

# Alice Tea Party *thread play* Session

Cups & Saucers Appliqué Projects – we've got two applique projects for our Thread Play session.

*tea cup applique* – this tea cup applique tutorial is featured on our new JUKI Club website:

<http://www.jukiclub.com/tea-cup-applique-tea-is-always-a-good-idea/> For our Thread Play session today, the tea cup shape has been already traced for you on pretty fabric backed with Vilene. The Vilene interfacing gives the fabric a bit of extra structure, making it easier to cut and keeping it from fraying too much. We've also cut an 8 ½ inch square of backing fabric for you.

Cut out the tea cup shape with a good pair of sharp scissors. Cut just inside the traced line. Use little scissors to snip a small hole so you can cut inside the handle.

- Pin the tea cup to the backing fabric
- Raw Edge Applique the tea cup shape to the backing fabric using a **STRAIGHT STITCH**:
  - Choose a large cone of thread from the *Bottom Line* range that will blend with your tea cup fabric. This will make your machine applique stitches 'invisible' 😊 Use the thread stand provided and thread your DX7 machine. See how easy it is to use the **AUTOMATIC NEEDLE THREADER**.
  - Choose a pre-wound bobbin to match your thread. Use the little diagram on the clear plastic cover to load your bobbin the right-way-round.
  - Adjust the **STRAIGHT STITCH SLIDE PLATE**, slide the lever all the way to the left; to the DOT position. This gives you a small single hole that will prevent your fabric from getting stuck 'down the rabbit hole' This position is great for straight stitch and applique. When you want to do zig zag or any fancy stitches simply slide the lever to the right; to the DASH position.
  - Now you're ready to begin your applique. Use the **LOCKSTITCH** or **REVERSE STITCH** to anchor your starting and stopping stitches.
  - Enjoy the **FLOAT FUNCTION** which leaves your hands free to pivot and guide your fabric under the needle as you applique.
  - Finish with the **AUTOMATIC THREAD TRIMMER**. It's so convenient.

*saucer applique* The saucer is really an orange peel or pumpkin seed shape arranged in a circle to make the saucer plate shape. We've cut the 4 orange peel shapes for you out of Vilene backed Alice in Wonderland themed fabrics. We've cut the 8 ½ inch backing square too.

- 1.) Take your orange peel shapes and your backing fabric square out of the bag. Unfold your backing fabric. You are going to arrange your orange peel shapes to make a circle. Use the folded lines to centre your orange peel shapes.
- 2.) Each orange peel should go diagonally across the quarter squares that make up the larger square. All 4 orange peels together will make a circle. Make sure to leave a quarter inch allowance around the outside of the circle. Pin in place.
- 3.) Raw edge applique each orange peel shape to the smaller Quarter square. Make sure to use a straight stitch! Use the bullet points above to guide you through the applique process and explore some of our favourite DX7 sewing machine features.

# Tea Cup Templates

- Use these tea cup shapes to make your own tea cup templates. Get some template plastic and trace the tea cup shapes using a permanent marker. Cut them out. Use these plastic templates to trace on the soft NON-bubbly side of the very fine Vilene interfacing. Easy Fuse Ultra Soft Light H180 Vilene. Trace the shape on the Vilene BEFORE you iron the Vilene to the fabric. This lets you fussy cut the fabric for the tea cups. Cut a good centimetre or two OUTSIDE the traced lines on the Vilene interfacing. Then follow the Vilene directions and iron the Vilene shapes to the wrong side of the fabric you've chosen for the tea cups. Finally, with a good pair of sharp scissors, cut just inside the traced line, taking special care cutting the inside of the tea cup handles. Now you're all ready to raw edge applique your tea cup to your backing fabric. You can find lots of other tea cup shapes on Google or Pinterest.

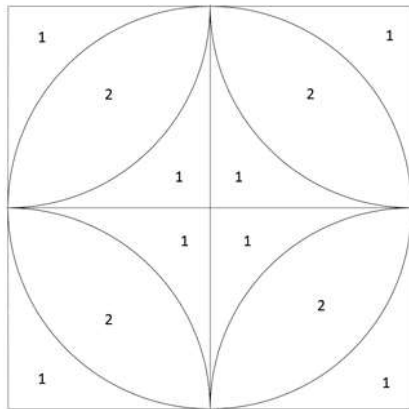
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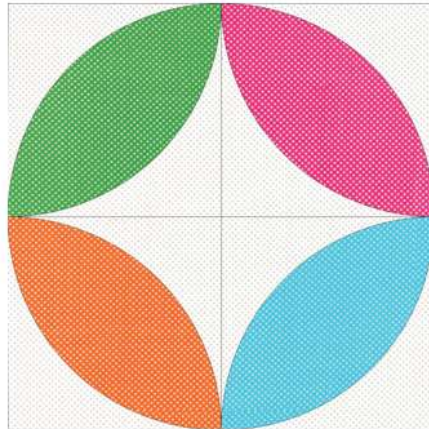
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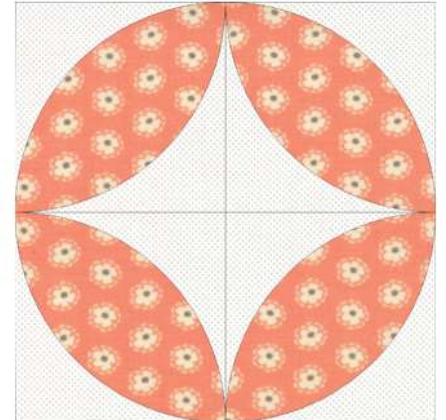
# Orange Peel Templates



block layout



scrappy version



layer cake version

<http://www.modabakeshop.com/2014/06/trifle-dish-orange-peel.html>

You can visit **Moda Bake Shop** for detailed directions for this block.

