

## Floralicious Appliqué Pillow

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A quick-to-stitch Floralicious Appliqué Pillow adds a splash of color and keeps flowers in bloom all season long. This pillow features whimsical appliqué designs from OESD's Floralicious Collection — a BERNINA Exclusive Mini-Collection of twelve fun-to-stitch designs, including appliqué blocks.



### Supplies

#### Machine & Accessories

- BERNINA Sewing & Embroidery Machine
- BERNINA Reverse Pattern Foot #1/1C/1D or Clear Foot #34/34C/34D
- BERNINA Edgestitch Foot #10/10C/10D
- BERNINA Walking Foot #50 with Center Guide
- Seam guide
- BERNINA Zipper Foot #4/4D
- BERNINA Teardrop Embroidery Foot #26
- Embroidery hoop

#### Embroidery Collection

- OESD Floralicious Mini-Collection #1103 (pillow shown uses designs BE110310 and BE110311)

#### Fabric & Notions

- Coordinating fabrics (sample shown uses prints from the Benartex Floralicious Collection)
  - ½ yard for the pillow top
  - ¾ yard for the flange, back, and appliqué
  - ⅛ yard for accent border and appliqué
  - 2-3 fat quarters for appliqué
- 18½" x 18½" square of batting
- 18" pillow form
- 22" zipper
- OESD PolyMesh stabilizer
- 505 Temporary Fabric Adhesive
- Isacord Embroidery Thread
- Bobbin thread
- Construction thread
- Organ Titanium Embroidery needle, size 80/12
- Universal needle, size 80/12
- Chalk Marker

## Prepare the Fabric

- Cut the following:
  - Pillow Front: Cut one 17" x 17" square
  - Flange:
    - Cut two 4" x 17" strips
    - Cut two 4" x 22" strips
  - Border Accent: Cut two 1½" x 44" strips
  - Pillow Back
    - Cut one 11½" x 22" rectangle
    - Cut one 18½" x 22" rectangle

- Select an embroidery motif.

*Hint: Using embroidery software, print a paper design template to use for auditioning the placement of the design on the pillow front.*

- Mark the design center point on the pillow front, using the photo as a guide for placement.

*Note: The pillow front piece includes a 1½" flange on all sides. Be sure to take this into consideration when determining design placement.*

- Use 505 adhesive spray to adhere two layers of PolyMesh to the wrong side of the pillow front, behind the area to be embroidered.
- Send the selected designs to the embroidery machine.

*Note: Designs shown on the pillow in the photo are BE110311 and BE110310.*

## Embroider the Appliqué Designs

- Spray the wrong side of the appliqué fabric pieces with 505 adhesive. After the machine stitches the placement lines, place the cut out appliqué shape over the stitched lines. (Use the pattern and instructions provided on the design collection CD to cut the shapes.)
- Continue stitching to complete the embroidered appliques.



- Remove the completed pillow front from the hoop. Carefully trim away excess stabilizer from the wrong side. Press gently from the wrong side on a padded surface.

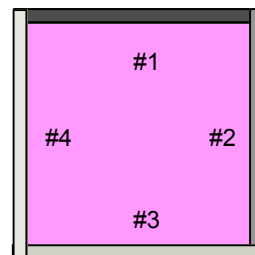
*Note: Isacord embroidery thread is ideal for items that will be laundered on a regular basis. Color-fast and bleach-resistant, Isacord will stand up to frequent washings, and withstand bleach and exposure to direct sunlight.*

## Sew the Flange and Accent Borders

- Select a straight stitch and increase the stitch length to 3.0mm. Attach the all-purpose foot to the machine.

- Fold the accent strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together; press.

- Stitch the accent strip to the pillow top along one side (#1), straight stitching ¼" from the raw edge. Trim the ends even with the sides of the pillow front.



- Repeat, working clockwise around the pillow front as shown in the diagram (side #2, then #3, and side #4 last).

- Position the flange strips on the pillow top, right sides together and raw edges even.

- Stitch the 4" x 17" flange strips to the pillow sides using a ⅜" seam allowance. Press the seam allowances away from the center of the pillow front. Stitch the 4" x 22" flange strips to the top and bottom edges; press the seam allowances away from the center of the pillow.



- Place the pillow front right side down on a flat surface. Center the batting on the wrong side of the pillow front; adhere with 505 temporary adhesive spray.

- Attach Edgestitch Foot #10/10D or Walking Foot #50 to the machine. Align the center guide of the foot with the flange seam. Stitch-in-the-ditch along all four sides of the pillow front.



## Construct the Pillow

- Attach Zipper Foot #4/4D to the machine. Adjust the needle position as necessary.

- Unzip the zipper. Place the zipper tape along one 22" side of the smaller pillow back rectangle, right sides together. Adjust the position of the foot so the needles will sew beside the zipper coils. Stitch.



- Place the remaining zipper tape along one 22" side of the remaining pillow back rectangle, right sides together. Stitch.
- Zip the zipper. Press the seam allowances away from the zipper coils.
- Mark a line 6" from the zipper on the wider side of the pillow back.

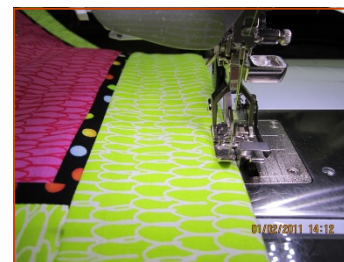
- Lay the pillow back on a flat surface, right side up. Bring the marked line toward the zipper coils, extending past the zipper approximately 1" to form a tuck. Press. Topstitch 2½" from the fold to secure the tuck in place.

- Place the pillow front and back right sides together, leaving the zipper open about 2".

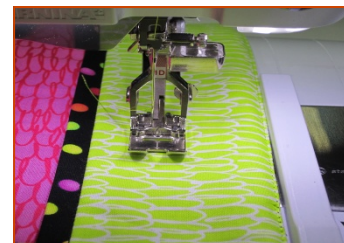
- Stitch around the outside edges of the pillow using a ½" seam allowance.

- Open the zipper. Turn the pillow right side out; press.

- Attach Edgestitch Foot #10/10D to the machine and move the needle position to the far left. Align the center guide with the finished edge of the pillow. Edgestitch around the finished edge.



- Attach Reverse Motion Foot #1/1D to the machine and return the needle to the center position. Attach the seam guide to the slide-on table and adjust it to mark a position 1½" from the needle. Stitch around the pillow, aligning the edge of the flange with the guide, to create the flange.



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