



THREAD SKETCHING IN ACTION

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Trio of Little Chicks

A super-simple appliqué & thread sketching design for beginners

Difficulty level: Easy



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Use this cute and simple design to create an appliqué with easy thread sketching embellishment.

The design can be used on any project you wish – a quilt, postcard, cushion, apron, mug rug, table linen, apparel, etc.

You won't need long to make this cute little quilted mat. I made it in 20 minutes, start to finish, so you won't need more than an hour, even if you've never done this before.

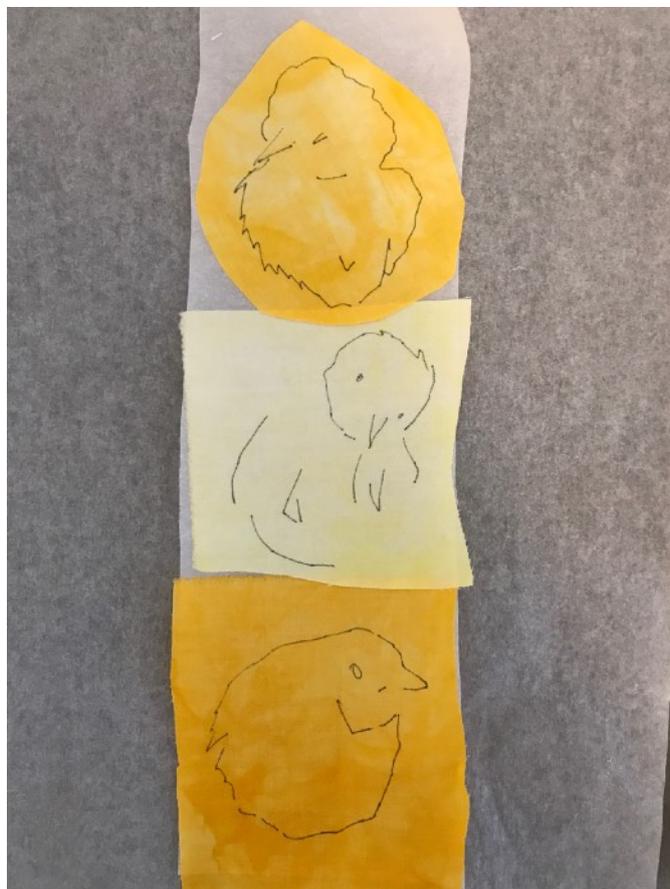
Resize as desired, to suit the requirements of your project.

MATERIALS

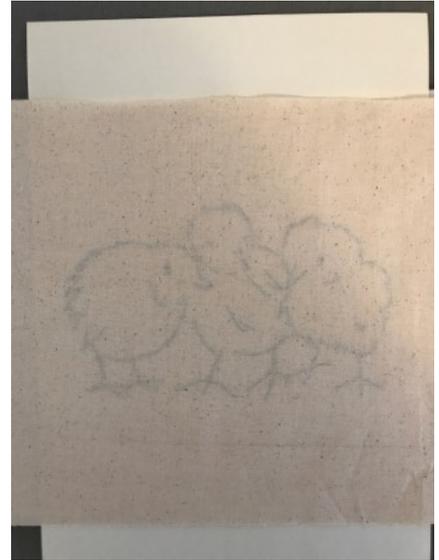
- Cotton fabric – small pieces or offcuts for appliqué, in your chosen colours.
- Cotton fabric for top and backing.
- Batting (if used).
- Fusible web (paper-backed is easiest for this project).
- Standard home printer.
- Pencil (feint, sharp), or erasable fabric marker.
- Black machine embroidery thread.
- Sewing machine and general sewing equipment.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Print the design, using an ordinary home printer. Resize if desired. *You'll find it on Page 5 of this pattern sheet.*
- Cut cotton fabric for top and backing, plus batting, to size.
- Using an erasable fabric marker, *roughly* trace a *reversed* image of the three chicks onto your appliqué scraps.
- Arrange these on the sticky side of a piece of paper-backed fusible web (e.g. Vliesofix). Protect your iron by covering with a non-stick appliqué mat, or ordinary kitchen backing paper, and press to fuse.
- Roughly cut the pieces to shape, along the sketched lines. Don't be too fussy!



- Place the printed design (right side up) behind your top fabric and *roughly* trace the shapes, using an erasable fabric marker.



