

## February 2005 - Childs Collar With Twisted Tucks Applique

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### Materials and Supplies

- 1/3 yd. Fabric for collar
- 1/3yd. Fabric for collar lining
- Scrap of fabric approximately 3 1/2 "x 8 1/2 " for heart Appliqué
- 1 - 1/4 yd. tatting or lace trim for collar edge
- Thread to match
- Size 70 Universal needle for invisible Appliqué
- Monofilament thread for invisible Appliqué
- Water-soluble marker
- Temporary Adhesive Spray
- SA540 or SA541 Aqua-Melt water-soluble stabilizer
- SA184 Edge Joining Foot

### Cut Pattern:

1 from collar fabric  
1 from lining fabric

### Appliqué with Twisted Tucks:

- Step 1** Attach edge-joining foot and insert size 70 needle in machine.
- Step 2** Mark center of 4 1/2" x 8 1/2" strip with a water-soluble pen; mark along the 8 1/2" side. Continue marking in 1" increments on either side of the center line. These lines are the fold lines for making tucks.
- Step 3** Fold fabric on center line. Place fabric fold against left side of flange on edge joining foot (needle in far left position). Stitch down the 4 1/2" edge. The first tuck is complete. Open fabric and refold on the next line. Stitch remaining tucks in the same manner. Make sure that you sew all tucks in the same direction; i.e., from top to bottom.
- Step 4** Reposition needle to center. Turn the fabric so that you will be stitching down the 8 1/2" length and across the finished tucks. Sew down the center making sure that tucks are sewn down in the same direction.



**Step 5** To twist the tucks, rotate the fabric 180°. Use the edge of the presser foot as a spacing guide by placing the edge of the foot on the previous row of stitching. The flange on the edge joining foot will help "flip" the tuck in the opposite direction as you sew. Continue stitching across the tucks -- one row of stitching in one direction and the next row in the opposite direction.

#### **Invisible Appliqué:**

**Step 1** Place tucks piece right side down on Aqua-Melt water-soluble stabilizer. Use water-soluble marker and draw around heart shape. Sew heart shape on marked line. Cut around shape leaving a 1/4" seam.

**Step 2** Make a slit in center of stabilizer only - turn right side out and press (do not use steam).

**Step 3** Lightly spray back of heart Appliqué with temporary adhesive and place on center of collar front.

**Step 4** Thread machine with monofilament thread. Set machine for zigzag stitch (stitch width 1.0, stitch length 1.2). Place edge-joining foot next to Appliqué shape, with left edge of flange next to edge of the heart shape. The left swing of the zigzag should just catch the edge of heart and swing right onto the collar, just next to the edge of the heart. This is a small stitch and the flange of the foot will help keep your placement, so that the left swing will catch the Appliqué and make it appear to float on top of the collar.

#### **Collar Construction**

**Step 1** Place collar front right sides together with lining piece. Use all purpose sewing thread and stitch with 1/4" seam leaving a small opening for turning.

**Step 2** Turn collar right side out and press. Slipstitch opening closed.

#### **Attaching Trim:**

**Step 1** Thread machine with monofilament thread in top and in bobbin. Set machine for zigzag stitch (3.5 stitch width, 1.4 stitch length). Lay tatting or edging lace next to finished collar. The flange on the edge joining foot should divide the lace and the edge of the collar (you do not want to overlap).

**Step 2** Stitch with zigzag stitch catching edge of collar with left swing of needle and the lace with the right swing. Finish off lace on back of collar by folding under and stitching with small zigzag stitch.

**Step 3** Finish by attaching a ribbon and tying a small bow. Another option would be to fasten with a small "beauty" pin.