

Sew Easy to Decorate with Fusible Appliques

It was time for a new look in my home sewing studio. The room is right off our living room and it was just calling for fresh art work. The laser-cut fusible appliques were the perfect solution—a quick resolve! I wanted to use the fusible, laser-cut appliques with



the words **Sew** and **Fabric, Cut, Stitch, Create**. These appliques are precisely cut by laser from black Kona cotton fabric. I knew they'd make a statement!

How to use laser-cut appliques



The packaging lists the size of the stretched canvas used for framing. These frames are available at craft and art stores. You'll find them in the oil painting supplies section.

For this example, a 24" x 12" canvas is recommended, the perfect size for the **Sew** laser cut fusible applique. The canvas has a 1-1/2" side depth.

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THE Creative Iron
FUSIBLE FABRIC ART!
Laser Cut Fusible Appliqués

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One Laser Cut
Fusible Appliqué
13" x 7"



3-Steps to Success

- Peel off the protective paper
- Position on fabric
- Press

Stretch over 24" x 12" canvas!

Easy Framing Ideas

- Free online instructions

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Cut a fabric rectangle 6-1/2" wider and longer than the size of the canvas. The fabric was cut 30-1/2" x 18-1/2".

If your canvas has a narrower depth, 3/4", scroll down until you see the Simplify framed art photo. Dimensions and instructions given there are the narrower width of canvas.

Back the fabric with a fusible interfacing, such as [ShirTailor](#).

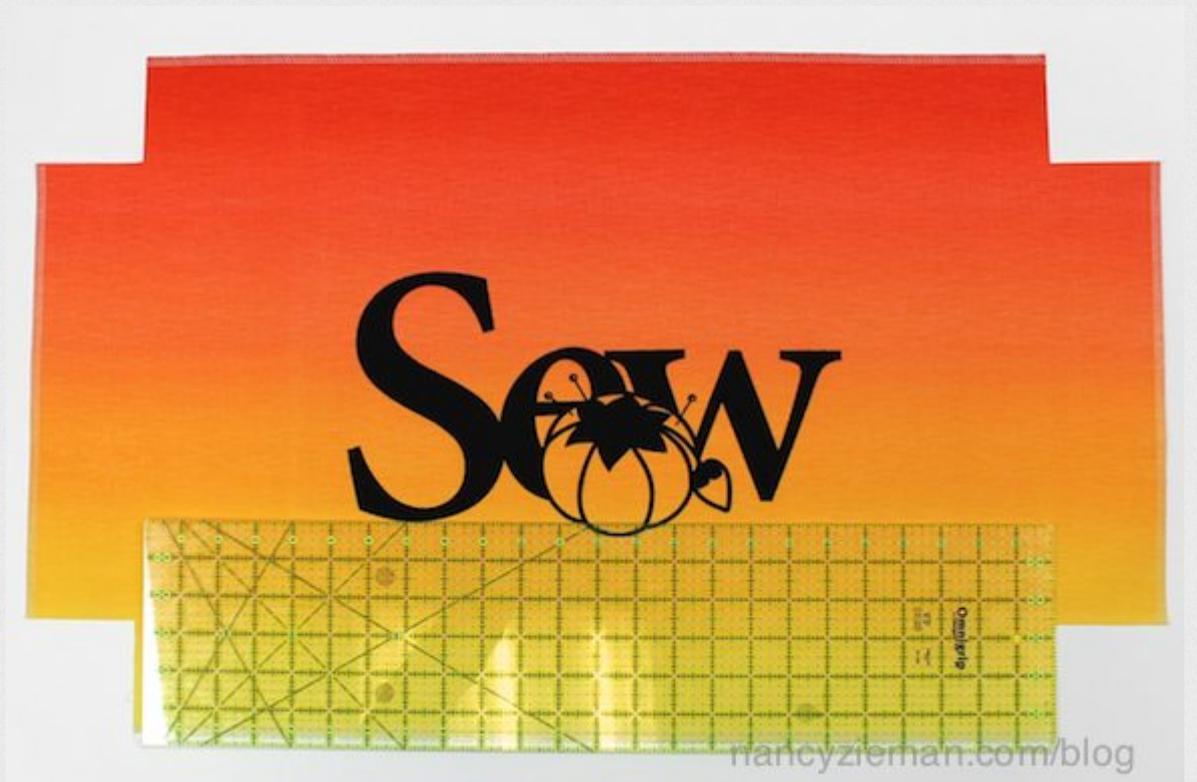
Note from Nancy: The extra stability provided by the interfacing gives a crisp, professional look to your framed artwork. Don't skip this step!

Serge or zigzag the edges of the fabric.

Using a ruler, mark and cut out a 3" square from each corner. To see more options on framing laser-cut appliqués, [click here](#).



Position the appliqué to the fabric. Take time to be accurate!