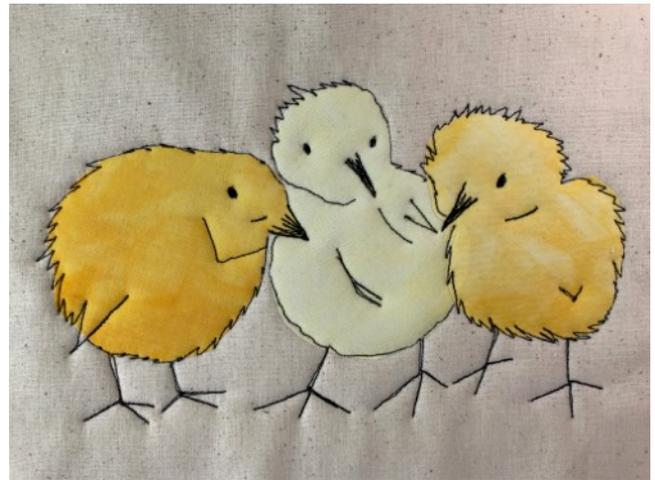
- Take your cut appliqué shapes and arrange them on the top fabric.
- Press to fuse.



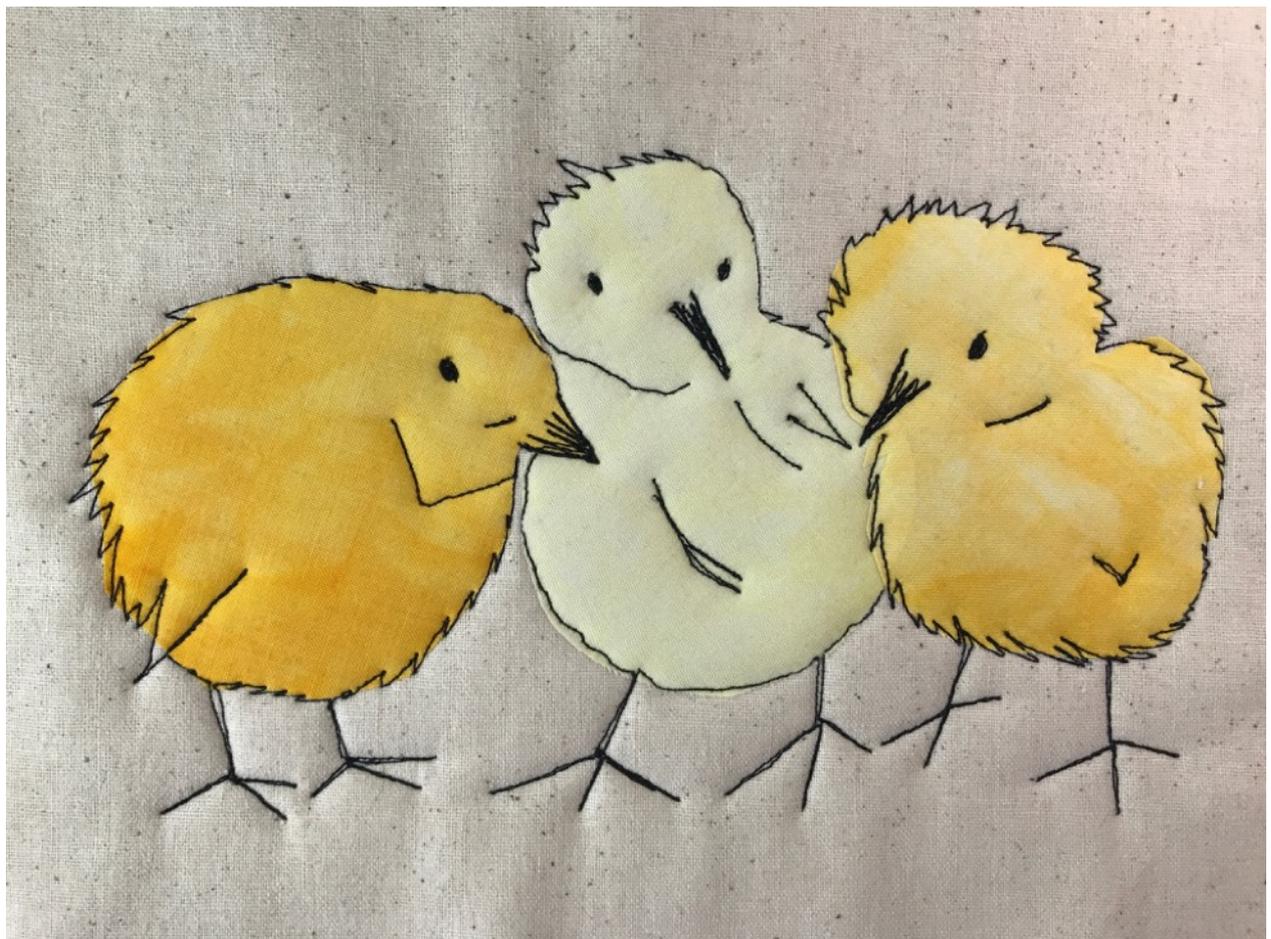
- If your erasable fabric marker lines disappear when pressed, place the design behind the top fabric and trace them in again. It will only take a moment!



