

# A Quilters Guide to Stabilizing, Applique and Embellishing with Floriani

*Embroidered and embellished quilts are rapidly becoming more popular with the introduction of advanced machines and software. Floriani is committed to supporting your creative adventures with a full line of beautiful threads, customized battings and fleeces as well as high quality stabilizers. We offer you the best project building tools you can count on for flawless embellishments.*

## Floriani Quilting Thread

100% Cotton – 3 ply – 40 weight – Variegated or Solid

*Recommended Needle: Floriani Chrome Topstitch size 12 or 14*

Use this luxurious thread to accent your free motion quilting, topstitching or single stitch embroidery. The thread will play on the surface of the fabric due to its weight, spin and texture. Not recommended for fill embroidery – use instead with open style stitching such as red-work, stipple, etc.

## Floriani Quilt Battings and Fleeces

[Quilt It Soft Bamboo®](#) - Enjoy luxury at its finest with this naturally soft, durable batting made from sustainably grown plant-based fibers. Anti-microbial properties create a moisture wicking foundation ideal for warmer weather garments, quilts and projects. Ideal for baby quilts, garments and accessories.

[Quilt It Soft Poly®](#) - A warm, silky polyester batting that is soft, lightweight, lofty and resilient. Cannot be harmed by moths or mildew and can be easily and safely machine washed. Ideal for trapunto, sashiko and in-the-hoop quilting projects!

[Embroidery Batting](#) – This Floriani exclusive poly/cotton embroidery batting is needle punched to the highest standard to prevent stretch, puckering and shrinkage making it ideal for “in the hoop” quilting projects. Whether your embroidery is light or dense this batting requires no additional stabilizer – the stabilizer is already built in for you! Use for purses, hand-bags, quilt -in-the hoop, baby items, jackets, vests, home-dec and more!

[Heat N Sta Fleece \(fusible\)](#) – Use to create soft home dec items such as placemats, table runners and crib quilts. This unique product is similar to traditional quilt batting only with a fusible side to keep the fleece in place while stitching through it! Heat N Sta Fleece® is ideal for machine embroidered quilts or T-Shirt quilts as it does not have to be quilted to maintain the fibers of the batting. The fusible coating does all the work!

[Heat N Sta Light Fleece \(fusible\)](#) - This super light, soft and flexible quilt batting allows you to create “non-bulk” quilted garments that move with you or adorable baby quilts that will pack in a diaper bag. Full size quilts, hand bags and pillows will be noticeably perfect and easily constructed. Because it is fusible, stitching can be as random as you desire!

## Perfectly Embroidered Quilt Blocks begin with the Correct Stabilizers

*Design Type:* Filled-Dense - Heavy Embroidery or Embellishment

*Fabric Type:* Quilt Cotton or similar fabric

*Floriani Stabilizers Recommended:* Heat N Sta Fusible Tearaway, Medium Tearaway, Water Soluble or Heat N Gone Topping, Dream Weave Ultra

1. Start by increasing the thread count of your fabric by fusing one layer of Dream Weave Ultra to the back of the entire block. This creates a very sheer barrier that will protect the fabric and add fiber count without bulk. This layer will remain within the quilt block.
2. Fuse one layer of Heat N Sta Tearaway to the back of the interfaced fabric. Use a piece at least one inch larger than the embroidery frame.

3. Hoop the fabric, place hoop on the machine, center the embroidery design.
4. If the design is larger than 4 x 4 and/or has a stitch count of 12,000 stitches or more – float one layer of Medium Tearaway under the hoop.
5. For maximum stitch quality use Floriani Water Soluble or Heat N Gone Topping. This allows the stitches to close perfectly and form correctly.



*Design Type:* Open or Airy, Monograms – Light Embroidery

*Fabric Type:* Quilt Cotton or similar fabric

*Floriani Stabilizers Recommended:* Stitch N Wash Fusible, Stitch N Wash, Water Soluble or Heat N Gone Topping

1. Fuse one layer of Stitch N Wash Fusible to the back of the fabric. Use a piece at least one inch larger than the embroidery frame.
2. Hoop the fabric, place hoop on the machine, center the embroidery design.
3. If the design is larger than 4 x 4 and/or has a stitch count of 10,000 stitches or more – float one layer of Stitch N Wash under the hoop.
4. For maximum stitch quality use Floriani Water Soluble or Heat N Gone Topping. This allows the stitches to close perfectly and form correctly.
5. To remove stabilizer from around the delicate stitches – place a damp cloth over the back of the embroidery, wait 5 seconds and then tear away the stabilizer.

## Perfect Placement of Embroidery

Use Floriani **Template Tearaway** to place your embroidery designs and embellishments perfectly every time within a quilt block or anywhere else! Simply print the embroidery design directly onto the template, remove the release paper and stick the template onto the fabric in the desired area. When hooping - Align the printed cross hairs running through the printed design with the centering marks on the embroidery frame and the design will stitch exactly where you want it – every time!

