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# C&T Publishing Playful Petals: Learn Simple, Fusible Appliqué 18 Quilted Projects Made From Precuts



## Synopsis

The simple petal shape takes center stage in this charming book, *Playful Petals* by Corey Yoder. Each of the 18 appliqué projects employ simple piecing techniques; the appliqué is straightforward, eliminating the need for reverse templates, additional seam allowances, and time consuming methods. The techniques are well suited for sewists of all levels.

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## Customer Reviews

Adorable Applique Using Precuts. Making applique even easier, Corey Yoder teaches her quick and easy fusible applique method in *Playful Petals*. All 18 projects were specifically designed for use with precuts, including 2 1/2" strips, 5" x 5" squares, 10" x 10" squares, fat eighth and fat quarter bundles. The book would be a great add-on for any customer looking to buy precuts without a specific project in mind. The easy-to-follow visual instructions make it accessible for anyone who wants to learn fusible applique techniques. (American Quilt Retailer, March 2014) This is a book that I was waiting for with great anticipation, and I was not disappointed. I love every page and every project in this book. Truly, I have read it over and over and I'm still smiling! Corey Yoder has done an excellent job of mixing a timeless petal shape with beautiful quilt projects. Plus she gives you easy instructions for applique that makes it achievable for anyone. (The Crafty Quilter, 4/7/14) Fusible applique is a popular technique that combines the beauty of traditional needle-turn applique with the ease of pressing an adhesive-backed fabric piece onto a quilt background, then

sewing over it to hold it down. Yoder, author of the popular quilting blog Little Miss Shabby, demonstrates the versatility of petal-shaped appliques, most commonly seen in the traditional orange-peel quilt block. Many of Yoder's blocks take a traditional block, such as an Ohio star or a snowball, and add fusible applique petals, which gives new dimension to old favorites. Each of the block designs includes a full-sized quilt pattern as well as a pillow pattern, providing quilters who want to experiment with fusible applique a small-scale project to attempt before tackling something larger. VERDICT Though the color schemes are thoroughly modern, the techniques and projects will appeal to quilters of all tastes, and the author's cheery designs and clear, concise directions will give sewists the confidence they need to take on any of the projects in this book.

(Library Journal, 4/14/14) Looking for easy applique projects? Corey Yoder shares her simple fusible method in *Playful Petals*. The book includes 18 modern designs—9 pillows and 9 quilts—all quick to assemble and perfect for using up your stash of pre-cuts. (Quilts from Quiltmakers 100 Blocks, Summer 2014, vol. 9) Whether you are an expert at applique or just getting started Corey

Yoder's new book *Playful Petals* will help put you on the path for success. In this book you will be using paper-backed fusible web, basic piecing techniques, pre-cut fabrics and one simple petal shape. Corey has purposely kept the piecing simple to allow the applique to shine. The instructions are very clearly written and you will find numerous drawings and photographs to help you better understand what you are doing. Fabric selection can make all the difference in the look of your quilt.

Corey shares her thoughts on fabric and pre-cuts in an entire chapter dedicated to the subject of fabric. You will find 18 projects in this book (9 quilts and 9 pillows) all specifically designed for pre-cuts. Pre-cuts used include: 2 1/2" wide strips, 5" x 5" squares, 10" x 10" squares, fat-quarters and fat-eighth bundles. (The Applique Society Newsletter, May/June 2014) This bright and breezy

book by popular quilting blogger Corey Yoder features eighteen simple but striking projects, all designed to be achieved using fusible web bonding and pre-cuts. The layout of the book is pleasing and the instructions easy to follow; beginners should be able to realize all the featured designs, but experienced quilters may also find the projects inspiring. The author's tone is informal, and she offers sound advice on techniques from personal experience that new quilters might find particularly helpful and refreshing. Considering that the projects are all petal-based, there's a good variety of makes with some excellent fabric choices. The designs are all pleasantly contemporary and deceptively simple. Standout projects for me include the Rainbow Petals and Tossed Petals quilts, but all the designs in this delightful book are certainly worth a look. (Popular Patchwork Magazine, May 2014) Fill your home with 18 delightful pillows and quilts from *Playful Petals* by Corey Yoder.

