



INSTRUCTIONS – BFC1629 QIH Applique Poinsettias

There are lot so f ways to use these poinsettias. Put them in a vase, attach them to a table centerpiece or table runner, make a tree by covering a large piece of cardboard and attach the flowers or make the small one to decorate a Holiday table and let the guest take it home as a favor.

The colored parts of poinsettias really aren't a flower. They are called bracts and are leaves that have changed color. The actual flower is in the center of the bracts. BUT – below I called them flowers, petals and leaves. My brain accepted these terms better than bracts. LOL

You can make these in all colors with all kinds of fabrics. See Materials below for some ideas.

DESIGNS IN SET:

Small	01-15
Medium	16-30
Large	31-45

Approximate Finished Diameters:	Small	Medium	Large
Two part Flower	5" x 4"	8"	9.5"
Multi-petaled flowers	9"	12"	14"

MATERIALS

1. Scraps of fabric for top side of flowers. I used cotton velveteen, rayon velvet and bridal satin. You can also use batiks, suede cloth or any fabric that adds some interesting texture or color. It is good to choose more than one shade of color – for example bright red and dark red for a red flower.
2. Scraps of fabric for backs of flowers. I used white cotton for the White and Pink Poinsettia, a tiny red print for the red Poinsettias and a green batik for the leaves.
3. Water soluble stabilizer. I used 1 layer of Vilene
4. OPTIONAL: Applique Web. I highly recommend this if you are using fabric that ravel and frays easily. I used it on all of the flowers and leaves.
5. OPTIONAL: small pieces of thin batting. Because I was using heavy fabrics, I didn't use any batting. But you can add a layer of think batting for thinner fabrics.
6. Pipe Cleaners or covered Floral Wire. I had planned to use regular 12" fairly heavy pipe cleaners. I had a bunch of them, but until I went to get them I realized I only had colors like purple and turquoise left. So a quick visit to Amazon Prime and I had a box of assorted colors coming my way. Ah – the foolishness of desperate stitchers. LOL When they arrived 2 days ago, they were thin and only 6 inches long. I used them, but when viewing the pictures below remember that longer pipe cleaners or wires would be much better!
7. Floral Tape to wrap stems. You do not need this if you aren't going to have a stem on your flower.
8. Purchased Floral Stamens for the centers. You can also use beads if you prefer.

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9. Glue or Double Sided Tape. I used Sealoh Tape which I love for assembling crafts! After three days it is hard or impossible to take things apart! But it stays moveable for quite a few hours. In the instructions below if I use *glue or tape* I am referring to double sided tape.

OPTIONAL: PREPARING FABRIC FOR APPLIQUE

Because I used fabrics that ravel and fray a lot, I first fused a piece of applique web on the back of the top fabrics. I removed the paper backing and then used the fabric as below. This greatly reduces *whispies*!

STITCHING THE DESIGNS

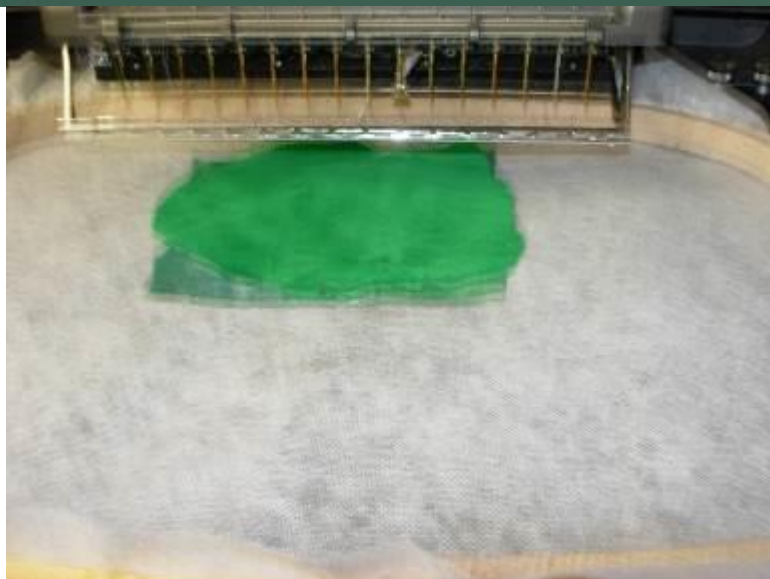
You can use all the designs as either petals or leaves – just change the colors. I highly recommend using the same thread in the bobbin as you do on the top.

