

Fun with Interfacing

How to add a perfect shape to any project!

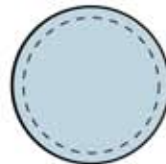
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Creating a smooth, perfect curve for circles, half circles or quarter circles is not always an easy task. Here's a way that guarantees smooth lines that is also quick and easy! This method can also be used to create other shapes, such as squares and triangles. After creating your desired shape, you can machine or hand appliqué your piece to the appropriate background.



1.

Using a pattern or template, trace and cut out the desired shape from lightweight interfacing, making sure there is a 1/4" seam allowance. Cut an identical shape from fabric.



2.

Sew the two shapes, right sides together, around the outside edge, using a 1/4" seam allowance.



3.

Cut a slit in the center of the interfacing and turn the shape, right side out. *(Note: If needed, clip seam up to thread, being carefully not to cut thread.)* Using a blunt, pointed object such as a pencil, gently push out and smooth the edges of shape. Press.



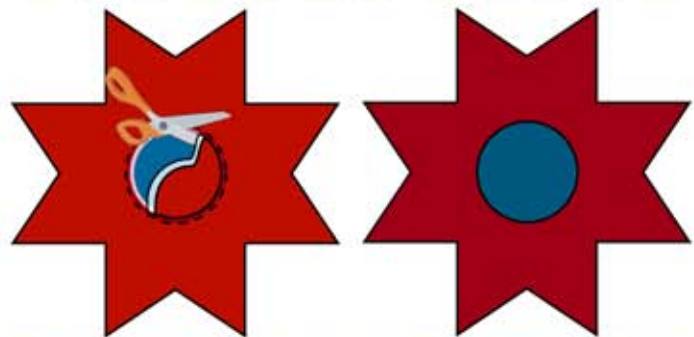
BLANKET STITCH

4.

Appliqué the shape to the background fabric using a hand or machine method.

5.

Turn the appliqué background fabric over to the back side and trim the excess fabric and interfacing from behind the stitched shape to reduce bulk, if desired. Press.



In the same way, you can create many shapes, as shown below:

