

# Country Club Chic

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## Embroidery Products

Valentine Fashions  
from A Bit of Stitch  
Appliqué Fashion  
from A Bit of Stitch  
Free Appliqué Frame design  
from A Bit of Stitch  
www.abitofstitch.com  
Embroidery editing software

## Materials

8" x 10" piece of pale gold twill  
100% cotton fabric  
8" x 10" piece of Ultra Firm  
Heavyweight Cut-away stabilizer  
8" x 10" piece of fusible webbing  
Brocade fabric backed with  
fusible webbing (for the frame)  
Assorted appliqué materials  
backed with fusible webbing  
(for the dresses)  
Embroidery thread  
Temporary spray adhesive  
Mini-iron  
Fray Check®

## Step 1. At the Computer

In embroidery software, select a 5" x 7" hoop. Import the three dress designs from Valentine Fashions and Appliqué Fashion designs. Center and evenly space the dresses in the hoop. Next, import the appliqué frame design. Save the design as Purse1 in the appropriate format.

## Step 2. Embroidery

Hoop a piece of Ultra Firm Heavyweight Cut-away stabilizer in the 5" x 7" hoop. Stitch the first color, the placement guide. Lay a piece of background fabric (large enough to cover the entire stitched rectangle) over the stitched outline. Use temporary spray adhesive to hold it in position if necessary.

Stitch the second color, the tackdown. Remove the hoop from the machine and lay the hoop on a hard flat surface. Trim away the excess center frame fabric outside of the stitched outline. Using a mini-iron, fuse the center frame fabric to the Ultra Firm cut-away. Put the hoop back in the machine.

Skip the next four colors to reach the appliqué dress designs. Complete each design. Use the mini-iron to adhere each appliqué material piece to the background fabric before stitching the final satin stitches of each design.

Return to the start of the Frame design and skip the first and second colors, the placement guide and tackdown. Stitch the third color, the placement guide of the outer frame. Place the frame appliqué fabric over the stitched outline, covering it completely. Use temporary spray adhesive to help hold it in place if necessary.

Stitch the fourth color, the tackdown of the outer frame. Remove the hoop from the machine, lay it on a hard flat surface and trim away the excess frame fabric from inside the frame (exposing the appliquéd dresses) and around the outside. Trim as close as possible. Be careful not

## DESIGNER'S TIP:

*Swipe a piece of clear packing tape along the cut edge of an appliqué fabric. This helps "whisker" the raw edge of the fabric so that you can trim the whiskers away before stitching the final satin stitches. This keeps them from poking out later!*

to cut into the center frame background fabric.

Adhere the appliqué frame fabric to the Ultra Firm Cut-away Stabilizer using a mini-iron. Return the hoop to the machine and embroider colors five and six, the satin stitched outlines.

Remove the Ultra Firm Cut-away Stabilizer from the hoop and cut away the excess stabilizer. Trim as close as possible to the satin stitched border, but do not clip the stitches. If you do, mend them with seam sealant such as Fray Check®.

Press the patch from the wrong side if needed.

Now you are ready to apply the embroidered patch to a project of your choice. You have sealed the edges of the fabric with the satin stitches so that it will not ravel, making a sturdy patch with a firm, flat backing that will enable smooth application to a variety of surfaces. Use glue appropriate for your project to attach the embroidery. (See *Which Glue to Use*)

## Step 3. Finishing

Silk flowers were glued to the top of the purse after the patch was applied.

### Which glue to use?

Using the proper glue for your project is important. These are some of my favorite glues:

### Hot Glue

This type of glue is great for porous materials such as straw, raw wood, cardboard and rough fabrics (jute, burlap, felt). It must be applied quickly as it bonds best when piping hot. Hot glue is messy,

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*If your satin stitch border is a color other than white, a little of the Ultra Firm Cut-away Stabilizer may show around the edges of the patch. If it will not blend in with the color of the item you are planning to apply the patch to, color the exposed edges with a fabric marker using a color that matches the satin stitch frame border.*

*Protect fine fabrics with a press cloth or paper when adhering appliqué fabrics in the hoop with a mini-iron!*

but holds awkward things well during application. I used hot glue to apply the flowers around the top of the Bamboo Purse.

### **3M™ Super 77™ Multipurpose Spray Adhesive**

This glue has a high coverage, aggressive tack and is long bonding. It works well for foil, fabric, wood, paper, cardboard, foam and many other surfaces. This spray adhesive is easy to use and bonds quickly yet allows for repositioning during application. Use in a well ventilated area and clean up with denatured alcohol.

### **Beacon Adhesives Quick Grip**

This is my favorite all around glue. It's great for wood, plastic, rubber, concrete, ceramics, fabrics, glass and leather. It has an excellent tack; is permanent and flexible; dries crystal clear, and is thick and easy to manage.

### **Therm O Web Super Tape**

A relatively new product, this is an acid free adhesive tape that comes in sheets or rolls. It's good for wood, fabric, metal, plastic, paper and glass. The best thing about this tape is that it is virtually mess free, is very fast to use and has a really strong hold. The biggest drawback is that it cannot be washed.

## Resource List

### ***Embroidery Designs from A Bit of Stitch***

[www.abitofstitch.com](http://www.abitofstitch.com)

#### ***Fun Frames***

*(Bamboo Purse)*

#### ***Valentine Fashions***

*(Bamboo Purse)*

#### ***Appliqué Fashions***

*(Bamboo Purse)*

### **3M™ Super 77™**

#### ***Multipurpose Spray Adhesive***

[www.artsuppliesonline.com](http://www.artsuppliesonline.com)

### **505 Spray and Fix Temporary Spray Adhesive**

[www.sprayandfix.com](http://www.sprayandfix.com)

### **Beacon's Quick Grip Glue**

[www.beaconcreates.com](http://www.beaconcreates.com)

1-800-865-7238

### **Mini Iron**

[www.nancysnotions.com](http://www.nancysnotions.com)

### **Sulky Totally Stable Stabilizer**

[www.sulky.com](http://www.sulky.com)

### **Superior Threads**

[www.superiorthreads.com](http://www.superiorthreads.com)

### **Therm O Web Super Tape**

[www.thermoweb.com](http://www.thermoweb.com)

### **Ultra Firm Heavyweight Stabilizer**

[www.joanns.com](http://www.joanns.com)