

Treat mom to a custom scarf for Mother's Day that screams how much you love her!



Super cute thread painted appliqué for scarves and more! The scarves are from my very good friend, Heidi Emmet's new book, "[Fashion Quilted Accessories](#)". I took her fabulous idea of thread painting novelty fabric applique onto linen or linen like fabric to create a one of a kind scarves that will be treasured!

I first made the scarves following Heidi's [book pattern](#) out of a linen blend. I then treated an Alexander Henry fabric with Terial Magic, which I recently found at my local quilt shop, Sugar Pine Quilts. It is called "the Ghastlies Family Reunion"; full of fun and manic children and family figures, even their cat!



Once fabric is treated, dried to damp and pressed, it is like cutting paper. Cut 3 smaller motifs for the headband and 2 scenes for the front and back or scarf tails. Cut close to outline but don't worry about getting it perfect. The stitching covers the edges completely.



Treat scarf areas that will be applied on with Terial Magic, dry and press flat. Center and pin motifs to head scarf.



Arrange neck scarf motifs and pin, near scarf ends. I used two different scenes, one on each end of scarf.



Set machine up for free motion straight stitch. Stitch close to edge, go back and forth creating a sketch looking stitch around motif 2-3 times, removing pins once motif is held in place with a few stitches. Use curly stitches around hair, fur and ruffled hems and straight stitches around body.



Here you can see the stitches used on the front side. On the backside of the fabric the stitching is even shown better. I love this kind of thread painting, it is so easy and even your stray stitches look like they are on purpose! The stitching on the backside looks good enough to be the front side, but let's save that for another blog!