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# Applique Designs: My Mother Taught Me To Sew



## Synopsis

Named one of the 20th century's best American quilts, this truly is an applique masterpiece. In response to a resurgence of interest in this fabulous quilt, the American Quilter's society is proud to publish a colorful revised edition of an earlier book by the same name. Fifty patterns were used to make the 99 exquisite 6 inch by 6 inch blocks, most repeated once - first in bright colors and again in muted. Celebrating the heart, home, and hearth of heritage, updated text and colorful pages showcase the instructions, techniques, stitches, tips, and patterns necessary to help you create this applique heirloom. AUTHORBIO: In 1980, Faye Anderson took her first quilting class and discovered that her love of sewing and background in graphic design could blend beautifully. Since that time, Faye's quilt, My Mother Taught Me To Sew, has been named one of the top twentieth century quilts by a panel of highly-respected quilting experts. Faye conducts workshops and her quilts have won numerous awards. REVIEW: The Midwest Book Review says, "Faye Anderson's Applique Designs My Mother Taught Me To Sew has been revised and includes newly updated text, techniques and stitches. This also includes three new projects along with fifty block patterns with versatile uses, making for a fine expanded new guide. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

Cute book of simple applique designs for the beginner looking for an easy pattern for a simple sampler or other project. The patterns might work well for wool felt applique or paint stencilling as well.

Am making this quilt as we speak (Jan 2010) and every step has been fun. From beginner (soft curves, easy to handle pieces) to advanced appliqué, this group of patterns offers something for everyone. I love the variety of blocks, no two the same, and all the blocks are nicely filled out between appliqué motif and the embroidery, no handful of blocks that are too light or heavy for the overall design. I've used buttons on many projects but never sequins, and I'm looking forward to seeing these make my blocks 'pop' like hers do on the cover. Instruction for needle turn is the only appliqué technique shown, plus her method of doing her stitching on a flat surface. The only reason I can think of to give this book less than a 5 star rating is the colors are now dated :) and that is no sin, time rolls over us all.

Detailed instructions for sewing appliques without basting ... Explains fully how to use an overlay to position pieces ... Shows how a lapboard helps to keep the applique flat ... Great book with excellent diagrams and photos

I really like applique and this book has a nice range of simple applique shapes which appealed to me. The templates are actual size, which I appreciate, and the instructions are clear.

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