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Quiltricks NEWS

Stimulating imaginations of quilt tricksters everywhere

Quiltrick #61: When hand sewing an applique project, use thread that closely matches the color of the applique. If you can't find just the color you need, try using silk thread. The color might not match, but it is so fine that it seems to disappear and no one will be able to see your stitches. YES!

Once a year the girls in my Bee (The BEE FF's) have a retreat at my house. Besides eating all the great food, we usually get a lot of sewing done! This year I'm planning to work on a hand applique project, so I thought I'd share a shortcut I use when doing stems. First, draw a pencil line on your background fabric for the placement of your stem. Then cut your stem fabric one-inch wide on the bias so it will bend easily. Fold the fabric in half lengthwise and press. Place the raw edges of your stem fabric on the drawn pencil line and stitch – **by machine** – a scant ¼ inch seam. Press the folded stem edge over the raw edge and stitch the folded edge down by hand. It covers not only the raw edge, but the drawn line as well. And it saves a bit of time, especially if you're doing a big project with a lot of stems and not just a single block. Below is a section of our "Jeepers Creepers" showing a stem and flower section done this way. Try it!

Jeepers Creepers



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