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Virtual Sewing Guild Webinar Series





This webinar will cover

- Traditional Crazy Patch Technique
- Crazy Patch in the hoop
- Tips for working with your decorative stitches
- Working with Fusible Web
- Faux Crazy Patch Technique



Choosing Your Fabrics

- 100% cotton is great to work with
- Fabrics that are similar in fiber content and weight will "behave" the same
- Use a variety of fabrics, they can be high contrast, they can be all from the same color family, they can all be pastels, no matter what pallet you choose, just make sure you have a variety of fabrics to choose from
- Using specialty fabrics can be fun, but they might be harder to work with.
- If you are going to be embellishing with decorative stitches, choose fabrics that you will be able to get good results on.



Getting Started with Traditional Crazy Patch



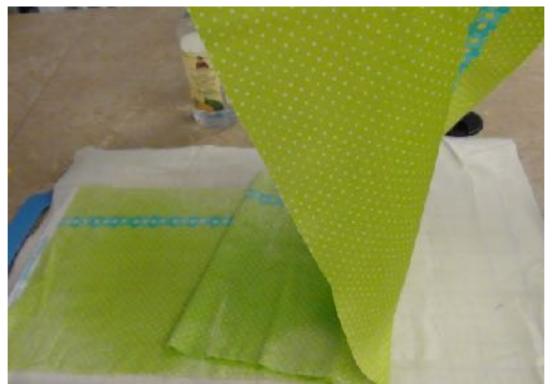
- Gather your fabrics.
- You will need a "base" fabric to stitch all the "patchwork" fabrics on.
- The "base" fabric needs to be cut larger then the finished project calls for just in case there is shrinkage.
- If your fabric is wrinkled remove the wrinkles.
- If you are working with large pieces of fabric you might want to cut them down to a workable size.



Starch your fabric

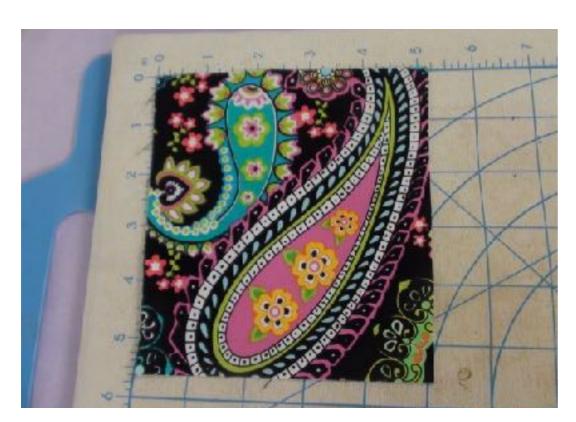


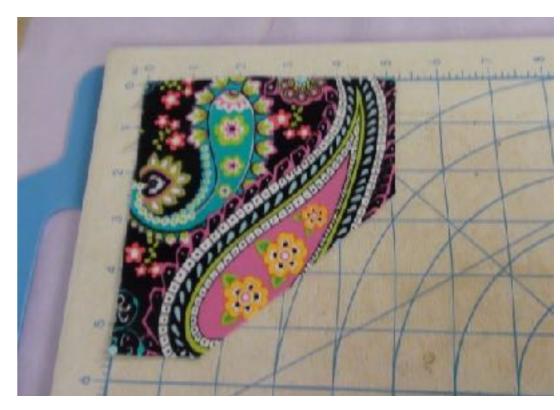






Start with 5 sided shape











Getting CRAZY starts with an audition!



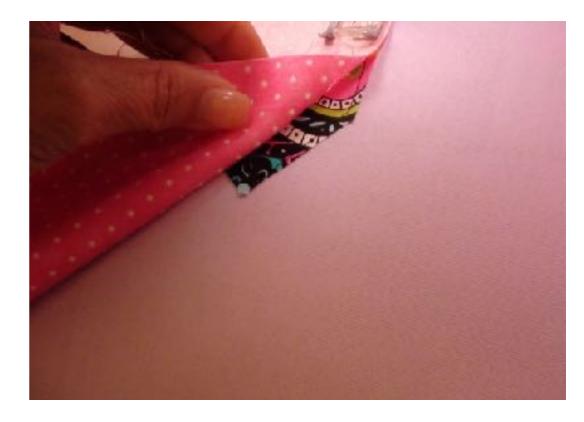






Stitch, Iron, Flip











Repeat: Audition, Stitch, Iron, Flip and Iron Again!

