1. Stitch basting 1, remove hoop from machine



2. Cut two pieces a fabric a little larger than the stitched outline. Cut one from your top fabric and one from your backing fabric. Place these wrong sides together and place over the stitched outline. If necessary secure with tape or your usual method.

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Stitch Basting 2. Remove hoop from machine. PLEASE NOTE: if you are using thin fabric on top, you can put a piece of thin batting between the top and back fabric to add more firmness to your petal or leaf.

3. Trim the fabric as close as possible to the stitched outline. Return hoop to machine.



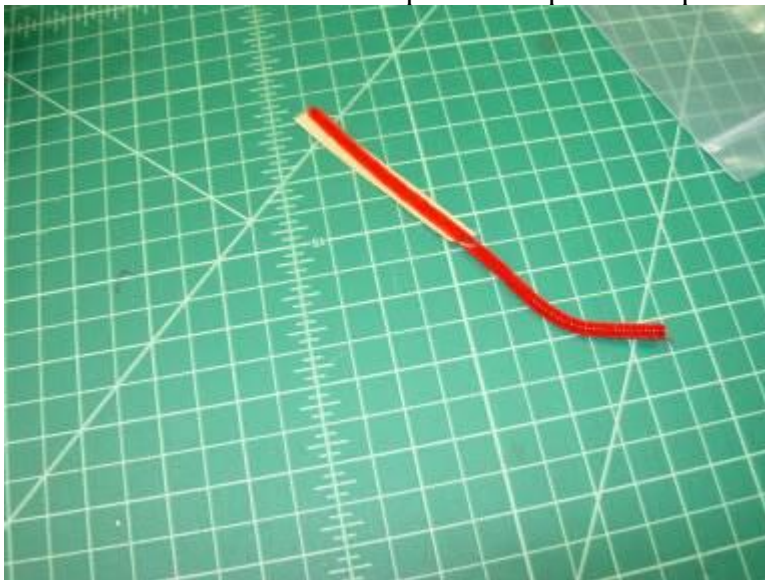
4. Continue stitching the design.
5. Trim WWS close to edge of design. Because there is only the one layer of WWS on the back of the design, I held them under warm running water to wash off the stabilizer without totally soaking the design.
6. Place design on paper towels until dry. I let them curl as they wanted to. When they are dry if they are curled totally in the wrong direction, you can always spritz them with water and reshape them.

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ASSEMBLE THE DESIGNS

1. Take one of the designs. Take a pipe cleaner or piece of floral wire and glue down the center of the petal or leaf. My pictures show them only on the lower half of the design – this is because I didn't have the 12 inch pipe cleaners☺ but it is better to place them almost to the tip of the petal or leaf. I used the Sealah double sided tape. I cut a piece of tape and removed paper from one side.



I then removed the paper from the other

side of the tape and placed the pipe



cleaner on the petal.

2. Prepare Centers – if you are using purchase stamens, take several (I used 6-8 for my sample flowers – and fold them in half. If you are going to have a long stem on your flower, slide a pipe cleaner in the bend and twist it tightly. Then twist the stamen stems. Set aside. If you are going to use beads

