


# Frog Appliqué Tutorial 🐸

Create a cute **frog appliqué** using the **raw-edge appliqué technique** with a small **zigzag stitch**. This project is perfect for quilt blocks, pillow covers, baby items, tote bags, wall art, and handmade gifts.

Finished size: approximately **12 cm wide x 13 cm high**.



## FROG APPLIQUÉ TUTORIAL

### SEWING & QUILT (USA) TECHNIQUE

Learn how to make this cute frog appliqué using raw-edge appliqué with a small zigzag stitch.

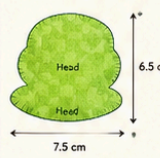
**FINISHED SIZE**

12.0 cm wide  
x 13.0 cm high  
(approx.)

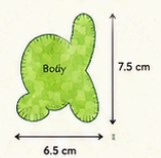
**MATERIALS**

- Cotton fabric:
  - Frog (green patterned)
  - Eyes (white + black)
  - Tongue (red)
  - Lily pad (dark green)
  - Background fabric
- Fusible web (lightweight)
- Matching thread
- Small piece of black felt (insect)
- Sewing machine
- Scissors & iron

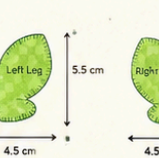
**PATTERN PIECES** (Add 0,5 cm seam allowance if needed)



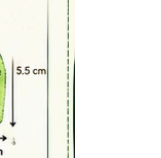
Head  
7.5 cm x 6.5 cm



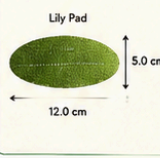
Body  
6.5 cm x 7.5 cm



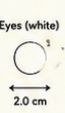
Left Leg  
4.5 cm x 5.5 cm



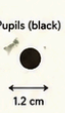
Right Leg  
4.5 cm x 5.5 cm




Lily Pad  
12.0 cm x 5.0 cm




Eyes (white)  
2.0 cm




Pupils (black)  
1.2 cm



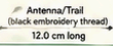
Tongue (red)  
1.0 cm x 0.8 cm



Insect Body (black felt)  
1.5 cm x 1.0 cm




Wings (white)  
1.2 cm x 0.6 cm



Antenna/Trail (black embroidery thread)  
12.0 cm long


**STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 PREPARE FABRIC**




Cut all fabric pieces using the measurements above. Iron fusible web to the wrong side of each piece (except background).

**2 POSITION & FUSE**




Place all pieces on the background fabric without removing the paper backing. Arrange as shown.

**3 FUSE IN PLACE**




Fuse the pieces in place using a dry iron following the fusible web manufacturer's instructions.

**4 STITCH APPLIQUÉ**




Using a small zigzag stitch (width 1.5–2.0 mm, length 1.5–2.0 mm), stitch around all edges of each piece.

**5 ADD EYES & TONGUE**




Stitch the white eyes, then the black pupils. Stitch the red tongue on the frog's cheek.

**6 ADD LILY PAD**




Stitch around the lily pad with the same zigzag stitch.

**7 ADD INSECT**



Stitch the black insect body, then the white wings. Use black embroidery thread to stitch the trail (backstitch or running stitch).

**8 FINISHED!**



Your frog appliqué is complete! Press gently if needed.

