

Scarecrow Surprise

This is Summary of a talk about Fusible Web interfacings. 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 interfacings 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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