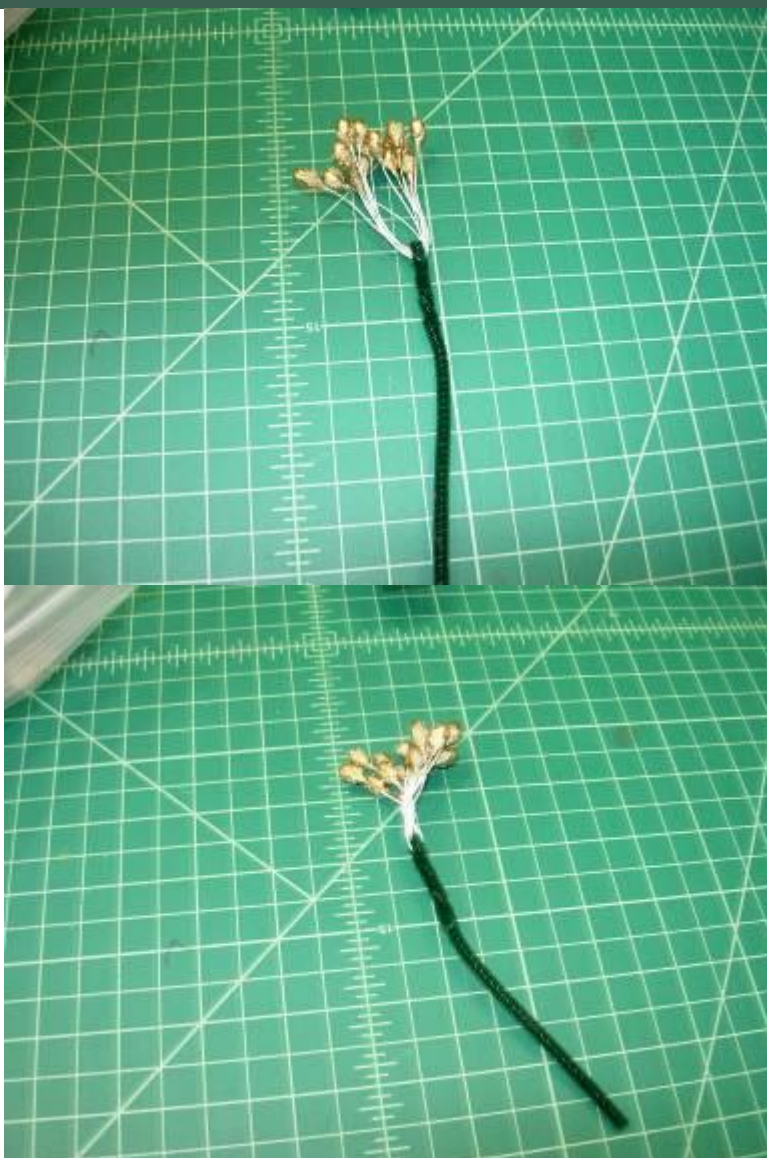
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for your centers, that is done after the flower is finished.



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SMALL FLOWER SHOWN ON PLATE

This is the easiest and quickest flower to make and is a good one to start with. Use designs 05 and 06 (small), 20 and 21 (medium), 35 and 36 (large) and several leaves of your choice.

1. Stitch the designs as shown above
2. Make a center – with or without the pipe cleaner depending on if you want a stem or not. I made a small stem.
3. Attach pipe cleaners to the leaves only as shown above.
4. Take the two flower parts and place the left side slightly over the right and glue or tape the lower overlap. You want to make sure there is an opening for the center.



5. Slide the center into the center space

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7. Glue or tape the top seam by overlapping the right side over the left slightly.
8. Take leaves and make a *bunch* wrap as close to the leaves as possible using a pipe



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9. Spread out the leaves
10. Wrap a short piece of pipe cleaner around the center and the leaves.
11. Wrap the stem with floral tape, cutting it to the desired length first.
12. If you don't want a stem, trim the pipe cleaners close to the wrapping that holds them together and spread out the ends. Cover with a circle of felt or similar material.

FULL FLOWERS

1. Stitch the desired number of petals and leaves as above. Attach a pipe cleaner to each.
2. Make a center with the pipe cleaner (if you want a stem) or without if you want to attach the flower flat onto something.

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3. Group your petals around the center in a *bunch* and wrap close to the petals with a pipe cleaner. Spread out petals as desired. You can do this again when your flower is finished.



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5. Place your leaves around the pipe cleaners holding your petals and wrap with a pipe cleaner.



6. If you want a long stem, add a piece of heavy gauge floral wire. Wrap the stem with floral tape wrapping both the pipe cleaner ends and the wire together.
7. Check your flower. If any petals don't behave, glue or tape them together – just a small spot to hold the



flower in shape.

8. PLEASE NOTE: if you want to attach the flower flat to a project, trim the pipe cleaners just a little below the wrapping and bend flat. Glue a piece of felt or similar material to cover the center.

