

Free Motion Stitched Fabric Collage

Supply List:

Lightweight Iron on Stabilizer

- Easy Knit Fusible or Tricot Fusible in black or white

Water Soluble Stabilizer – Clear topping – one of the following

- OESD Badge Master – Wash Away
- OESD AquaFilm Topping – Wash Away
- Sulky Super Solvy – Water Soluble
- Baby Lock Aqua Melt Topping – Water Soluble
- World Weindner CQ1022000W10 – Water Soluble (Amazon)



Scraps - different kinds of natural fiber fabrics such as cotton, linen, silk, bamboo rayon, wool, denim, etc.

Threads for sewing – Aurifil, Isacord, Rayon, Polyester, etc.

Sewing Machine able to do free motion stitching

Sewing notions (scissors, rotary cutter, pins, etc.)

Fabric Softener (only a small amount)

Process:

- Cut a piece of iron on stabilizer to size that is easy to work with. 12" x 12" is an easy size to work with but can be any size you wish.
- Select fabrics you want to collage. Tear strips or cut into strip or shape you wish.
 - Lay out the fabrics on the stabilizer on your ironing surface – these can be strips, shapes.
 - You can iron on the strips/shapes as you go or lay out all of them before you iron
 - Strips can be any size; cut/tear different size shifts/shapes. Mix up colors, textures.
 - Fabric can be overlapped or bumped up next to each one.
 - Use wool/steam setting for 10 seconds to iron fabrics to iron on stabilizer.
- Once stabilizer is filled with fabric and ironed on, cut a piece of water soluble stabilizer to cover the piece. Pin in place.
- Free motion stitch over the whole piece keeping your stitches ¼" minimum apart. (Don't leave big spaces in your stitching). The goal is to make sure all the fabric pieces are secured in all directions.
- Once piece is completely stitched, place into hot soapy water to wash the stabilizer residue off fabrics.
 - Swish it around and sometimes one drop of fabric softener will help remove the stabilizer.
 - Rinse well and hang to dry
- Your collaged piece is ready to be used.

Some ideas for your collaged pieces:

- Borders for quilts using the same fabrics (or not)
- Part of a pieced square using same fabrics (or not)
- Bias tapes
- Applique
- Cordage (Cut your collage in 5" width; fold in half to 2 ½"; make tube around clothesline)
- Design elements on garments
- Anything else you can imagine