Remember to audition!











Stitch Iron Flip Iron





Remember to keep it neat!









Look how it transitions!



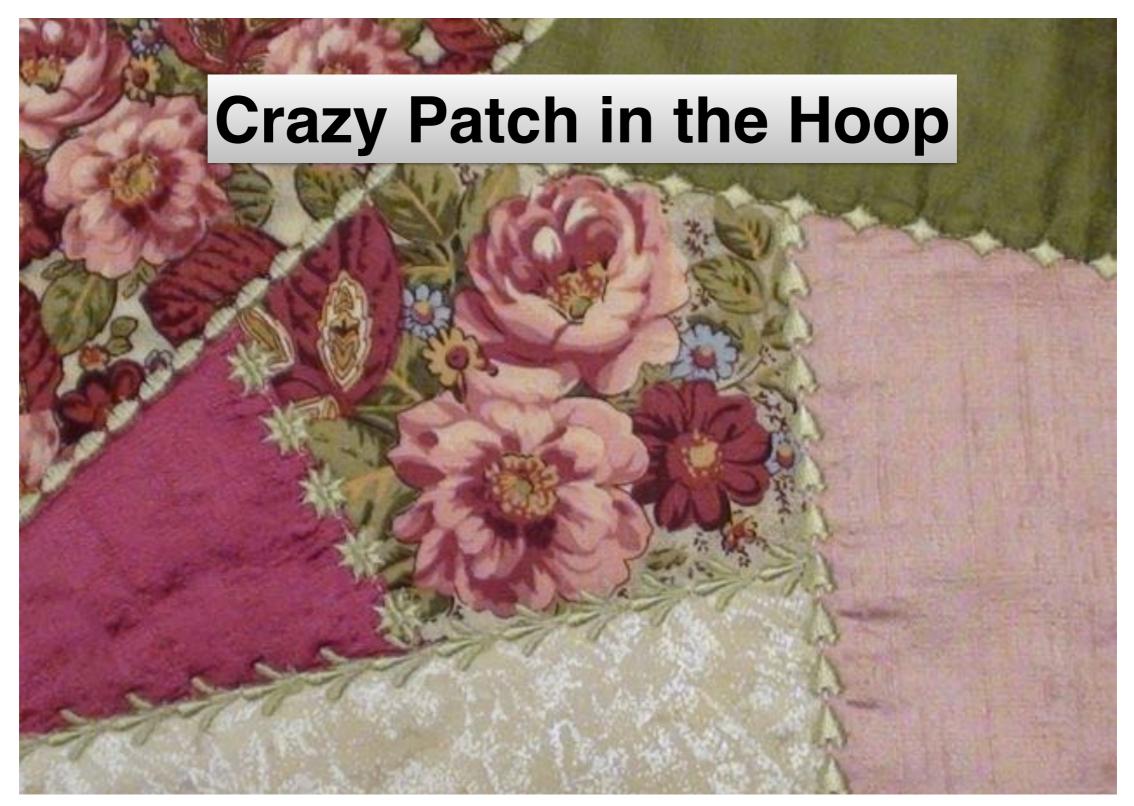






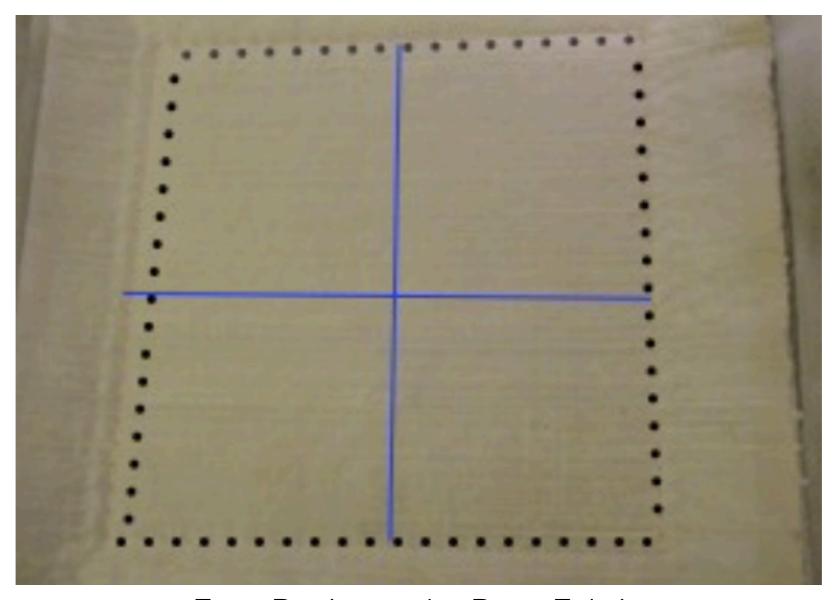








Prepare, Hoop, Baste



Fuse Batting to the Base Fabric
Hoop Cut Away Stabilizer
Mark the Horizontal and Vertical Center of fabric
Baste Fabric to stabilizer



Making It Crazy



Stitch the outline of the crazy patch design and the numbers of each section.







"Piecing by Number"



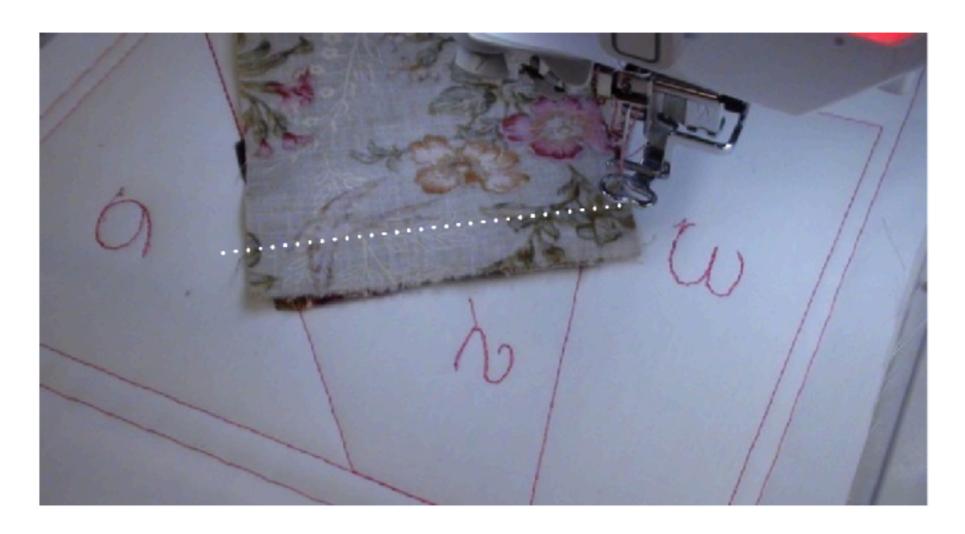
Your machine will now stitch a placement line indicating where your fabric will be stitched down next



Place your next piece of fabric over section 2 and make sure it is large enough to cover the entire area and have at least 1/4" of fabric extra on all sides.



"Piecing by Number"



Fabric 2 will now be placed right sides together on top of section I and lined up with the edge of fabric I where the placement line was stitched (creating a I/4" seam allowance)



The machine will now attach fabric two (on top of fabric I) to your block.

