

Sweet Pumpkin Appliqué

What says "fall" more than plaid, burlap and lace? Maybe a little wool? I hope you enjoy this cute little pumpkin pillow made with wool appliqué!

Size: 12 x 17 Inches

Materials

11 x 12 inches patterned fabric for pillow front

6 ½ x 12 inches burlap

12 inches of 2 ¼" or 2 ½" cotton lace

12 x 17 inches backing fabric (can be same as front)

Wool for appliqué:

6 x 6 inches soft white for pumpkin

3 x 4 inches green wool for leaf

3 x 3 inches beige for stem

3 x 3 inches brown for flower centers

8 x 8 inches golden yellow for flower petals

#12 appliqué needle or 11 or 12 Sharp needle

Paper-backed, lightweight fusible

Basic quilting supplies

Pressing board

Polyester filling

Favorite hand stitching thread (I used Valdani, size 8 for pumpkin (Easter), stem (PT4), leaf: (P11, Aged Black), and sunflowers (P5))

Prepare Appliqué (templates provided are reversed)

Trace the template designs onto paper-backed fusible and cut loosely around the designs. Press the fusible to the REVERSE side of the appropriate wool fabric according to manufacturer's instructions. Cut out carefully on the lines. Set aside.

Alternately, you can use freezer or regular paper and press or pin the designs to the wool for cutting. You'll likely need a light box for tracing the template onto regular paper. Use tiny pins to hold wool in place as you stitch if needed. (Remember the templates are reversed.)

Pillow Front

Lay out the patterned fabric, lace, and burlap for the pillow front in that order, left to right. Machine baste the lace onto the left edge of the burlap.

Right sides together, pin patterned fabric to the lace/burlap and stitch. Carefully press to the patterned fabric.



Wool Applique

Refer to the template and photo to arrange your wool pieces on the patterned fabric of the pillow front. Center the pumpkin vertically and horizontally. Add and stitch around the applique in the following order:

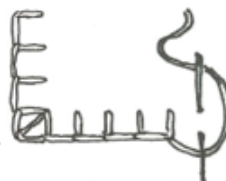
- Pumpkin (also add the straight stitching now)
- Stem
- Leaf
- Small Sunflower center and petals
- Large Sunflower center and petals

You can get creative with your stitching or use the basic stitches shown below:

Basic Blanket Stitch

With two imaginary parallel lines and working from left to right, bring the needle out on the bottom line (1), circle the thread around to the right and insert the needle in the top line (2), to the right of (1). Bring the needle up directly below (2) and on the bottom line (3), making certain the needle is OVER the circled thread. Pull the thread up and this is now the (1) position for the next stitch. Try to keep the spaces between the stitches equal. Repeat the sequence.

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Running Stitch

Bringing your needle up at (1) and down at (2), continue to pick up several stitches on your needle before pulling it through. The running stitch can have the same length of stitches on the right and wrong sides or have longer on the right side of your piece.

