

## Loose Applique Sunflower

### Materials Needed

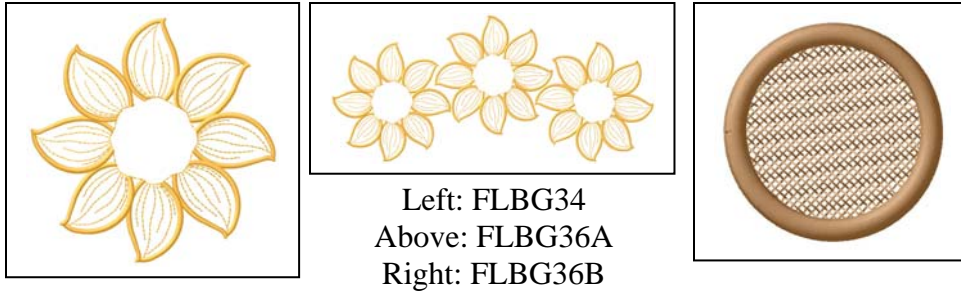
Design File for Petals: FLBG34 or FLBG36A

Design File for Flower Center: FLBG36B

Gold Fabric for Petals

Brown Fabric for Flower Center

Project on which to place the flower



### Instructions for Stitching Petals:

1. Cut two pieces of gold fabric larger than the hoop size that you are using.
2. Place the two pieces of gold fabric **WRONG** sides together, right sides out. Hoop. (Note: Backing is not necessary. However, if you prefer stiffer petals, backing may be placed between the two layers of fabric. When it is stitched, the backing will not show.)
3. Embroider the petals, using both gold thread on the top and in the bobbin. (Note: If using a smaller hoop and design FLBG34, this process will have to be done three times to achieve the effect in the picture.)
4. Remove the gold fabric from the hoop and cut the petal sections out, staying as close as possible to the satin stitch border.

### Instructions for Placing the Applique Petals and Stitching Center

1. Once the three petal sections are embroidered and cut out, prepare the flower by layering the three, one on top of the other, staggering the layers.
2. Hoop the project using appropriate backing.
3. Stitch the outline (Color Stop #1) of design number FLBG36B. When the machine stops for the color change, place the layers of petals over the outline, centering them in place.
4. Stitch the tack-down for the petals (Color Stop #2).
5. Before there is anymore stitching done, place the brown fabric for the center directly over the tack-down stitching.
6. Stitch the tack-down for the center. (Color Stop #3).
7. Cut away any excess brown fabric that extends beyond the tack-down stitch. (Note: Cutting at this point will be unnecessary if the centers were pre-cut.)
8. Stitch the border. The project is now finished!