"Piecing by Number"



Flip fabric 2 right side up and finger press or use a pressing tool to press (I used a small wooden pressing tool)





Decorative Stitching











Tips for working with decorative stitches
Tips for working with fusible web
Step by step instructions for Faux Crazy Patch
Pictures "Crazy" Project





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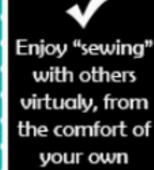
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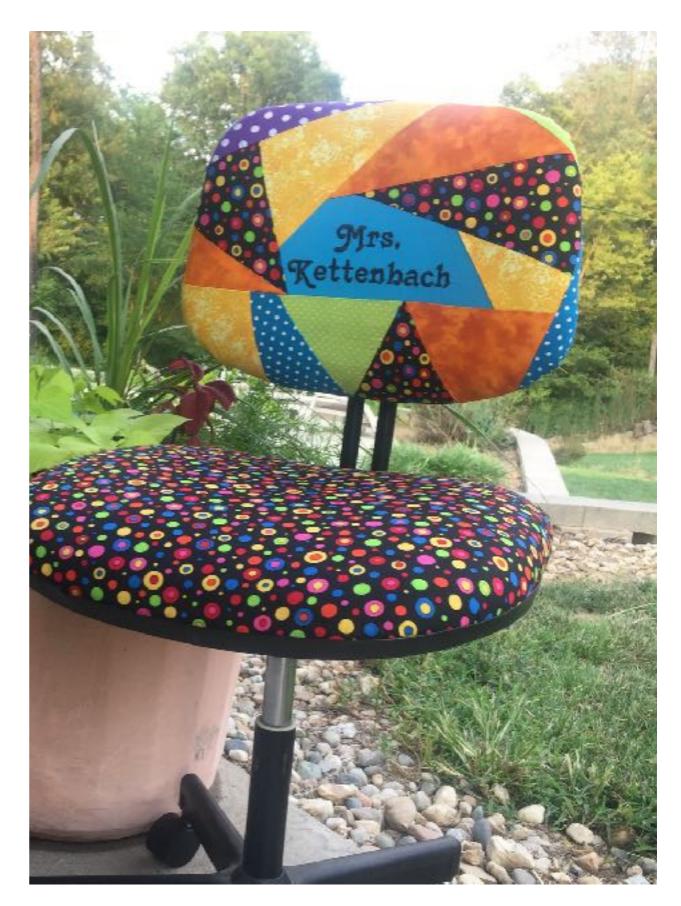






Recovering Chairs



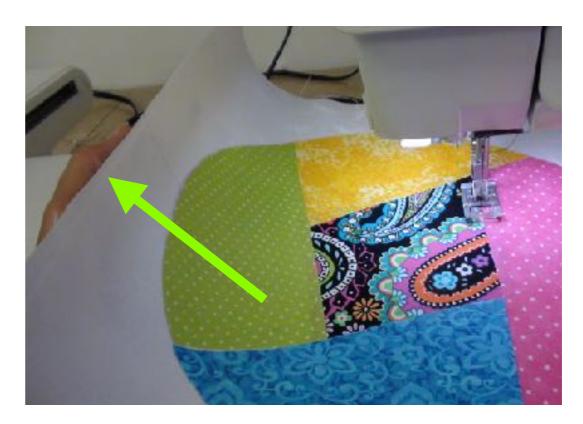


Tips for working with Decorative Stitches

- Replace your needle prior to doing decorative stitches if needed
- Be sure you are using the correct type of needle
- Be sure your project is stabilized sufficiently
- Test using the same thread, fabric and stabilizer as you will be using on the real project
- Write down your stitch numbers and settings or put them in a "menu" on your machine
- Cradle your fabric when stitching so your machine can feed the fabric through at the proper speed for the stitches to form correctly
- Use the correct foot
- Use the correct bobbin thread
- Check your work often....only stitch as far as you are willing to rip out if you don't like the way the stitches are forming

