

Row of the Month
Row #8 - Applique Vine

To make up this row, you require one piece of background fabric cut at 9" x 43" (or width of fabric; i.e. keep the selvages on your fabric). The Vine Row will measure 8" x 42", finished (8.5" x 42.5", unfinished).

Along with these instructions, you will received 2 other files: The Vine Layout; and Applique Motifs. When you are printing the files, please ensure you print at 100% or Actual Size.

For the Vine Layout please tape pages together in order (Page #1 to Page #2 to Page #3, etc). Use the drawn lines at the top, middle and bottom, along with the hexagon shapes as guides to line the pages up. There is also a drawn 1" line on Page #1. Please print Page #1 by itself, first, and check that the line is in fact 1 inch on your printout.

The Applique Motifs file contains suggested Applique Motifs you can applique on your vine row. These are provided for your convenience. You may choose to use other motifs if you like. Be creative. Have fun. But, you must include a vine in your row.

You may use your favourite method for applique. Depending upon the method you will use, you may need to add seam allowances to the motif templates.

Happy Stitching Everyone!
Irene

Instructions:

1. Cut one background piece 9" x 43", or width of fabric. I am having you cut your background a little larger and then you will trim it down to 8.5" x 42.5" once your applique is complete. Just remember to account for this when placing the vine and applique motifs onto the background. Press your background fabric.
2. Print and assemble The Vine Layout.
3. Centre the background fabric on top of The Vine Layout, and trace the Vine onto your background fabric using your favourite, removeable marking pen (eg. Mark B Gone blue water soluble pen). I don't suggest using an air-erasable pen, as the marks may disappear before you have sewn down your vine.



Instructions (Continued):

4. Make 1/4" Bias Strips using your favourite method (Bias Bar; Clover Bias Tape Maker). Your strips need to be made on the bias so that they can be manipulated to follow the curve of the Vine Layout. I made 2 strips, approximately 26" to 28" long. I started with a Fat Quarter of my fabric. I cut strips of fabric at 45° to the straight edge with the selvedge. The cut strip width should come with the instructions with your tool. Follow the directions that came with your tool. Here are a few links to some good tutorials on how to make bias strips.

<https://www.quiltingcompany.com/bias-strips-for-appliqu-from-fons-porters-love-of-quilting/>

https://lynetteandersondesigns.typepad.com/lynette_anderson_designs/2012/08/my-entry-3.html

<http://jillilystudio.blogspot.com/2013/01/bias-tape-tutorial.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjJrJxlbAHk>

5. Starting at the top centre of the vine line, lay down one strip to the right, curving along the drawn vine line. Secure in place with pins or fabric glue (Roxanne's). Repeat going to the left. Ensure the bias strips extend past the side edges of the row. I stopped my applique stitches about 1/4" before the seam allowance. This will ensure I don't cut my applique stitches when trimming the background fabric in step 8.

6. Applique the vine down using your preferred method. Use thread to match the colour of the vine fabric.

7. Choose the applique motifs you wish to use. Prepare the pieces using your preferred method. Applique the applique pieces using your preferred method, remembering to use thread to match the colour of your applique fabric. Be mindful not to place the applique pieces too close to the edge of your row/block, avoid the seam allowance area.

8. Once all applique has been completed, press your row: place a towel on your ironing board; place row right side down on towel; gently press using steam.

9. Trim your row so that it measures 8.5" x 42.5". Finish applique of the bias vine stem into the seam allowance.

