

Scarecrow Surprise

This is Summary of a talk about Fusible Web interfacing. Fusible webs, manmade fibers that melt when ironed, are used to fuse two fabrics for creating pictures or designs. To complete the applique, sew along the raw edge with a straight or decorative stitch of your choice.

For this talk, I made the scarecrow wall hanging, a free pattern in the Canadian Quilter, CQA magazine, Autumn 2007.

This Demo was based on the product called Quilters SELECT Appli-Stick. I purchased a roll, 10 yards or about 30 metres. It is 12 inches wide. It is a double-sided interfacing with a peel-off Backing.

SELECT Appli-Stick is sold in various sizes: rolls from 20 in wide x 25 yards, 12 in wide to 10 yds, 10 in x 10 yds, printable sheets or 1/4 in tape or 1/2 in tape.

- SELECT Appli-Stick lives up to its promise of NOT gumming up the sewing needle. Easy to use directions are included.
- Once the backing is removed, SELECT fusible web may be repositioned many, many times, perfect when assembling a wall hanging or pictorial quilt.
- Comparison of fusibles: BOTH Steam-a-Seam 2 and SELECT can be applied to the background until all pieces are ready for fusing with the iron. I did find Select much better to work with and still sticky after much rearranging. Other fusible interfacing without a paper backing are not sticky.

I also discovered, I could add the applique cutouts to a completed wall hanging for fun, too. Example: I added a pumpkin to a summer scene for an autumn look. Later, the pumpkin could be removed or fused on.

With all fusibles: Use parchment paper or a teflon sheet over and under what you are fusing to protect your iron AND ironing board.

Remember: With fusibles, use COTTON or BATIK fabric for a design wall or an existing wall hanging. Prepare your background first. DO NOT use fuzzy design cloth for a design wall as the fuzz will stick to the fusible.

Clear plastic as a design wall does NOT work; I decided to use that feature and made a "see-thru" panel that can hang over an existing wall hanging.

Tips on sewing with fusible: If your needle begins to have a sticky lump of thread or lint forming, when sewing one of the other fusibles, CLEAN the needle with a cloth dipped in rubbing alcohol, bottled cleaning cloths (now fragrance free), Or use Sewers Aid, which comes in a bottle for about \$8.

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