- Load your machine with black thread in the top thread and the bobbin, and set the machine to your preferred free motion stitching settings.
- Add a little more stitching to the beaks, as shown here, if desired.
- Free motion stitch the outline of each bird, using as continuous line of stitching as possible. Work quickly, and you'll be less likely to become obsessed with making it look 'perfect'. This type of design is better if worked fast and loose!
- Finish the edges of your design, as required for your project.

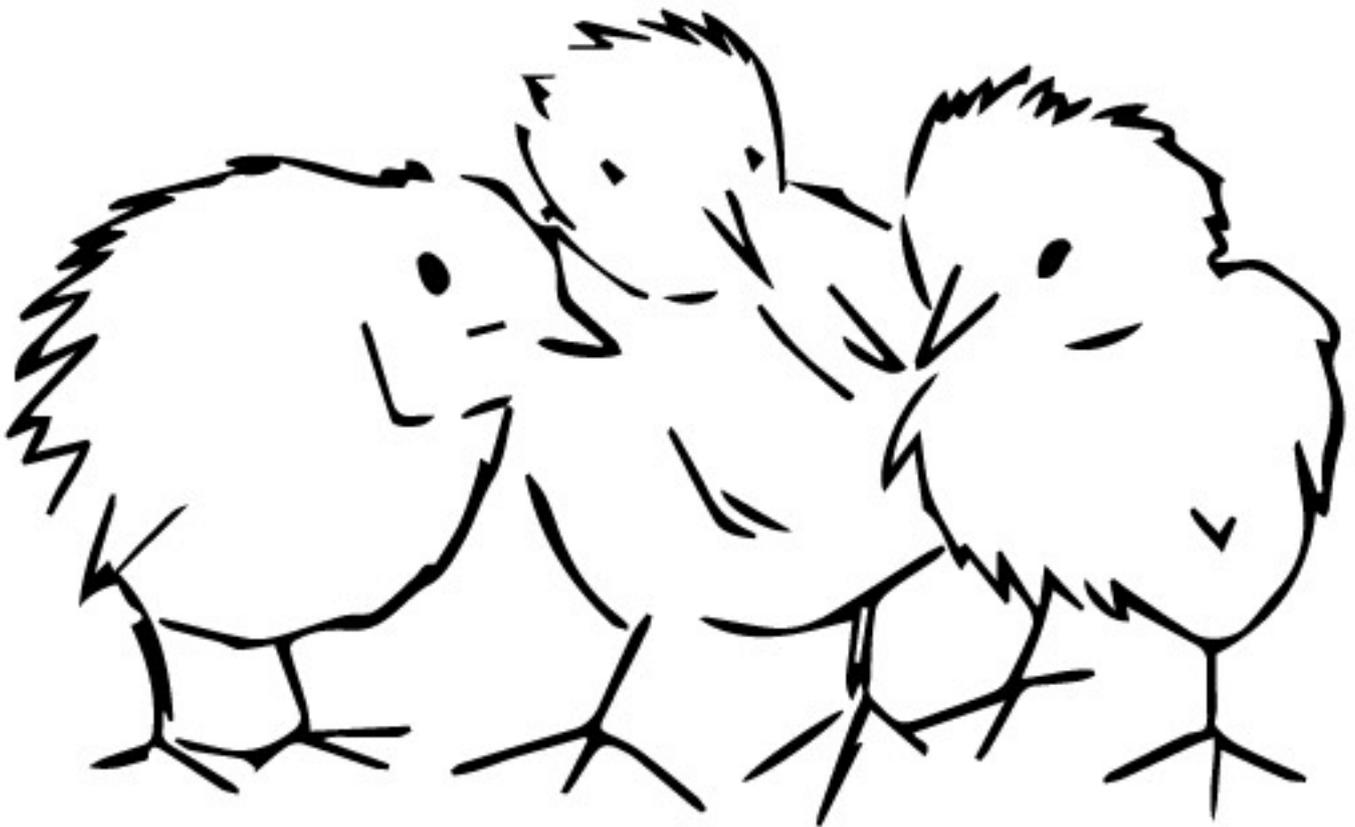


Congratulations! Your little Trio of Chicks is complete!



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Printable design. Print at 100% or resize prior to printing.
To create the appliqué shapes using fusible web, trace a **Reverse** image.





If you are not familiar with the techniques of creating a basic quilt sandwich, stabilising to avoid puckering, using paper-backed fusible web, how to stitch 'free motion', or other aspects of binding, finishing and caring for quilts, you'll find instructions in my books:

Creative Thread Sketching – a Beginner's Guide



Art Quilt Finishing Essentials – How to Bind, Display, Label, Store & Care for your Art Quilts

Both these books are available from [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) in paperback and eBook [Kindle] format.

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