

QuickStart

Embroidery Class

Sunflower Pillow

Get comfortable using your embroidery machine in this hands-on, 3-hour class. Learn the "ins and outs" of the embroidery process on your machine as well as choosing the right needles, threads, stabilizers and much more.

At the end of class, you'll have a small embroidered pillow to display with pride as your first successful embroidery project!

Supplies

- 1 piece of med. weight fabric 18" x 22"
- Fusible interfacing such as Armo® Weft
- 1 piece of OESD Heavy Cut-Away stabilizer (cut for large oval or B hoop)
- 2 pieces of OESD PolyMesh Cut-Away stabilizer (cut for large oval or B hoop)
- 1 piece of OESD Tear-Away stabilizer (cut for large oval or B hoop)
- Embroidery Needle - appropriate for fabric/ thread selected
- Isacord embroidery threads as desired
- Bobbin weight thread for embroidery, such as 60/2 Mettler cotton embroidery thread
- 6 - buttons, ~ size ¾"



Approximate size: 10½" x 14"

Preparation

Begin by fusing interfacing to the entire piece of fabric, wrong sides together.

TIP: Interfacing is a GREAT way to add more stability to a piece of fabric for embroidery - keep in mind that this is in addition to normal embroidery stabilizer products.

Steam press all pieces of embroidery stabilizer.

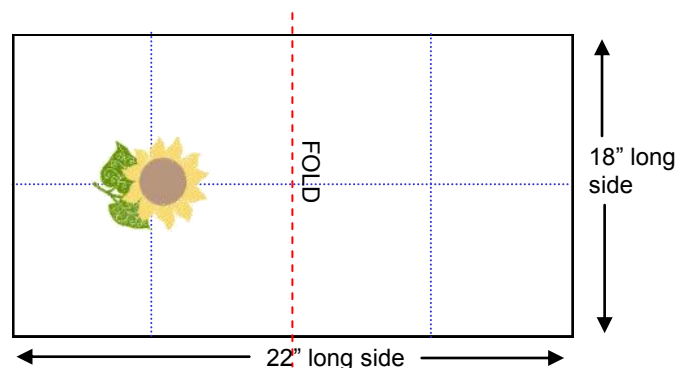
TIP: This step will achieve a much nicer end embroidery result with minimal puckering.

Assemble the embroidery threads needed to complete the project.

Fold and mark the fabric for embroidery as illustrated

Dotted red line = fold

Blue dotted lines = mark to find the center position for hooping and embroidering



Sunflower Side of Pillow

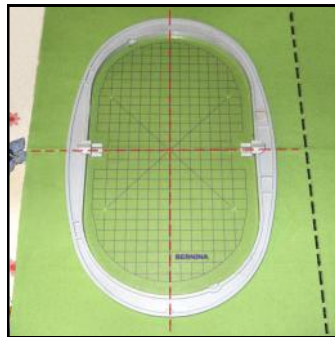
Hoop the fabric

Using a temporary spray adhesive, spray one side of the OESD Heavy Cut-Away stabilizer.

Place on the wrong side of the fabric.

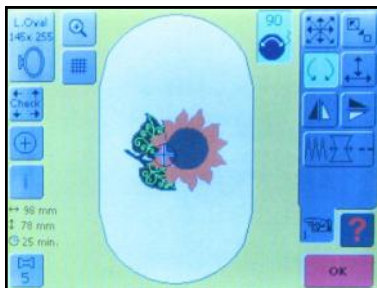
Turn fabric with right side up; lay inner hoop with hoop template in place over the marked center of the fabric.

Hoop as shown - - -



Create the Design

- Open the Sunflower motif in your machine.
- Select the Large Oval hoop (*aurora/artista* machines) or the “B” hoop (*Deco* machines)
- **Rotate** the sunflower motif 90° clockwise

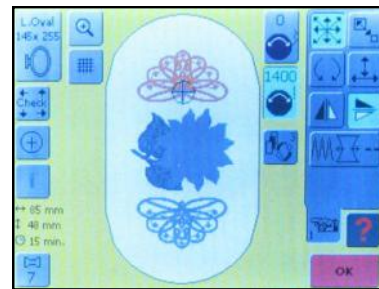


- **Add** a second motif by using On-screen editing techniques; access the “triangular lace piece”.
- Scale the motif to 60% (*aurora/artista* machines).
- For *Deco* machines, resize the motif to 90%.
- Move the motif into a position below the sunflower.



