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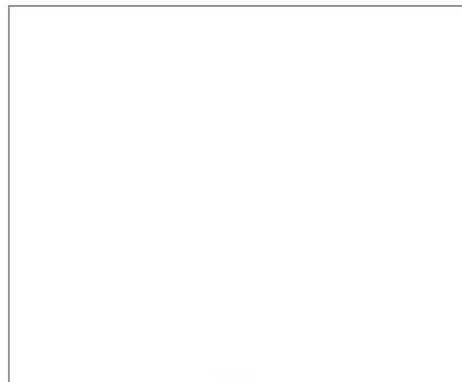
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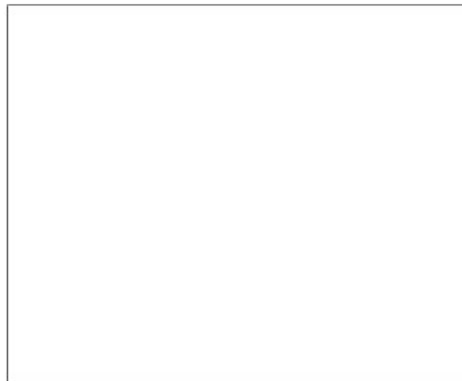
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Today I was pinning up a quilt ready for quilting. My finger met with the wrong end of the pin - ouch!



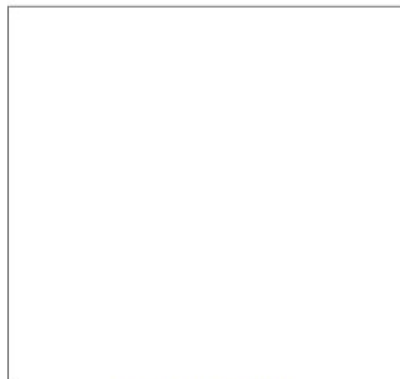
Ouch!

Before I knew it, I had blood on my applique quilt, not a lot, but of course, in a most obvious spot on a light background piece.



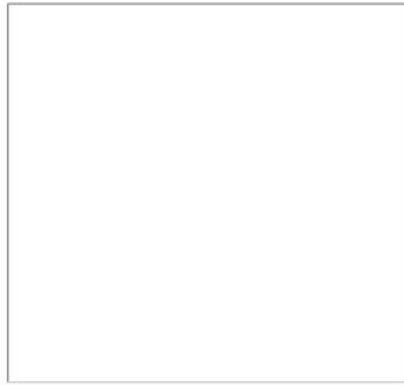
Blood on my quilt.

Even though I was reasonably quick at getting cold water on it to rinse it out, there was still a stain left behind.



Cold water attempt

Do you know the best way to get this out? This might sound bad, or different, or whichever way you want to take it, but the best method of getting this blood stain out is to chew up a piece of cotton thread and then dab the spot with the wet bundled thread. Look for yourself.



Your own saliva works

Apparently, your own saliva will take out the blood stain. If you ask someone else to chew the thread for you, it won't work. It must be the person who did the bleeding. This is a great tip to remember with hand applique. I don't know about you, but I often prick my finger when doing that.



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Wow! It works!

Posted by Theresa , 28/10/2020 2:16pm (4 months ago)

This was the first thing I learned from a very close quilter friend of mine when I learned to quilt! Yeah!

Posted by Rochelle Mezzano, 04/11/2012 2:06pm (8 years ago)

That's a very good point you make Nancy.

Posted by Ruth, 19/07/2012 5:28pm (9 years ago)

I cannot tell you how many times I have had to use this trick when I have been hand quilting. Just make sure your saliva is clean. Does not work very well if you have been drinking coffee, tea, eating chocolate or others foods and beverages that can stain.

Posted by Nancy, 17/07/2012 9:54am (9 years ago)

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