

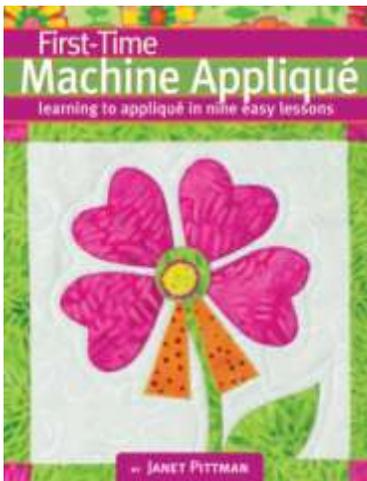


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***First-Time Machine Appliqué***  
***Learning to machine appliqué in nine easy lessons***  
**by Janet Pittman**



In this third book of the best-selling “First-Time” series, Janet Pittman, author of the best-seller *Appliqué The basics & beyond*, teaches the basics of machine appliqué in nine easy lessons. Readers will be able to practice newly acquired skills on five projects including a lap throw quilt, an appliquéd tote bag and seasonal quilted table runner. Each quilting and sewing project uses a combination of lessons and machine appliqué techniques. Janet even shows how to machine appliqué on purchased items such as aprons and towels.

Readers will:

- Learn about equipment and supplies
- Learn about fabrics and threads
- Learn how to prepare fused appliqué and turned-edge appliqué
- Learn how to arrange appliqué
- Learn the basics of machine appliqué stitching
- Learn about favorite appliqué stitches
- Learn bias seams
- Learn to put skills together in fun projects

*First-Time Machine Appliqué* includes a bonus lesson on using the decorative stitches found on sewing machines. Like Landauer Publishing’s other “First-Time” books, *First-Time Machine Appliqué* features complete step-by-step how-to photography, accurate and concise instructions, full-size templates and full color throughout.

Quilt artist Janet Pittman, of West Des Moines, Iowa, has been designing her own quilts since 1994 and quilt patterns since 1998. Her designs are stitched and then embellished to add natural texture and dimension for realistic appliqué. As an experienced artist, quilter, and instructor, she knows how to create patterns with appeal and devise clear instructions. Janet has had her designs in national magazines and finds inspiration in her extensive garden. She is the author of the best-selling book *Appliqué The basics & beyond* and the new *Colorful Quilts for Playful Kids*.

*First-Time Machine Applique* (978-1-935726-34-0) contains 112 pages, comes in softcover binding, retails for \$24.95 U.S. and is available through your favorite distributor, bookseller or quilt shop, or direct from Landauer Publishing: 800-557-2144 or on the web at [www.landauerpub.com](http://www.landauerpub.com).