Create the Design (cont'd)

- **Duplicate** (feature available on *artista* 200/730 and *aurora* models with EC on PC) or **Add** a third motif by using On-screen editing techniques; access the “triangular lace piece”.
- If adding, please scale/resize the motif as in the previous step.
- Engage Mirror Image Up/Down
- Move the motif into a position above the sunflower.



- Line up the motifs by using either **Move Motif** tools and/or the **Grid** capability on your machine.
- When pleased with your design creation, stitch.



Carefully trim away and remove any excess stabilizer from behind the embroidery.

Scroll and Name Side of Pillow

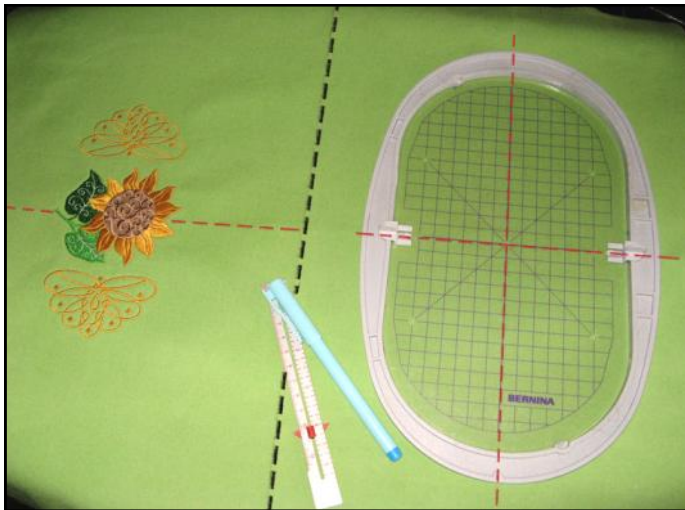
Hoop the fabric

Using a temporary spray adhesive, spray one piece of the OESD PolyMesh Cut-Away stabilizer; stick to the other piece of stabilizer.

Spray one side of the stabilizer sandwich; place on the wrong side of the fabric.

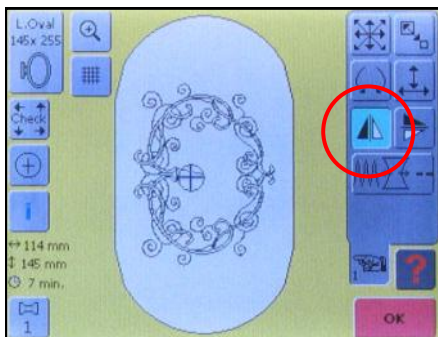
Turn fabric with right side up; lay inner hoop with hoop template in place over the marked center of the fabric.

Hoop as shown below.



Create the Design

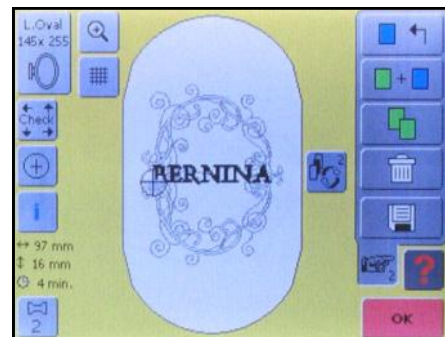
- Open the “Swirls” motif in your machine.
- **Mirror Image Left/right** or rotate to achieve the look shown below.



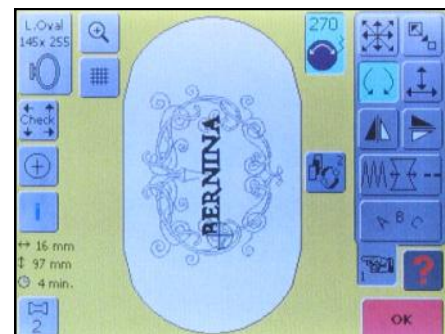
- Add Lettering to the motif.
- For *artista* and *aurora* models, select the King Charles font.

Create the Design (cont'd)

- For *Deco* machines, select the Gothic lettering style.
- You may choose to add the word “BERNINA” or your first name.



