

# 2023 Ben Franklin Saturday Sampler

## Color Collage Tutorial- October

### Borders

Step 1- Cut your borders. 8" x 82" parallel to the selvage.

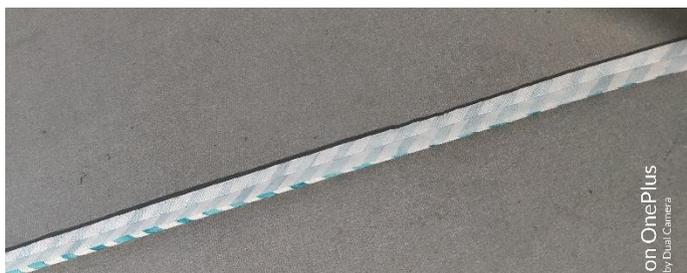
**Making your applique pieces-** If you are using the pre-cut pieces skip this step. If you are cutting your own applique pieces this step is for you. I am showing the fusible web method of applique. If you would like to try turned applique, come chat with me we can go over that method together.

You will need fusible web for this step. I like Steam a Seam Lite 2. Heat N Bond Lite will work also but the Steam a Seam is a little bit tacky and stays in place before you iron.

Lay the fusible on top of the template pieces in the pattern. Trace each piece with a pencil. If you are using Steam a Seam you want to be drawing on the yellow grid side. If you are using Heat N Bond, make sure the paper side is up. Trace all of your shapes onto the fusible. I try to keep the shapes that are using the same fabric bunched together. Rough cut around those shapes and iron them to the wrong side of the fabric. If you are using Steam a Seam you will have to remove the second layer of paper making sure the glue sheet is still connected to the yellow grid side. Once they are cooled cut the pieces out on the line. You should have all of your shapes with paper on one side and fabric on the other.

Step 2-

Cut your bias strips 1.5" wide. Sew them end to end. I found that a straight seam was easier to do than trying to make a diagonal seam. Fold your strip in half and sew a 1/4" seam. I found it easier to trim your seam a bit prior to pressing. Press your seams open. The pressing bars help so much for this.

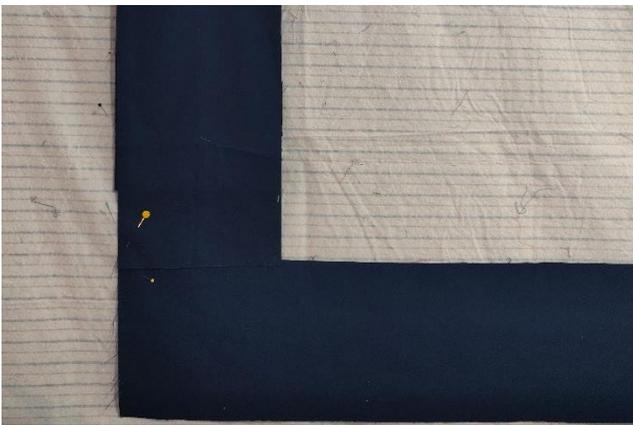


### Step 3

Remove your applique placement pages from your pattern book. I made 2 copies of each for placement of the applique pieces on your borders. Tape the pages together matching the pattern design. Cut the vine out of the template so you can use this as a placement template for your bias vine.

### Step 4

Using the picture on the cover and the placement template arrange your applique piece on the borders. I found it easier to place the borders on a design wall so I could place the corner pieces where they should be. Keep in mind when you are placing your pieces that the borders will be trimmed to 7.5". I use wonder tape to help adhere the pre-cut pieces to the border until I am ready to press. It is a light double stick tape that washes away. You could also use the glue pen. I lined my bias vine with the tape so I could lay it out with the vine template and it would hold the curve where I wanted it to be.



Borders pinned to my wall



Pieces stuck to the borders with wonder tape.

When you have all of your pieces where you want them Press with an iron. Sew using your favorite applique stitch.

I will be doing a demonstration on Saturday showing how to do this method. It will be sent out with the Saturday Sampler video.

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