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Appliqué Banner

Directions ...

Draw a simple appliqué pattern on paper. Avoid hard-to-cut details. Cut out and lay on the wrong side of the felt. Outline with a pen, then cut out. Pin to a larger felt rectangle. Use embroidery floss to attach appliqué with a blanket stitch. Fold back top of the background piece; glue along edge. When dry, slip a dowel the pocket. Add yarn to each end to hang.

Blanket stitch: Thread the needle. Knot the end of the thread. Work from left to right with the lower line on the background and the upper line over the appliqué (*fig. 1*). Poke the needle thru the fabric along the lower line (*fig. 2*). Pull the thread until the knot catches. Hold the thread down with the left thumb. Now insert the needle thru the upper line, a little right of the starting point. Bring the needle out directly below, along the lower line (*fig. 3*). Draw the needle over the loop of thread (*fig. 4*). Make stitches $\frac{1}{8}$ " long and $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart. Make smaller stitches for straight edges and wider for curves.

Options and Variations ...

- ❶ Omit embroidery floss; attach shapes with tacky glue or fusible webbing. Use permanent markers or fabric paint to simulate stitches.
- ❷ Make a table runner instead of a banner. Use a round plate or lid to outline and cut out a curve along each end.
- ❸ Fold over the top of the banner and cut 4 parallel, equally spaced holes for the dowel stick to slip thru (*fig. 5*).

The Lesson Connection ...

God saves Noah and his family (Genesis 6:1-9:17)

Cut an ark for the center of the banner. Outline animals from animal cookies or cookie cutters, or draw your own animal shapes.

Jacob's dream (Genesis 28:10-22)

Make an embroidered angel banner. Use the pattern on page 36 to cut and glue a white angel onto dark-blue felt. Use metallic yarn to sew a blanket stitch around the angel and the outside of the felt piece. As an option, glue on felt or metallic stars. If desired, use metallic or glitter fabric paint to add details.

Supplies ...

- Felt
- Pen
- Paper
- Straight pins
- Black embroidery floss
- Embroidery needle, size 22
- Sharp fabric scissors
- Glue
- Dowel stick
- Yarn or cord

