STIFFY™
Crisp, Firm, Tear-Away Stabilizer
Combines great stability with effortless removal

SULKY TEAR-AWAY

Acid Free

This medium weight, denser tear-away stabilizer prevents tunneling, distorting of stitches, and puckering of fabric. Professional embroiderers use one, two or three layers as a backing to stabilize heavy fabrics.

Great For:
- Computerized Embroidery
- Appliqués
- Satin Stitching
- Monograms
- Buttonholes
- Decorative Stitching
- Edge Work
- Monogramming
- Quilt Patterns
- Quilt Templates
- Thread Sketching

WEIGHT: Medium
COLOR: White
SIZE: 20" x 36"

Instructions Included
Item no. 216-01
Use Sulky Stiffy as a temporary backing for most types of Machine Applique and Decorative Couching

- **Bottom Layer** - Use one to three layers of crisp, firm Stiffy as a support stabilizer or "backing".

- **Top Layer** - Base or Foundation Fabric on which Applique is to be worked; place right side up with cut-out applique pieces fused, pinned, basted, or temporarily glued onto it.

1. Thread top and bobbin with the same color of Sulky Decorative Thread, or thread the bobbin with Sulky Invisible Thread. (Size 12/80 Top-Stitch or Embroidery Machine Needle recommended.) Place an open-toe applique foot or free-motion darning foot on the machine.

2. Behind the base or foundation fabric, place a piece of Stiffy that is a few inches larger than the applique area. If base or foundation fabric is a knit or is loosely woven, for more support, add one or two more layers of Stiffy. If securing in a hoop, make sure one layer of Stiffy is in the hoop, with any needed additional layers under the hoop, extending beyond the edges of the hoop.

3. Use a satin stitch, blanket stitch, decorative stitch or invisible applique stitch to complete the desired applique effect.

When stopping the machine to maneuver or pivot around a corner or curve, leave the needle down in the material of the applique piece. When fabric appliqueing, the line of satin stitching should be about 2/3 on the applique and 1/3 off the edge, onto the base fabric.

4. To Satin Stitch detail areas on a "3-D or loose applique", sandwiching fabric between layers of Sulky Solvy in a hoop would be your best choice of stabilizer.

5. After all appliqueing has been completed, clip away all the criss-crossed threads on the back side of the applique before gently tearing away one layer of Stiffy at a time. To avoid pulling, tearing or distorting the lines of applique stitching, hold each line of stitching between your fingers as you gently tear away the stabilizer.
Use **Stiffy** for Computerized Embroidery Work

Secure one layer of **Stiffy** in the hoop with the fabric on top of it. If more stability is needed for lighter weight fabrics, place one or two additional layers under the hoop before you begin stitching.

Use Sulky Decorative Threads to embroider your design following sewing machine manufacturer’s instructions.

When stitching is completed, clip away all loose bobbin threads before gently tearing away the **Stiffy**. Always hold on to the embroidered edge as you gently tear the stabilizer away, one layer at a time, if you used 2 or more layers.

**Stiffy** is a heavier, denser tear-away stabilizer than Sulky Tear-Easy™. Try **Stiffy** when you need extra temporary tear-away backing support. Not suitable as a topper-type transfer agent; instead use Sulky Solvy™ or Sulky Super Solvy™.

Use **Stiffy** as a temporary backing for Monogramming and other Free-Motion Work.

- **Layer Together:**
  - **Bottom Layer** - **Stiffy** Stabilizer
    One to three layers
  - **Middle Layer** - Fabric to be stitched
  - **Top Layer** - Solvy or Heat-Away with traced letters

- **Using Sulky Rayon, Sulky Original Metallic or Sulky Sliver Metallic Thread, Monogram with a close satin-like stitch. Trim or tear off the excess Solvy (spray if necessary) or iron away Heat-Away. Trim off bobbin threads. Gently tear away one layer of **Stiffy** at a time, if you used more than one layer.**
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How to use Stiffy for Backing
Embroidery, Monograms, Appliques
and other Decorative Applications

1. Use as a
Backing
Stabilizer ...
under fabric or design area to be stitched;
either secure Stiffy in a hoop, or pin or
temporarily glue it in place with Sulky KK
2000 Temporary Spray Adhesive. For added
support on delicate fabrics, use two or more
layers. Some professional embroiderers
prefer to put one layer of Stiffy in the hoop
and one or two layers under the hoop before
they begin stitching.

2. Removal is Easy ...
once stitching is completed, gently tear away
Stiffy. To prevent the pulling, tearing or
distorting of stitches, hold the embroidery
firmly in one hand while carefully tearing
the Stiffy away from it one layer at a time,
if you used 2 or more layers.

Perfect for any project where wetting or
heating is not the desired method of
removal.

Stiffy is also available on a
25 yard bolt - Item # 216-25 or
an 8” roll - Item # 216-08

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