Working with decorative stitches

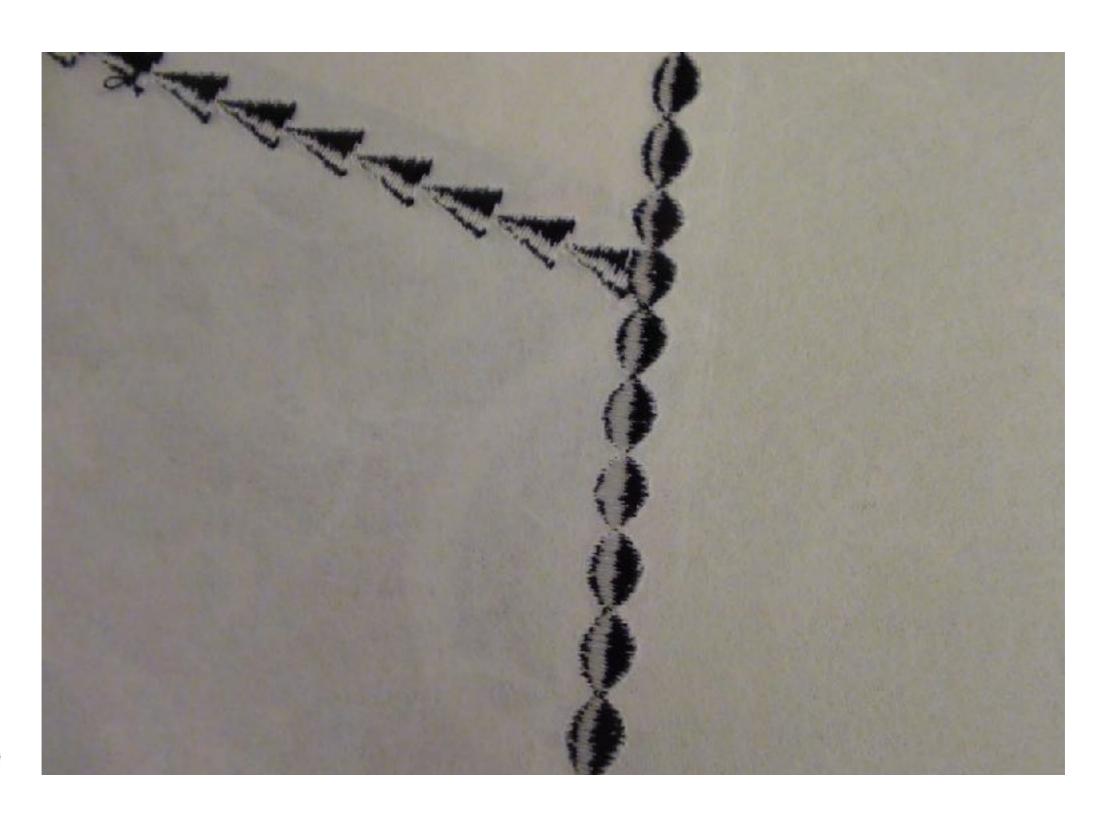








Working with decorative stitches





Working with fusible web

My #1 Tip...

Read the Directions!





Working with Fusible Web

- Have your iron set at the correct settings...the setting you
 read about in the directions that come with the fusible web
- Always use a pressing sheet of some sort
- Make sure your "shape" is going to be correct when it is fused to the project (mirror image if necessary)
- Press, don't iron. These are "fusible" not "iron on", so you need to give the product time to "fuse" to the project
- Always fuse to the wrong side of the fabric
- Allow the fusible web and the fabric to cool before you cut out your shape or begin to remove the protective paper from the back of the fusible web
- Cut out your shape before you remove the protective paper (usually the cutting line is on the protective paper so you will need it for cutting)
- PSC

"Score" the protective paper to make removing the protective paper from the back easier

Working with fusible web

The fusible web is on the wrong side of the fabric. Double check that the shape you cut out will be in the proper position for your project when it is fused in place.