- Rotate the lettering as shown.



- When pleased with your creation, stitch.
- Carefully trim away and remove any excess stabilizer from behind the embroidery.

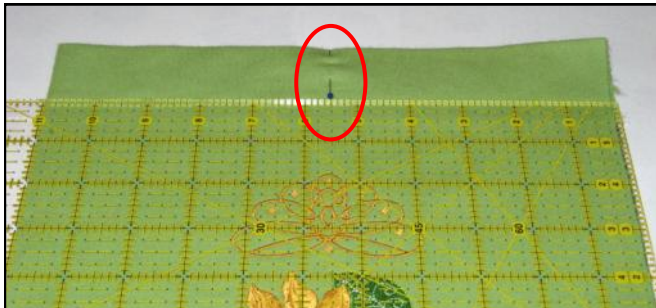
Adding buttonholes to the Pillow

Begin by turning the long edges of the embroidered piece under 2”.



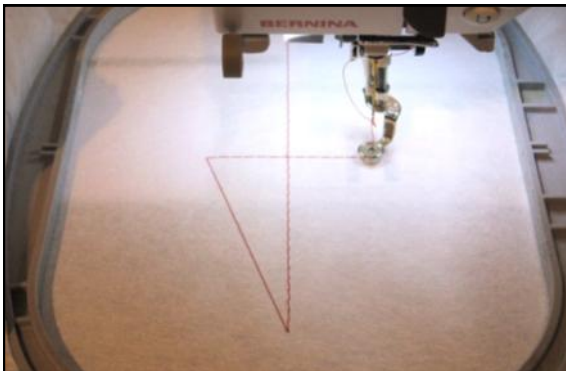
Adding buttonholes to the Pillow (cont'd)

Fold the pillow top in half on the fold line and find the center of each side. This will be used to position the buttonhole motif for stitching on the embroidery machine.



Stitching the Buttonholes

- Hoop a single layer of OESD Tear-Away stabilizer
- Open the Buttonhole design on your machine.
- With the hoop on the machine, stitch the first color of the design. This is the placement line for your fabric.

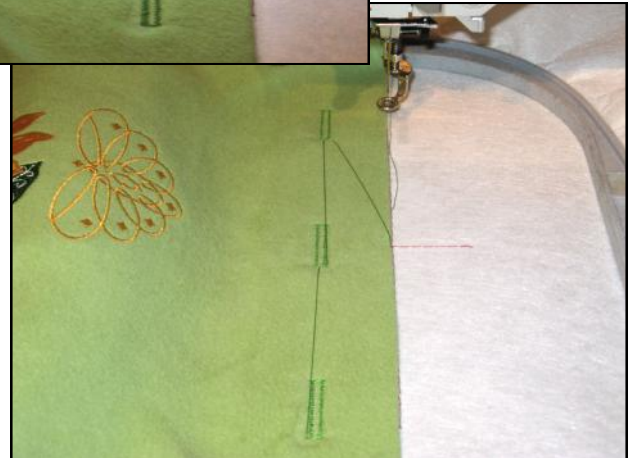
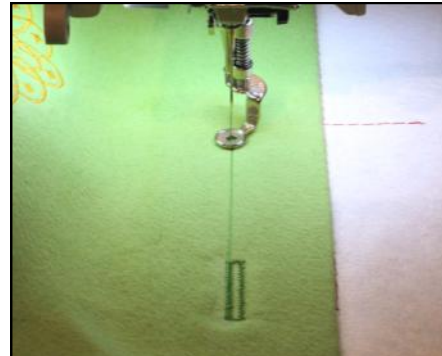


- Remove the hoop from the machine; with temporary spray adhesive, secure your fabric in place next to the stitched line, centering it as shown.



Stitching the Buttonholes (cont'd)

- Stitch the rest of the design, the buttonholes.



- Repeat the process for the other side of the pillow.

Finish the Pillow

With right sides together, sew the bottom seam allowance together. Use ~ 1/4" seam allowance. Either a sewing machine or serger could be used for this process.

Turn the pillow right side out.

Carefully cut open the buttonholes and mark for button placement on the inside of the back of the pillow. Attach Button Sew-On foot #18 to the sewing machine; stitch the 6 buttons into place.

Insert pillow form, button and enjoy!