



Loving the Layered Look!

Layering Fabrics & Felt for Stunning Reverse Applique



Paisley Pumpkins e-Pattern
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Appliqué and WoolFelt® go together beautifully, as evident in the many patterns and projects created over the decades. As you know, appliqué is the technique of stitching small pieces of fabric onto a larger piece to create a design. Now reimagine this technique and completely let loose your creativity with beautiful and stunning reverse appliqué.



Falling For You e-Pattern
 Michelle May, www.theraspberryrabbits.com

Reverse appliqué involves layering fabric then cutting away some of the top layer to reveal a shape appliquéd underneath. Wool blend WoolFelt® is ideal for this process because you can cut nice, clean lines without fraying. After you stitch your design, you trim away intricate details for stunning depth and dimension.

Michelle May from the *Raspberry Rabbits* was a pioneer of reverse wool appliqué with her *Folk Art Fusion*®. “The idea literally came to me one morning as I woke,” explains Michelle. “I quickly wrote down what I envisioned: reverse wool applique, hand stitching and embellishments.”

As Michelle looked around the internet, she found many designers creating wool applique quilts, but none doing reverse wool applique. “The thought of combining reverse wool applique with cotton fabrics was appealing to me, but how could I turn them into an art quilt? The answer was adding embellishments and floating borders. These

floating borders and layers of reverse wool applique have now become my trademarked *Folk Art Fusion*®.”

She discovered National Nonwovens’ WoolFelt® in 2012 and since then inspires others with her patterns, books, and classes. “What a fun textile to play with! It’s easy to cut, holds its shape and is a joy to applique as there are no edges to turn under.” Michelle’s reverse wool appliqué classes are so popular, that they typically sell out immediately, including her *Beekeeper Pincushion Class* at the upcoming *Quilt Festival Houston*.

Another talented designer known for her stunning reverse applique is **Betz White**. “Reverse appliqué is one of my favorite techniques, especially when combining felt and fabric,” says Betz. She recently created this fun reverse applique “Layered, Textured Pillow” for *Cloth Paper Scissors* magazine (March/April 2017 issue). Instructions are in the magazine and on the *Cloth Paper Scissors blog* (May 16, 2017).



Layered Pillow by Betz White • betzwhite.com

Betz uses WoolFelt® in the pillow project and even gives a tip in the “materials” sections that “for best results, use a wool-blend felt, which is durable, less expensive than 100% wool, and comes in lots of great colors.”



Design Your Own Layered Elements

Mary Elizabeth Martin of *Pinetree Studios* has a new pattern design concept, *Design Your Own Layered Elements*. For years, she has been designing patterns that took all of the guessing and experimentation out of the process. Now she wants to help you make something that is uniquely yours! She is still providing elements, but what you do with them is now entirely up to you. She offers ideas, but they are only to get you started and gives you some techniques to help you figure out color variations. Info at www.etsy.com/shop/PinetreeStudiosStore.