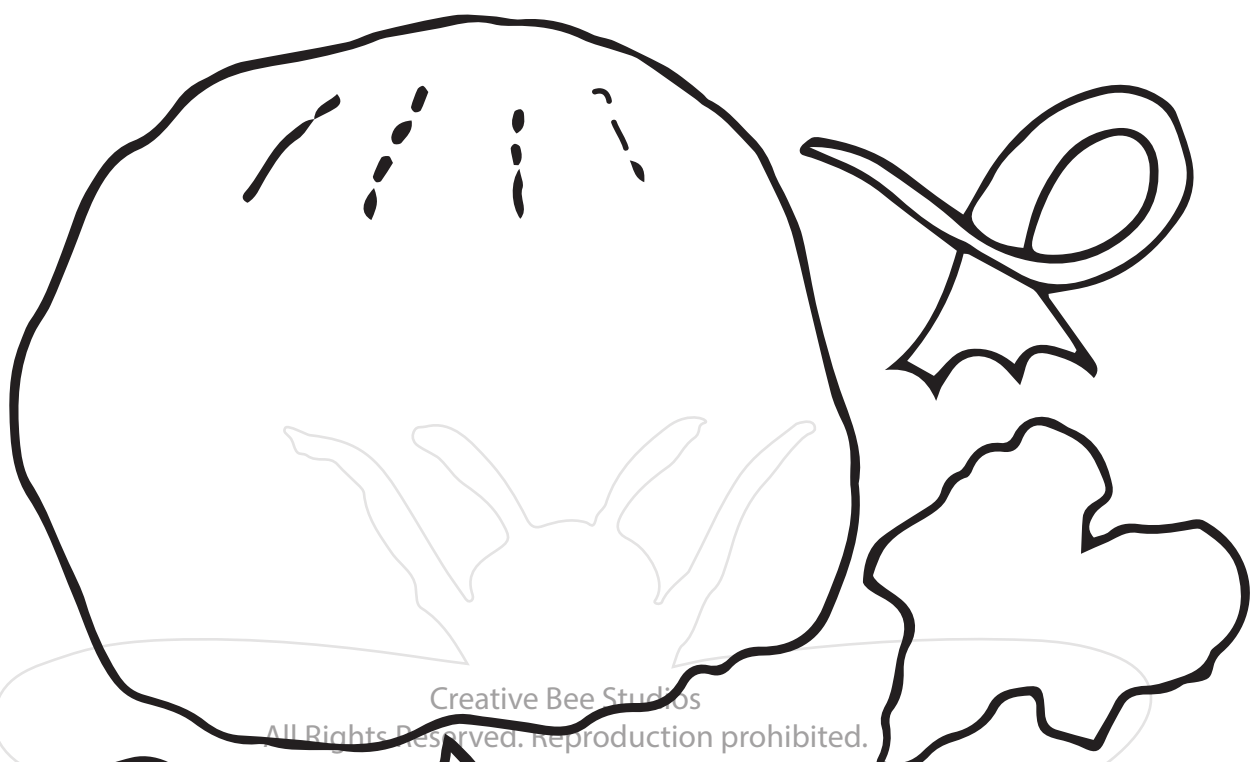


Constructing Pillow

When your handiwork is complete, align pillow top to bottom, right sides together. Pin the edges, marking a four-inch area on the patterned fabric side of the pillow to leave open for turning and stuffing. Machine stitch around, securing the starts and stops and leaving the opening unstitched.

Trim corners and turn. Carefully use your fingers to define the corners of the pillow. Use a blunt tool to fill the pillow with polyester filling.

When the pillow is filled, fold the open edges in and stitch closed. Optional: you can add a blanket stitch to the pillow end to accent your fabric.

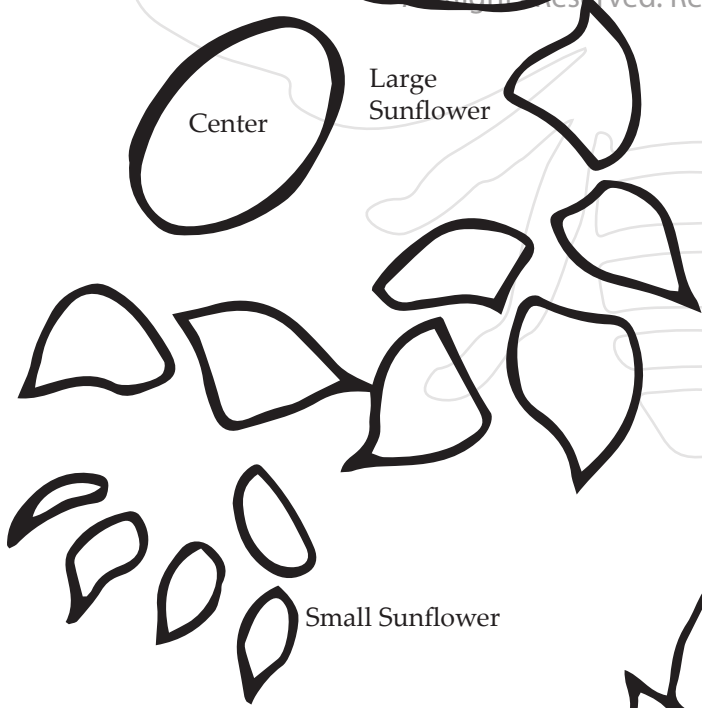


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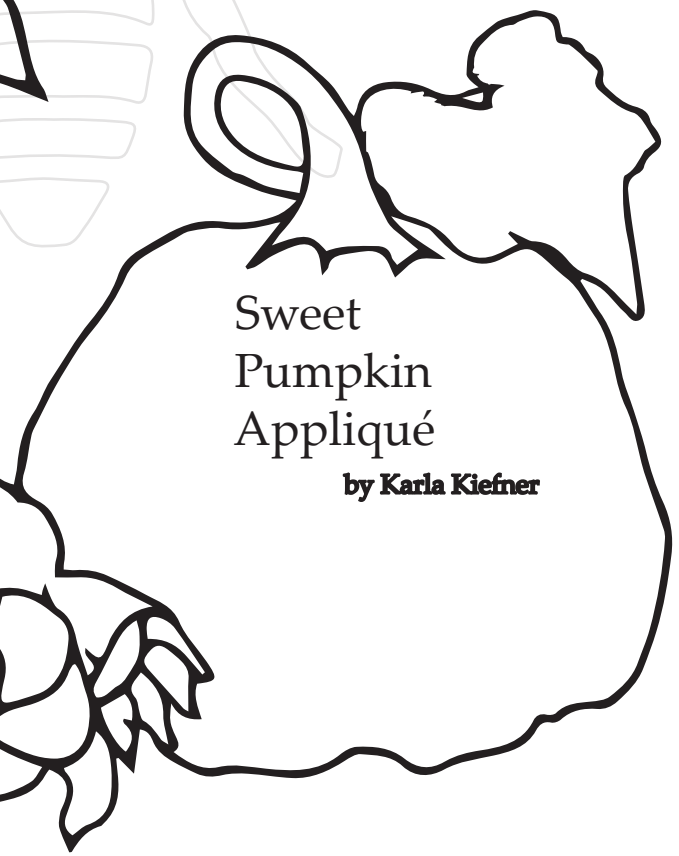


Center

Large
Sunflower



Small Sunflower



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All the best, Karla



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