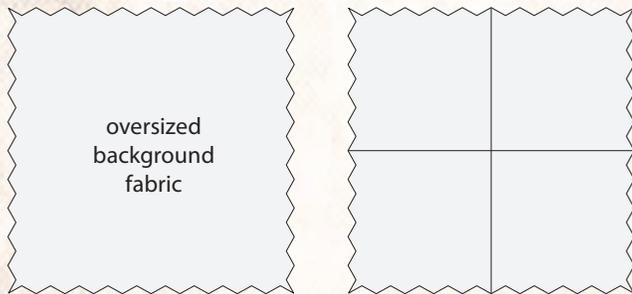


# Perfect Placement Appliqué

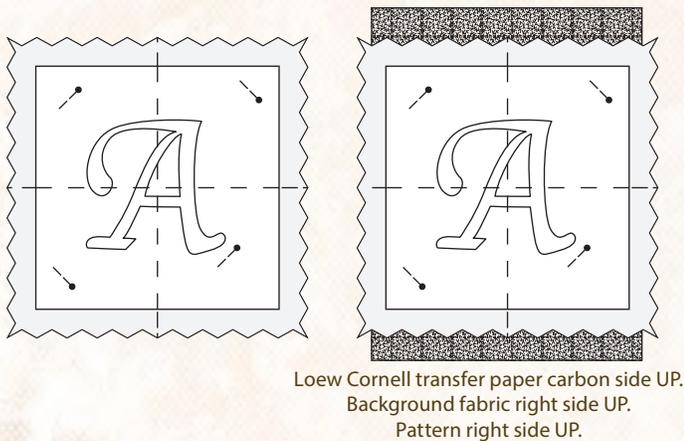
*Perfect Placement Appliqué is an efficient method in both time and materials to prepare fabric for hand needleturn appliqué. This method offers accurate results. It makes working on your blocks convenient and portable, affording you less preparation time and more stitching time. Refer to "Appliqué & Embroidery Fundamentals" by Janice Vaine for more detailed instructions on hand appliqué.*

## Preparing the Background

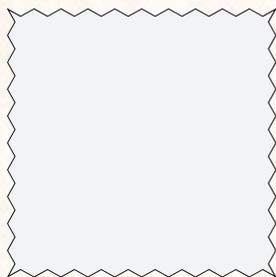
- 1 Cut a piece of background fabric using a pinking rotary cutter blade. Using a pinking blade will stop the edges of the fabric from fraying as you work on the block. Fold the fabric in half vertically and horizontally. LIGHTLY finger press centerlines.



- 2 Place the background fabric on a flat surface right side up. Center the pattern on top of the background fabric, right side up, matching the pattern's horizontal and vertical lines with the finger pressed lines on the background fabric. Pin in place. Place a piece of Loew Cornell transfer paper on a flat surface, carbon side up. Place the pinned fabric and pattern on top of the transfer paper. Using a stylus, trace the entire pattern.

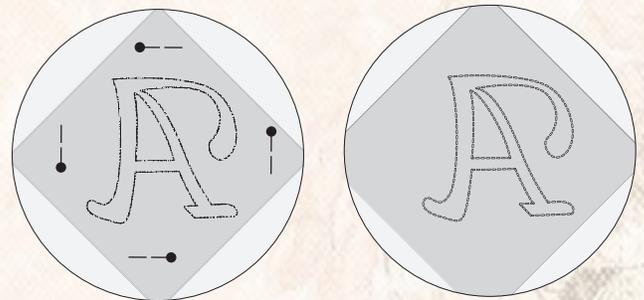


- 3 Check the wrong side of the fabric to be certain the full pattern has been transferred. The pattern is reversed and ready to appliqué. When completely traced, remove pins.

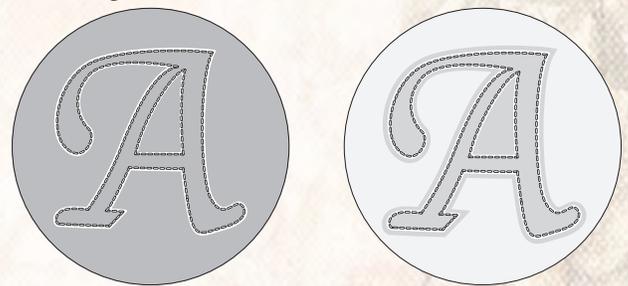


## The Appliqué Fabric

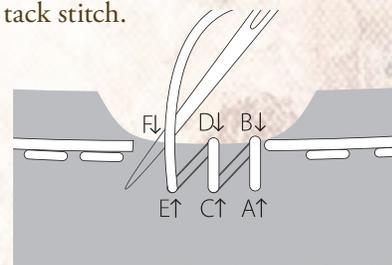
- 1 Cut a square of fabric for the A. Place it on a flat surface right side down on the diagonal. Place the background fabric, right side down, on top of the appliqué fabric. Pin in place. Hold up to light to assure appliqué fabric covers the design plus seam allowance. Thread a #10 Sharps needle with quilting thread in a color easily seen on the appliqué fabric. Knot the end of the thread. Baste stitch the appliqué fabric and background fabric together on the drawn line. The knot and a short length of thread are on the right side of the appliqué fabric.



- 2 On the right side of the appliqué fabric, use a marking pencil to trace along the *outside* edge of the basting stitches. Trim the appliqué fabric only, leaving a  $\frac{3}{16}$ " seam allowance – smaller than a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " but larger than an  $\frac{1}{8}$ ".



- 3 Appliqué the appliqué fabric to the background fabric with a tack stitch.



**Note:** Occasionally parts of a design, such as leaves and stems, need to be transferred to the right side of the fabric for embroidery. Simply baste on the traced line and mark along the basting stitches on the right side of the fabric.