**SEWING & QUILT (USA) METHODS USED**

**RAW-EDGE APPLIQUÉ**  
Edges are left raw and secured with a zigzag stitch.

**ZIGZAG STITCH (APPLIQUÉ)**  
Width: 1.5 – 2.0 mm  
Length: 1.5 – 2.0 mm

**BACKSTITCH**  
Used for embroidery details like the insect trail.







**FUSIBLE WEB**  
Temporary adhesive to hold pieces in place before stitching.


**PRESSING**  
Press seams and finished appliqué gently from the wrong side.

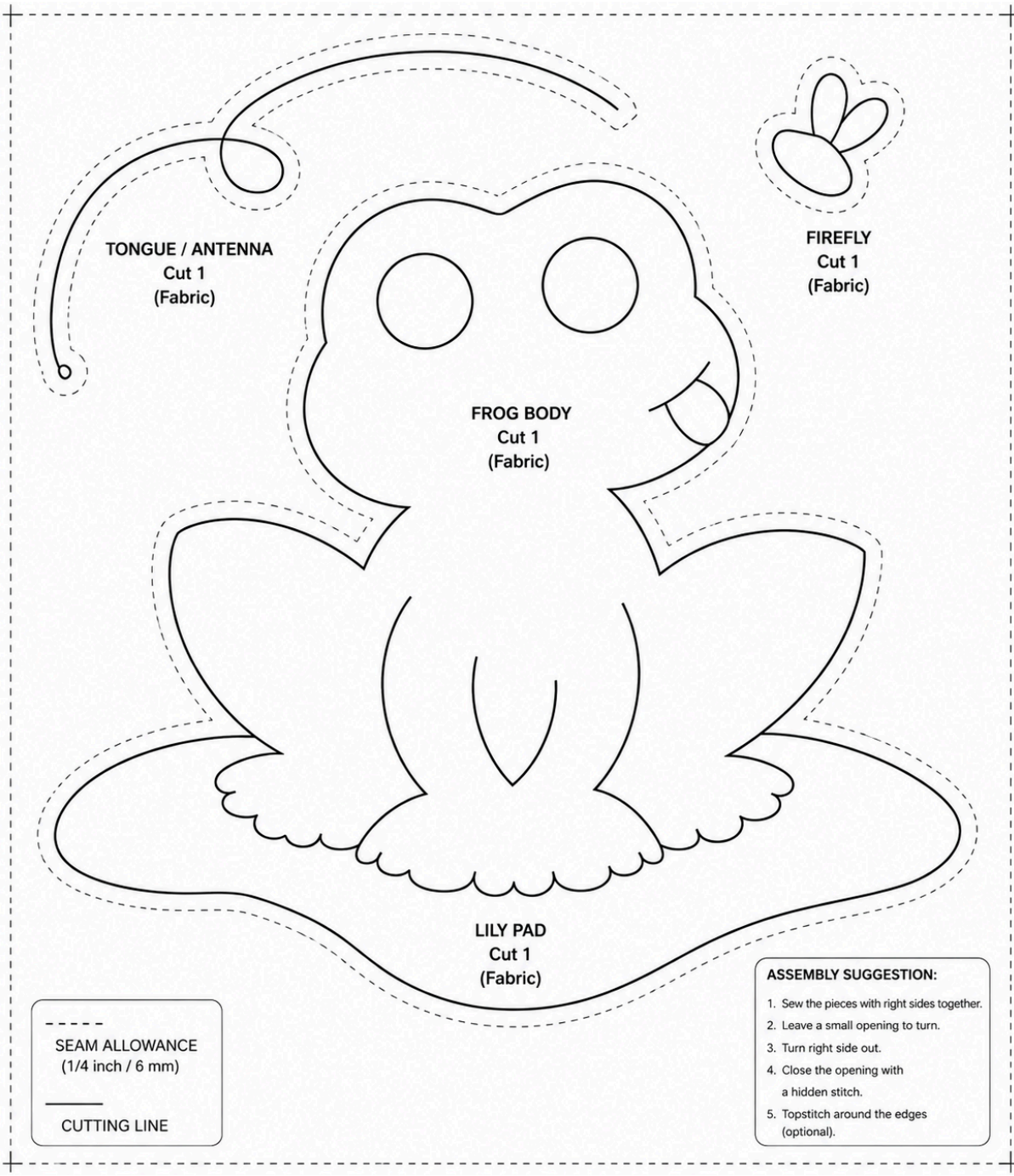
**TIPS**

- Use high-quality cotton fabric for best results.
- Test your stitch on a scrap fabric.
- Keep stitches even and close to the edge.
- Perfect for quilt blocks, pillow covers, baby items and more!

**COLOR GUIDE**

					
Frog: Green (patterned)	Lily Pad: Dark Green	Eyes: White / Black	Tongue: Red	Insect: Black / White	Background: Neutral

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## Materials Needed

You will need **cotton fabric** for the frog, eyes, tongue, lily pad, and background.