(mirror image if necessary)

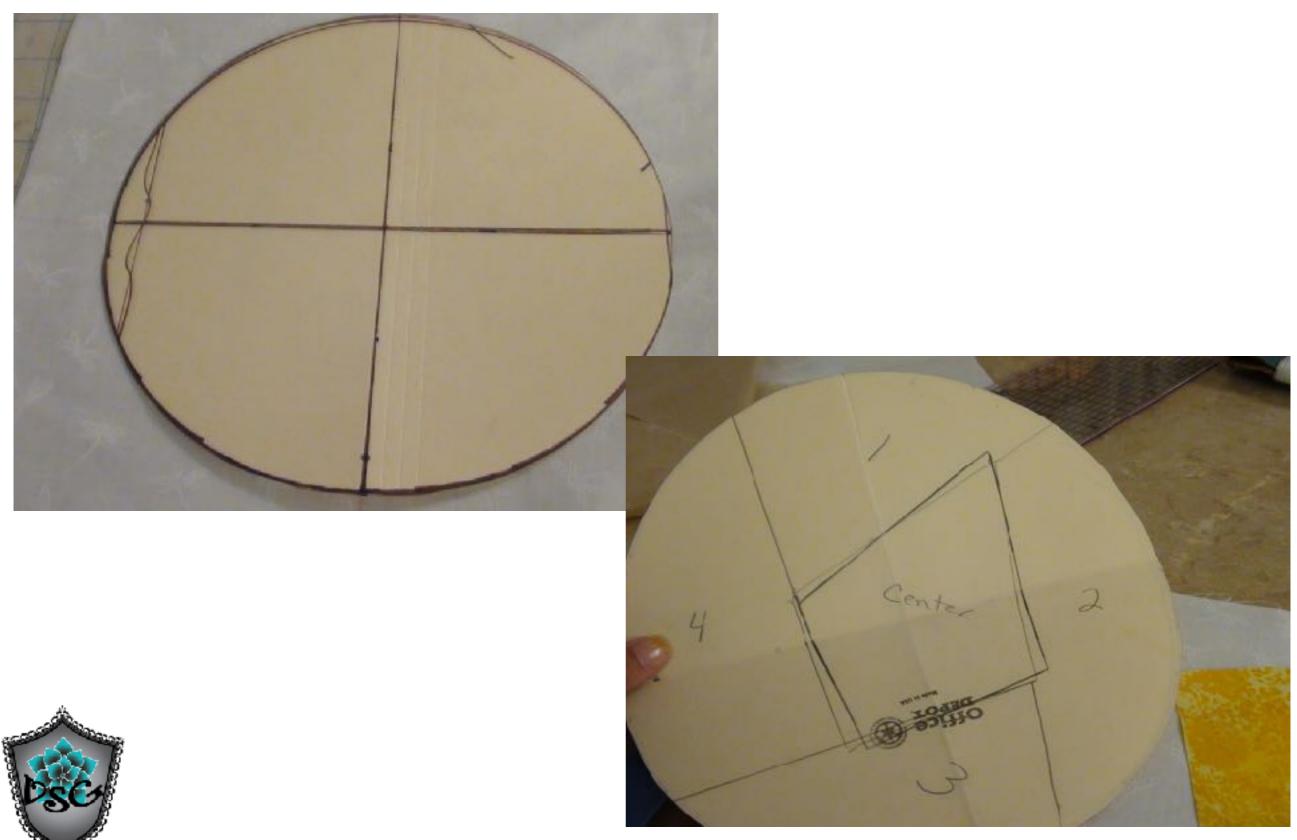
Think of the Letter "R" you want it to look like an "R" not a backwards "R" when it is fused in place.



