida Quilt Show  
North Ft. Myers, FL
- ▶ **January 19-20, 2018**  
The Villages Marketplace  
Wildwood, FL
- ▶ **January 26-27, 2018**  
Quilting & Needle Art Extravaganza  
Statesville, NC
- ▶ **February 22-25, 2018**  
Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival  
Hampton, VA
- ▶ **March 1-3, 2018**  
Indiana Heritage Quilt Show  
Bloomington, IN
- ▶ **March 9-11, 2018**  
Dallas Quilt Show  
Dallas, TX
- ▶ **March 21-24, 2018**  
Lancaster Quilt Show at the  
Continental Inn  
Lancaster, PA
- ▶ **April 12-14, 2018**  
International Quilt Festival  
Chicago, IL
- ▶ **April 17-20, 2018**  
Rotary Antique Quilt Show  
Paducah, KY
- ▶ **May 5-6, 2018**  
A World of Quilts  
Danbury, CT

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