

## Machine Embroidery Card Tutorial Big Bee Applique and Embroidery Designs



### Supplies:

Blank card or cardstock  
Stabilizer - solvy or tearaway  
Sharp needle in size 60/8 or 70/10  
Painters tape  
Adhesive spray  
Paper in any color (to cover the back of stitches)

### Tips before starting card project:

When choosing a stabilizer, make sure you can see through it. I used tearaway and didn't have any trouble seeing the placement line.

After stitching the design, you will use another sheet of cardstock or decorative paper to cover the backside of the embroidery stitches.

Use a new sharp needle. The needle will place holes in the card and remember that the bigger the needle, the bigger the hole, so using a smaller needle is best for this project.

I used 505 adhesive spray to hold the card to the stabilizer and placed a small piece of painter's tape around the edges. Be sure if you use tape that it is not too sticky. You don't want it to tear the card when removed.



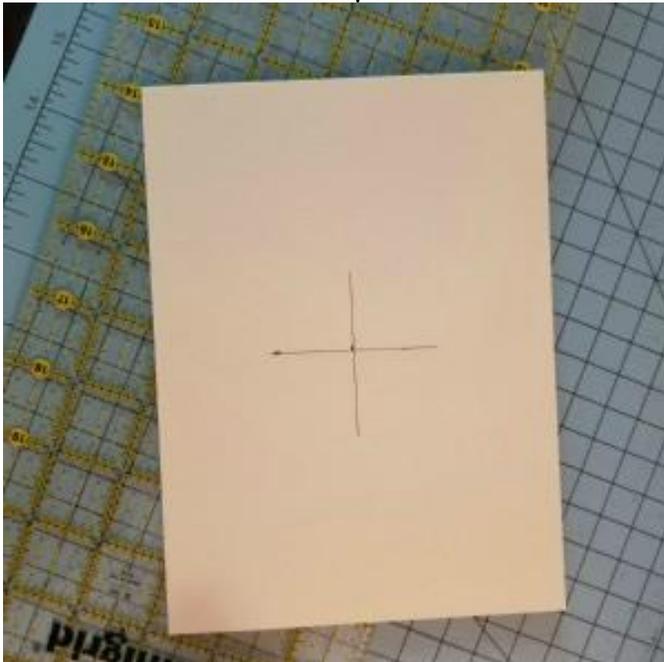
## Let's get started!

Hoop your stabilizer and place in embroidery machine. Your first stitch color will be directly on the stabilizer. This is the center mark.

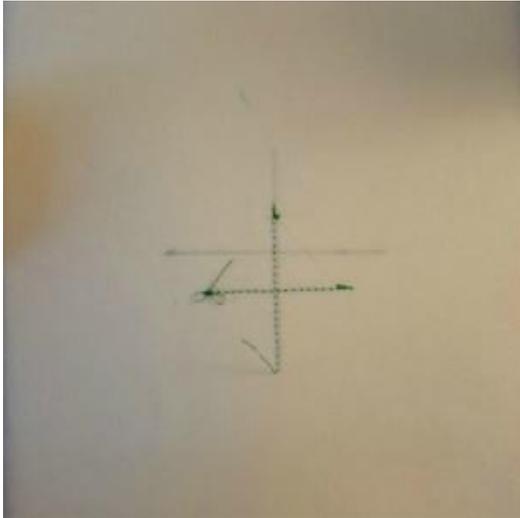


Remove hoop from machine...do not un-hoop

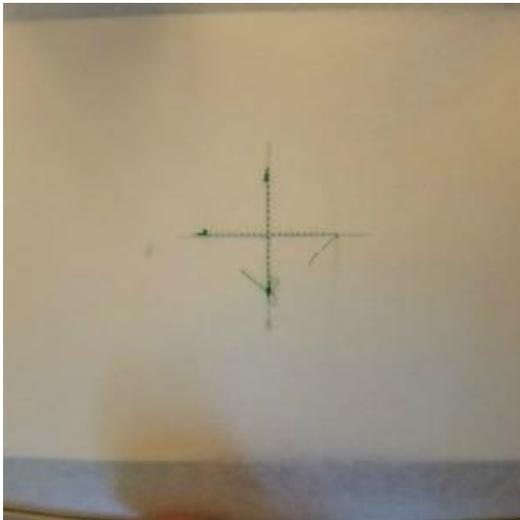
Find the center of your card. If you are using an 8.5 x 11 inch cardstock, fold the card in half and stitch on the front. Find the center of the front half and mark it on the back side with a pencil.



Match up the card crosshairs with the placement mark on the stabilizer. You may have to turn the hoop upside down to match. When they are lined up, slightly lift one side of card and spray with adhesive, then do other side. Now place a few pieces of tape along the sides of the card. Be sure to lightly place the tape so that it will remove easily without tearing the card.



**If you use a light weight tearaway or solvy, you can see the pencil marks on the card through the stabilizer.**



Now you are ready to stitch the design.



I try very hard while digitizing to avoid jump stitches. However, paper will keep the holes placed by the needle and I didn't want to enlarge them by doing any backstitching that would eliminate some jumps. I'm apologizing in advance, you will have to do some cutting.

Remove from hoop and tear off or cut away stabilizer. Don't tear too close to the stitches.



Use glue to adhere the cardstock or decorative paper to the back side of design.