"Score the protective paper with a pin to make removing the paper easier







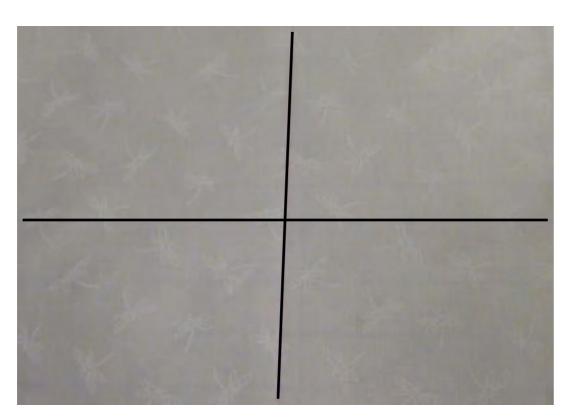


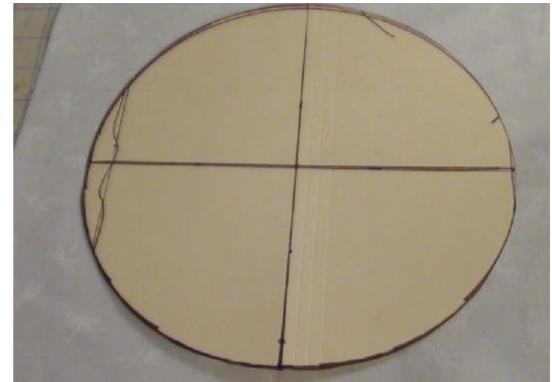




















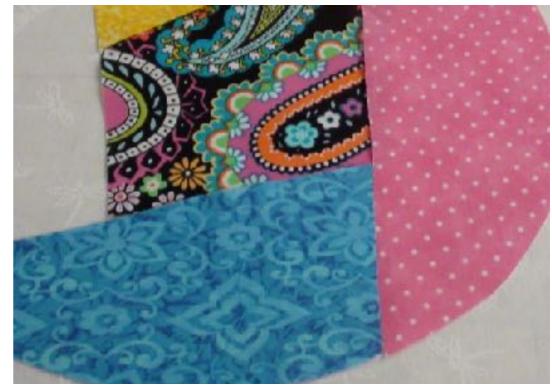
















Fuse in place...but WAIT...check the directions again!