Placement Tutorial available at [www.RNKDistributing.com/floriani](http://www.RNKDistributing.com/floriani)

## Applique the Floriani Way!

Floriani has many styles of products to help with your favorite way to applique from traditional to needle-turn, we've got you covered! Learn detailed applique techniques in the project section at [www.RNKDistributing.com/floriani](http://www.RNKDistributing.com/floriani)

**Appli-Kay Wonder** - This specialized webbing material is fusible on one side and sticky on the other! Use for traditional or machine embroidered appliqué to hold pieces in place while you stitch without gummy needles! Enjoy the soft and flexible texture of Appli-Kay Wonder when layering pieces – no more stiff or bulky appliques. The pressure sensitive side makes positioning small detailed pieces a snap! Also use to hold free standing embroideries or patches in place while you stitch.

\*Also available in convenient printable sheets – Print multiple shapes for flower petals or leaves instead of tedious tracing!

\*New tape size rolls are ideal for holding decorative ribbons or trims in place while you stitch, great for paper crafting or use for flawless quilt binding! Simply fuse one side to the interior of the binding, remove the release paper to expose the sticky surface and fold over to adhere to the quilt. Holds binding in place until you are ready to stitch!

Available in 1" or 1/4" widths.

**Wet N Gone Fusible** - Needle turn applique has never been easier using this versatile stabilizer. This product is completely water soluble and fusible on one side. Eliminates bulk within the appliqué and the fusible coating holds the piece in place while you stitch! Use for machine or hand applique.

**No Show Nylon Mesh Cutaway** – Use this product to create an appliqué piece with a heat sealed edge. Ideal when hand appliqué techniques are used as the edges are sealed and will not peek out from around the stitching. This needle turn style is crucial when working with sharp points and curves.

**Stitch N Wash Fusible** - Create needle-turned appliqué pieces with built in loft using this partially water soluble stabilizer. Available in printable sheets to eliminate tracing!

1. Trace or print the reversed image of your appliqué design/pattern onto the non-fusible side of stabilizer.
2. Cut the image out following the drawn or printed line.
3. Fuse the trimmed piece of stabilizer to the wrong side of appliqué fabrics
4. Trim the applique leaving a ¼" seam allowance.
5. Using a water soluble glue stick – follow along the edge of the stabilizer (very lightly and to the wrong side) Fold the fabric allowances to the stabilizer – allow to dry.



## Foundation Piecing with Floriani

**Stitch N Wash Tearaway Printable Sheets** - Paper or Foundation Piecing with Stitch N Wash® saves you time by eliminating the task of tracing the pattern onto muslin or paper. This method lets the copy machine/inkjet printer do the work for you. The stabilizer gives you a firm yet flexible foundation to stitch on and is much better for your machine and needle rather than stitching on paper. Stitch N Wash® stabilizer is a unique combination of soluble and non-soluble fibers. When the piecing of the block is complete simply place a damp cloth over the back or use a wet cotton swab on the stitching lines, wait five seconds and then tear away the stabilizer. No distortion of stitches! Foundation piecing can be fun and stress free using Floriani Stitch N Wash printable sheets!

See our piecing tutorial in the projects section at [www.RNKDistributing.com/floriani](http://www.RNKDistributing.com/floriani)

## More Useful Tips and Tricks using Floriani Products

**Embroidery Perfection Tape** – Use for holding toppings or quilt pieces in place – won't leave a residue on your fabric, hoop or machine!

**Wet N Gone Tacky Tape** – Use for taping quilt batting or fabric pieces together. This needle friendly - sticky stabilizer is also water soluble so it can be used on the surface of items and then washed away!

**Heat N Gone Topping** – Trace intricate quilt patterns onto this heat removable product for an easy to remove stitching template! Also remember to always use a topping when doing satin stitch applique or machine embroidery – you will see a remarkable difference in your stitch quality!

**Floriani Heat Craft Tool** – Use to create free standing appliques for unique 3-dimensional accents for your quilts. Works with Floriani No Show Nylon Mesh or Stitch N Shape.

**Heat N Shrink** – Use this fun fabric to create dimension within your quilting projects! Stitch Heat N Shrink to most fabrics using a grid, stipple or free stitch – steam with an iron and watch the magic happen! The fabric will shrink about 30 percent and can then be used within blocks, bags, jackets and more! Great for kids quilts!

**My Decorative Quilter Software** - This amazing quilting software simulates the look of hand heirloom, echo, stipple stitches and more! My Decorative Quilter will bring out the creative artist in every quilter. Over 2200 quilt blocks can be embellished with fonts, stipple, echo, trapunto or décor stitches with accuracy, speed and creativity. Audition stitches over your very own quilt block right on your computer screen! Visit your Floriani dealer or our website for a demonstration of this exciting software!  
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