

# Frosted Vinyl for Applique Placement Overlays

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## Making and Using Placement Overlays for Applique

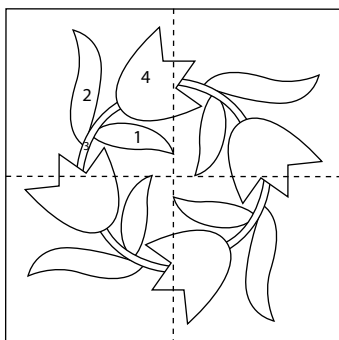
### Make the Overlay

The positioning overlay is used to place each applique piece accurately on the block. It is easy to make and easy to use. The overlay makes your projects very portable — no light boxes!

You will need a piece of frosted or clear vinyl in a medium weight. Cut the vinyl, to the finished size of your block.

Tape your pattern onto the table in front of you. Tape the upholstery vinyl over it. Using a ruler and an ultra fine point Sharpie® marker, draw a line on the vinyl over the horizontal and vertical center lines on your pattern. If these center lines are not indicated on your pattern, find the centers and draw them on.

Next, trace the applique pattern accurately onto the vinyl. The numbers on the pattern indicate stitching sequence. Include these numbers on your overlay.



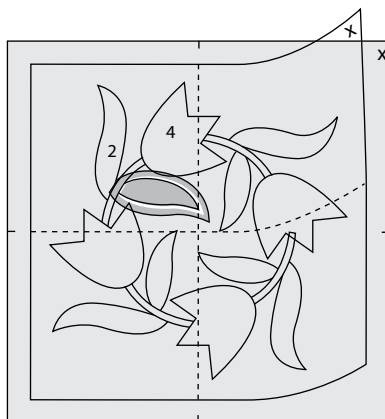
The finished placement overlay has the block design, center grid, and the stitching sequence, drawn on clear upholstery vinyl with a permanent marker.

### Use the Overlay

To use the overlay, lay your background right side up on your work surface. Place the overlay over it, also right side up. Line up the center grids. You will slide each applique piece, right side up, under the overlay but on top of the background, one piece at a time. It is easy to tell when the applique pieces are in position under the overlay.

The first time that you lay the overlay over your background pattern, put one "X" in one corner of the overlay and one "X" in one corner of the background fabric. Be sure that the "X" on the fabric is on fabric that will be cut off before the blocks are sewn together. From this point on, when you use the overlay, always make sure that the "X" on the overlay and the "X" on the background fabric are lined up. This will help you place the overlay in the same position each time you use it.

Pin your applique pieces in place using 1/2" sequin pins. I generally position and stitch only one or two pieces at a time. Remove the vinyl overlay before stitching.



Line up the center grid on the overlay with the pressed-in grid in your background fabric.

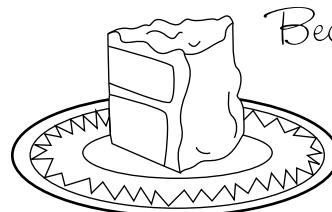
Slide applique piece #1 below the overlay but above the background fabric. Work it into position.

### Store the Overlay

You can fold or roll the vinyl. If creases form, you can relax them with heat. Don't iron the vinyl! Instead heat it with a blow dryer or lay it flat in a warm environment - like the back seat of a hot car.

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