

Appliqued Tea Towel

Machine applique is quite fast and easy- think of it as "drawing" with fabric! I used a purchased towel for this project, but you could make your own by stitching under the edges of a piece of linen or heavy cotton. Why not make some matching napkins or a table runner, too?



Supplies

Purchased cotton towel
Fabric scraps
Fusible webbing
Rick rack, ribbon, or trim
Thread for machine applique
Black or navy embroidery floss
Very fine permanent marker
Needle & thread, scissors

Cut rick rack or trim 1" longer than width of towel. Pin to towel, about 1" from bottom edge. Sew in place using matching thread.

Trace butterfly wing and body pattern 5 times each onto paper side of fusible webbing. Cut out, leaving about 1/8" border around each shape.

Place wings on **WRONG** side of fabrics and iron according to manufacturer's instructions.

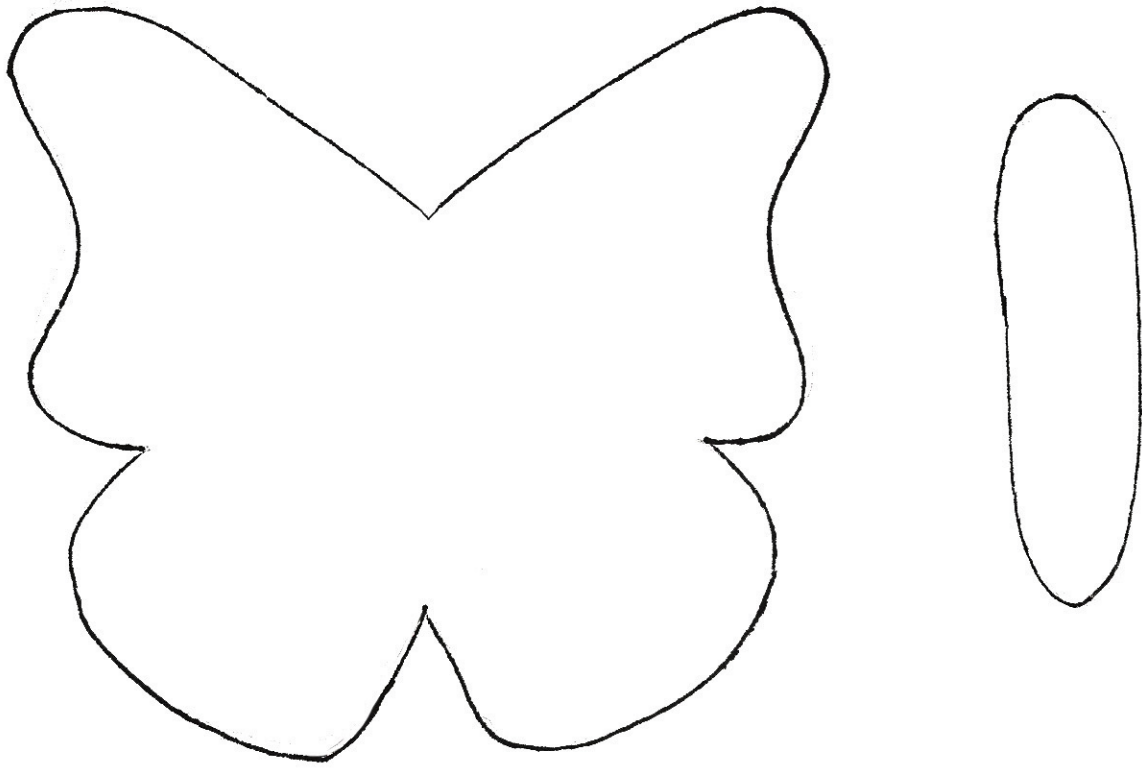
Arrange butterfly wings on towel **RIGHT** side up. Iron in place according to manufacturer's instructions.

Use matching thread to machine applique wings.

Iron the bodies in place, on top of the wings. Machine applique.

Use marker to draw antennae. Hand embroider using a back stitch and 2 strands of floss. Make a French knot at end of each antennae.





Applique patterns for tea towel

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