IDEAS FOR USE

1. You can of course, make a bouquet for a vase – or even one flower looks great in a small vase.

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2. Make short stems and place the flowers in a garden basket for a wonderful welcome in the hallway
3. Make one or more flat flowers with stems and glue or tape them to a purchased or hand-made mat for a table centerpiece.
4. Make a flower for a gift that people can use year after year. (The petals and leaves can be bent up to easily wrap them and put them away)
5. Tuck some in your Christmas tree for real *wow* decorations!

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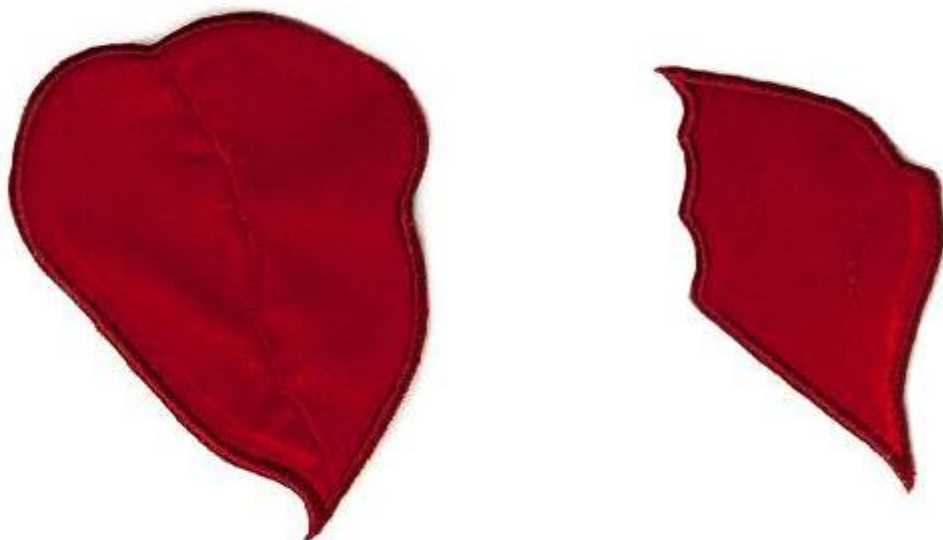
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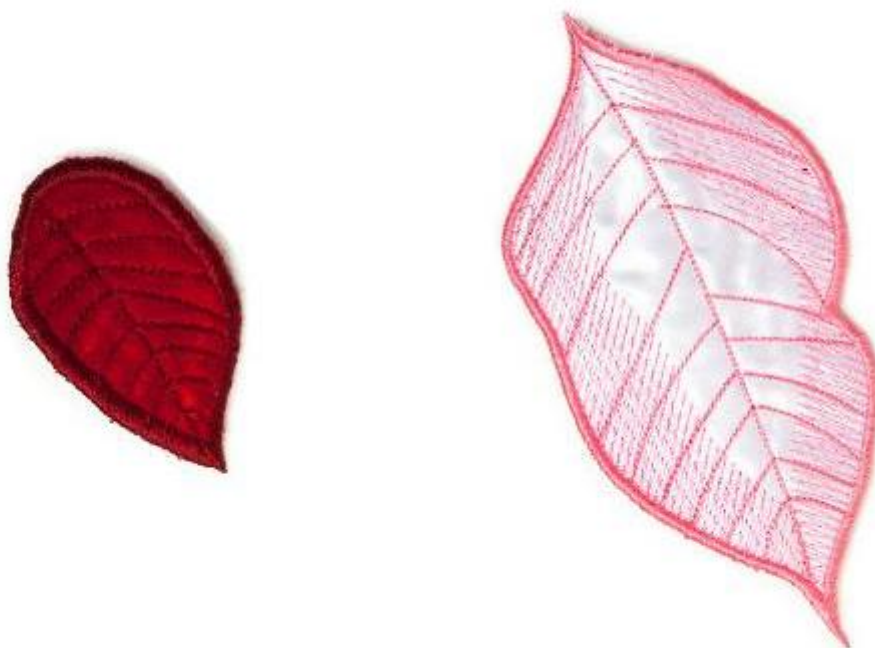
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