Use **green patterned fabric** for the frog body, **white and black fabric** for the eyes, **red fabric** for the tongue, **dark green fabric** for the lily pad, and a **neutral cotton fabric** for the background.

You will also need **lightweight fusible web**, matching thread, black felt for the insect body, white felt or fabric for the wings, black embroidery thread, a sewing machine, scissors, an iron, and basic sewing tools.

## Pattern Pieces and Measurements

Cut the frog head about **7.5 cm wide x 6.5 cm high**.

Cut the frog body about **6.5 cm wide x 7.5 cm high**.

Cut the left and right legs about **4.5 cm wide x 5.5 cm high** each.

Cut the lily pad about **12 cm wide x 5 cm high**.

Cut two white eyes about **2 cm**, two black pupils about **1.2 cm**, and one red tongue about **1 cm x 0.8 cm**.

For the insect, cut a small black body about **1.5 cm x 1 cm**, two white wings about **1.2 cm x 0.6 cm**, and prepare a black embroidered trail about **12 cm long**.

## Step 1: Prepare the Fabric

Iron the fusible web to the wrong side of each appliqué fabric piece, following the manufacturer's instructions.

Do not apply fusible web to the background fabric.

After the fusible web cools, trace and cut all frog pieces carefully.

Keep the edges smooth because they will remain visible in the raw-edge appliqué style.

## Step 2: Position the Frog Pieces

Place the background fabric on a flat surface.

Arrange the frog body first, then add the head and legs.

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Place the frog on top of the lily pad so it looks balanced and centered.

Add the white eyes, black pupils, and red tongue to the frog's face.

Check the full layout before removing the paper backing from the fusible web.

### **Step 3: Fuse the Appliqué**

Remove the paper backing from each appliqué piece.

Place all pieces back in the correct position on the background fabric.

Use a dry iron to press the pieces in place.

Press gently and avoid sliding the iron, so the pieces do not move.

Let the fabric cool completely before stitching.

### **Step 4: Stitch Around the Frog**

Set your sewing machine to a small zigzag stitch.

Use a stitch width of about **1.5–2.0 mm** and stitch length of about **1.5–2.0 mm**.

Sew slowly around the edges of each frog piece.

Stitch around the head, body, legs, eyes, pupils, and tongue.

Try to keep the zigzag stitches close to the raw fabric edge for a clean finish.

### **Step 5: Add the Eyes and Tongue**

Stitch around the white eye pieces first.

Then stitch the black pupils on top of the white eyes.

Place the red tongue on the frog's cheek area.

Sew around the tongue carefully because it is a small piece.

This step gives the frog its cute and playful expression.

### **Step 6: Add the Lily Pad**

Place the frog on the dark green lily pad.

Fuse the lily pad if needed, then stitch around it with the same small zigzag stitch.

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You can also sew a simple center line on the lily pad for extra detail.

Make sure the frog looks firmly seated on the lily pad.

## Step 7: Add the Insect Detail

Place the small black insect body above the frog.

Add the two white wings beside the body.

Stitch or fuse the insect pieces in place.

Use black embroidery thread to create a curved flying trail.

You can make the trail with a backstitch or a small running stitch.

## Step 8: Finish the Appliqué

After all pieces are stitched, press the finished appliqué gently from the wrong side.

Trim any loose threads.

Check that all edges are secure.

Your **frog appliqué** is now complete and ready to use in a quilt block, pillow cover, baby blanket, bag, or handmade decoration.

## Helpful Tips

Use high-quality cotton fabric for the best result.

Test your zigzag stitch on scrap fabric before sewing the final piece.

Keep stitches even and close to the edge.

Press gently, especially over small pieces.

This design is great for quilt blocks, nursery projects, pillow covers, and handmade gifts.

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## **Sewing Methods Used**

**Raw-edge appliqué:** fabric edges are left raw and secured with stitching.

**Zigzag stitch:** used around each appliqué piece to hold it in place.

**Backstitch:** used for the insect flying trail.

**Fusible web:** holds the fabric pieces before stitching.

**Pressing:** keeps the finished appliqué flat and neat.