

Creatively Collaged Concoctions by Christen Brown

Create your own fabric base and appliquéés using the techniques from **A**, **B**, or **C** with *Solvy*, bits of this and that, your sewing machine and your imagination.

A: Solvy Sandwich

1. Gather your fabric pieces together; cut these into small strips, wedges or squares.
2. Cut a piece of *Solvy* twice the length of the finished project.
3. Fold the width of the *Solvy* in half, place a pin at the halfway point.
4. Open the sheet of *Solvy* flat. Spray the right side with *Sulky KK2000*.
5. Layer the fabric bits onto the right side, working from large to small pieces; pressing them to the *Solvy*.
6. To create a piece of solid fabric, fill in the entire right side. To create a lacy piece, leave open spaces. (Remember to layer the printed side of the fabric facing up.)
7. At this point you can drizzle novelty yarns, threads, or lengths of ribbon on top of the fabric bits.
8. Fold the left half of the *Solvy* over the right half. This will be the right side.
9. Pin all 4 edges of the sandwich, and several rows through the middle to keep all of the bits and pieces in place.

B: Fabric and Solvy Sandwich

1. Cut a piece of fabric and *Solvy* the length of the finished project.
2. Layer small and smaller bits of scraps onto the fabric, but do not completely cover the background fabric.
3. Optional: follow step 7 from the **Solvy Sandwich**.
4. Place the piece of *Solvy* over all of the bits and the background fabric.
5. Place a towel over the entire sandwich and press with a dry iron. The bits should stick slightly to the background fabric.
6. Follow step 9 from the **Solvy Sandwich** if needed.

C: Lace and Ultra Solvy Sandwich

1. Cut the *Ultra Solvy* the length of the finished project.
2. Spray the entire length with *Sulky KK2000*.
3. Layer pieces of lace to cover the entire width and length of the *Ultra Solvy*.

Stitching the Sandwich

1. Place the sandwich face up on the sewing machine. Thread the machine with rayon, metallic or decorative threads both in the needle and the bobbin.
2. Stitch all 4 edges of the sandwich; remove any pins as you stitch.
3. Stitch throughout the sandwich catching the all of the bits and pieces.

***Note:** If a piece of fabric falls out it can be stitched on top of the *Solvy* sandwich.

Making an Appliqué or Shaped Edge from the Sandwich

1. Draw a pattern onto the sandwich with a black ink pen.
2. With regular sewing thread, stitch around the outline 3 times.
3. Cut out the appliqué or shaped edge.

Dissolving the Solvy

1. Fill a bowl full of lukewarm water. Have towel handy to dry the sandwich.
2. Place the sandwich in the water. Let it sit for a few minutes. If the sandwich still feels sticky, gently agitate the fabric. Set this aside to dry.

Have fun and Happy Stitching! ~Christen

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