

## Sunbonnet Sleuth Applique Lesson

Sewing applique by hand is easy and accurate to do. It is a little bit like coloring in the lines...except you will be sewing on the line. Begin by tracing your appliqué design onto your background fabric. Use thread colors to match your fabric colors.

- Diagram 1 - Begin by taking your pattern template and tracing it on the right side of your fabric using a sharp #2 pencil.
- Diagram 2 - Cut the applique piece out, adding 1/4" seam allowance as you cut.
- Diagram 3 - Clip the concave curves on the applique piece at 1/4" intervals up to but not through the penciled seam line. Using your pencil line as a guide turn the seam allowances towards the fabric back. Iron or finger press the seam allowance in place.
- Diagram 4 - Sew the applique piece in place on your background fabric layering the pieces from the bottom up. See the numbers on the diagram for the layering order.
- Diagram 5 - Complete the layering of the applique pieces to finish the block.

**Note:** For machine appliqué cut pieces out without seam allowances and zig-zag with matching color threads or buttonhole stitch in place using a contrasting thread. Use a fusible web to hold appliqué pieces in place while you sew. Follow the manufacturer's directions when using a fusible web.