Designed specifically to use with precuts, Corey's simple applique petals are easy to master

and fun to make. Patterns include stand-alone applique and combined piecing and applique projects. (McCall's Quilting, July/August 2014) This book offers nine different designs using just one applique shape: the petal. Each design is used in two projects: a quilt and a pillow. Piecing for the projects has been kept simple to ensure focus is on the applique, so they are great for beginners through to intermediate quilters. There are plenty of tips on how to quilt and applique, as well as advice on using precuts, but of course you could also use fabrics from your stash. (Down Under Quilts Magazine, June 2014) With pre-cut fabrics being "all the rage," designer Corey Yoder created eighteen special projects using strips, squares, and bundles. You'll have a hard time choosing what to make from this collection of quilts and pillows, each made using a simple petal shape and easy fusible applique. (Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting, July/August 2014) This bright, colourful and fun book is filled with project using pre-cut fabrics. There are 18 projects, designed to be made from jelly rolls, charm squares, layer cakes and more. All of the projects are constructed using a fun and easy way to applique petals. (Quilter's Companion Magazine, May/June 2014) Popular blogger Corey Yoder uses one simple petal shape to give you 18 delightful projects (nine quilts and nine pillows) with charming names such as Tossed Petals, Sunshine and Clouds, and Posey Patch. All are designed for using precuts, from 2" strips to 5" x 5" and 10" x 10" squares, as well as fat quarter or fat eighth bundles. Her clear instructions coupled with photos, illustrations and helpful tips, make it a joy to learn, or improve, applique techniques. (Modern Quilts Unlimited, Spring 2014) Playful Petals is a collection of 9 quilt projects and 9 "mini" projects that accompany each quilt (think pillows), all of which use applique petals in different ways. Corey starts out the book with some really great information on applique basics (a must read), piecing, fabric, and finishing (about 30 pages). The book then moves on to the projects. I really loved so many of the patterns in this book. I decided to make the mini version of the Starflower Quilt... Big thanks to Corey for once again motivating me to try something new. (9/30/14) This book is full not only of beautiful patterns and inspiration, but also some really great skills and information. All of the 9 quilt patterns (+9 mini quilt patterns) are created using the 'petal' motif, but there is a great variety of designs. I've always loved this shape in the traditional 'orange peel' quilts, but it was so fun to see Corey's unique designs and twists using this simple shape. Corey goes into a lot of helpful information about and options for fusible applique. Her information is very detailed and useful. If you are looking for a good resource on fusible applique this book is great! Also helpful instruction on quilting basics, binding, using precuts effectively, and how to make a pillow in a variety of sizes. (www.diaryofaquilter.com, 9/30/14)

Corey Yoder, a 4th generation quilt maker, has a passion for quilts and quilt design. She owns a children's clothing and appliqu  business, Little Miss Shabby, and has contributed to numerous C&T Publishing compilation books. Visit [www.littlemissshabby.com](http://www.littlemissshabby.com) to see Corey's designs.

I'm working on my third quilt from this book and each one is very different. There are several patterns given, but I am drawn to the one on the cover. That design offers chances for creativity in the placement and direction of the blocks. The instructions are clear and concise. The quilt project is easily broken into segments that can be done at the sewing machine and on the move as well. It's great to have instructions for creating a trendy quilt that is available in the retail market.

This book is a bit of a one-hit wonder, being devoted to the playful petal pattern. OK, you can deduce that from the title, but you'd think the author would introduce some variety in the pattern. Why not arrange the petals in different directions? This may be one of the books I'll donate to the local public library ... Because if it had been available there, I would not have purchased it. Oh well.

This book has the perfect pattern for the colorful jelly roll fabrics in the batik prints. It is also a way to use small amounts of fabric from your stash. It is a perfect idea to cut the leaves as you acquire the extra bits of fabric and store them in a box. These precut leaves are ready to go for a quilt. Jean Wells

I judge quilt books by the number of patterns that I want to make, and in this book there are many quilts that I want to make right now. I also judge books by whether the patterns are comprehensible and again, the patterns are well written and appear to make sense. I cannot say if they work because I have not used them but it does appear the patterns are thought out and designed to result in success. I highly recommend this book and considering that I work in a quilt shop and see many books that means something. Besides, how can you resist a book when the cover is as cheerful as this book cover.

Beautiful projects from a fantastic quilter, Corey shows us how achievable it is to make her fun petal shapes. This is a book that I will return to again and again to make colourful quilts. There are some quilts which will stretch the average sewist but for others the ideas and possibilities to use her templates are only limited by your own imagination. This book is not beyond someone who "just knows their way around their sewing machine", it is a whole book of quilts to aspire to. HIGHLY

## RECOMMEND THIS BOOK

I'm making the quilt featured on the cover! Nicely laid out book with good illustrations. I have LOTS of quilting books, and this one's a keeper.

Bought this book to use for a class at a local fabric store. Instructions are great and clear. Made the pillow in class but will be trying other things at a later date.

Love this book - good instructions and great ideas would recommend it to my friends and to anyone who likes the look of the petals

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