Cover the appliqué with a pressing sheet; fuse following the instructions on the packaging. (I know, I forgot to take a photo of fusing the **Sew** appliqué. Just imagine that the fabric is in yellow tones—not blue!)



Use **double-sided basting tape** to attach the fleece sections to the canvas. It's important to have this padding on top of the stretched canvas.



Fold the fabric at each corner, aligning the cut edges and right sides. Sew or serge with a 1/4" seam allowance. Turn the artwork right side out. Press the seams open.



Slip the fabric over the canvas. It will be a snug fit.
Fold the excess fabric to the underside of the canvas frame. Fold miters at the corners; staple.
Note from Nancy: Make sure that you're slightly stretching the fabric evenly. Take time to check the front image to make sure that the fabric is not distorted.



Picture Frame Option

Whether you sew, quilt, embroider, or decorate with fabric, these four words tell your story!



Here are the quick steps to creating this wall art.

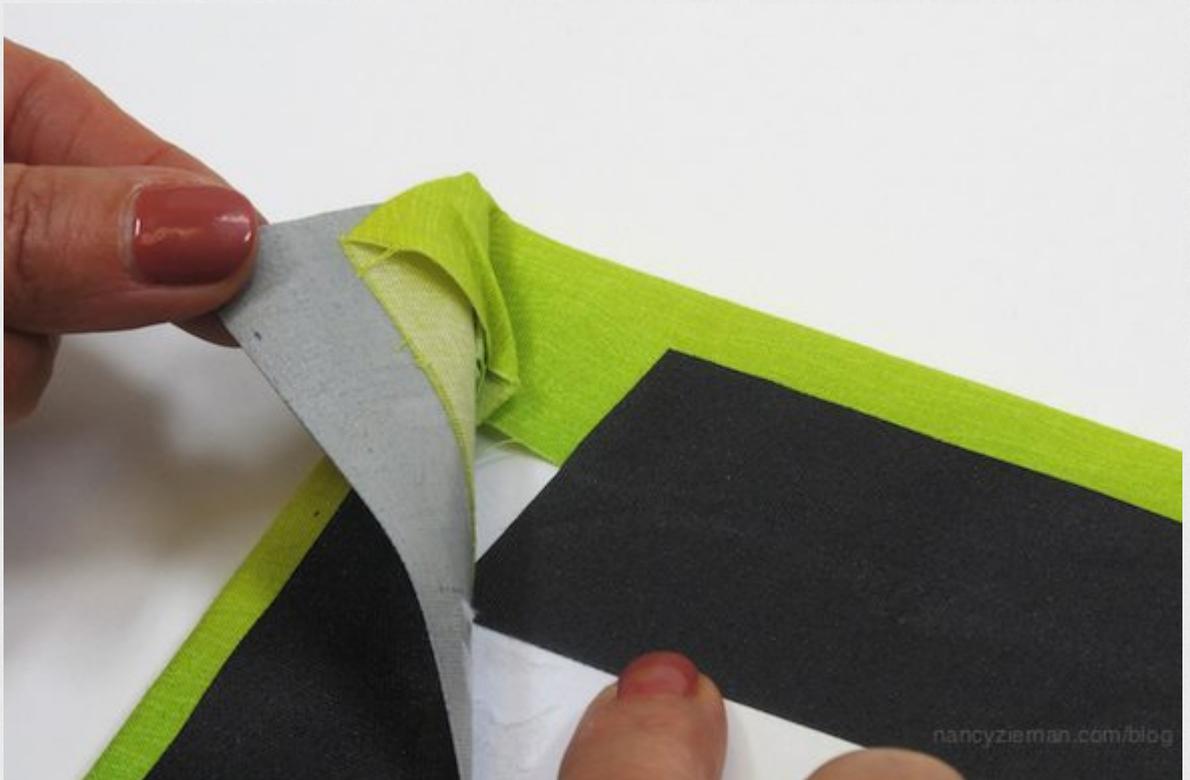
Purchase a picture frame and disassemble the components as adding a picture.

Cover the cardboard with fleece.

Remove the appliqué from the packaging. Look for "tabs," extra fabric between the letters that keep the appliqué stable in the packaging. Snip out tab connectors, it will be obvious.



Cut fabric 4" larger than the cardboard; back with fusible interfacing. Wrap the fabric around the cardboard. Secure in place with duck tape, then replace the cardboard into the outer frame.



Ta-dah!



For a chance to win one of [my laser-cut fusible appliques](#), tell me which appliqué you'd use to decorate one of

your rooms.



The random winner of the [Hot and Handy Projects book](#) is Savannagal. Her comment was: What an awesome giveaway. I love all the ideas in this book. Sadly, I've looked for quilted fabric in my area and have only found a couple of choices. I've never seen the [Quilted Iron Quick](#) fabric or anything like it anywhere.

Nancy's Notions has even put together a [great package deal](#). Check this out!

Bye for now,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Zieman".

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