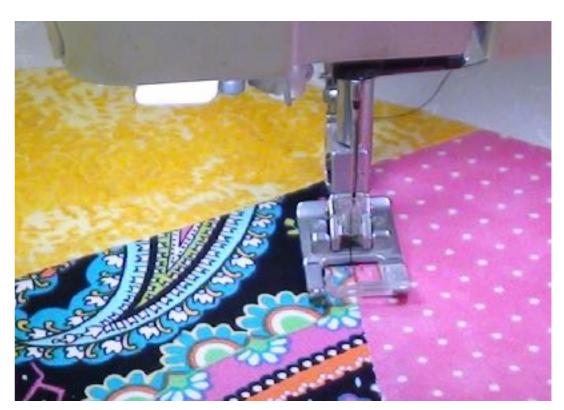




















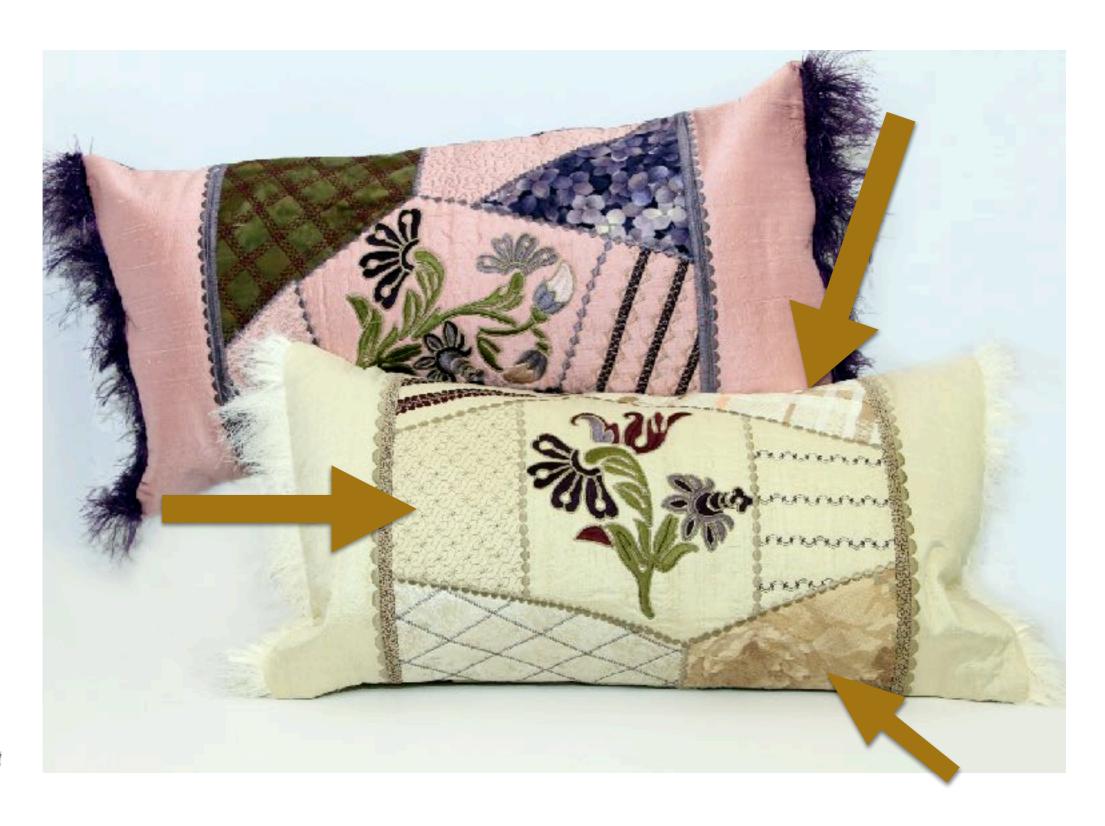


















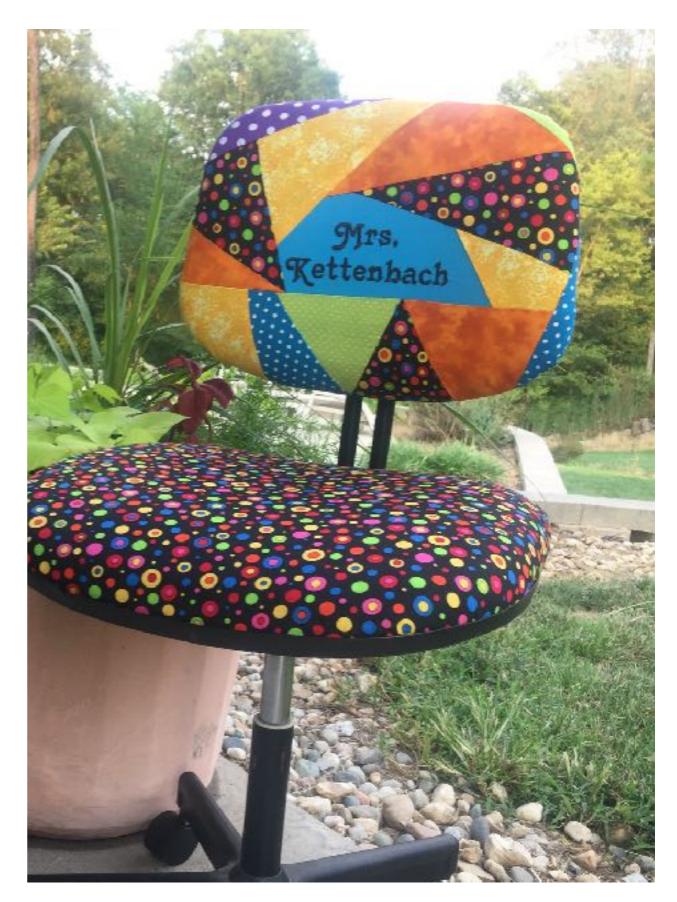
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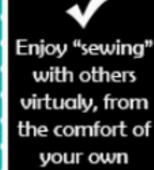
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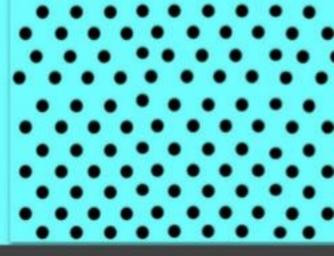
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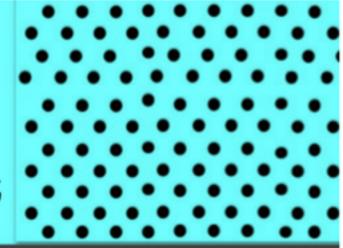




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