

Large Applique Dragon Wall Art

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I got my machine back on line this week and was able to finish up this beautiful dragon wall hanging for my sister-in-law's Christmas present. She's a fan of dragons, and her favourite colour is purple, so this fills the bill on both counts.



This is another design from Kreative Kiwi, and as you can see, it's just gorgeous. (I'm not affiliated with her in any way; I just like her work).

I ended up making the largest size, which is about two feet long and a foot and a half wide. I didn't fully appreciate how big that would look until I saw the finished dragon.

For the main body I used a deep purple satin, with a lighter purple satin to line the wings. The ruff is a purple velour that I had in my stash, and I used the same velour for the backing.



I must say as well that the detail in this design is extraordinary, as you can see from these close-ups.

The instructions call for mylar on the wings, and that would indeed be beautiful, but I went with just the lighter satin fabric, which I think looks very nice too.

I also opted for the same colour of thread (this grapey purple) for most of the dragon, with the exception of the staff and orb,

which I stitched in gold and green.

These designs can be used like a conventional applique for large surfaces such as quilts, or you can use them as-is for a beautiful piece of wall art, which is what I intend my sister-in-law to do. I added three hanging loops to the back of the design, making them from purple fabric and attaching them along a seam using nylon filament (invisible) thread, so they are not noticeable from the front. I'll include three command hooks with it so she'll be able to hang it right away.



I'm still relatively new to the large applique method, so there are a couple of small boo-boos in here. I'm hoping that they're the kind of thing that only I will notice, and that my sister-in-law will not see them.



All in all, I'm really happy with the overall effect, and I plan to make several more large applique projects over the next few months.