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Machine Embroidery Beginning Basics

Be sure to watch our video that shows and explains embroidery basics. This video will explain the very basics to allow you to start embroidering on your machine with success.

Stabilizers:

The stabilizer you use depends on the thread count of your project. For a basic stabilizer for fabric that can be hooped, I recommend a Fusible medium cutaway (my favorite is Floriani). Fusing the stabilizer to the fabric helps stabilize the fabric. If you have more than 14000 stitches you may want to 1st fuse Floriani Dream Weave ULTRA, then fuse the medium cutaway on top of that. This will give you an additional 10000 stitches.

Use a pressing cloth on top on the stabilizer when you fuse it on (do not apply the iron directly on the stabilizer). Use a medium heat, holding the iron in place for approx. 3 seconds, then picking it up and moving to another section. PRESS, do not IRON.

Hooping:

Cut your stabilizer and fabric at least 1" larger than your hoop all around. When your fabric is ready, we are now ready to hoop the fabric. Find the center of your fabric, and place it in the hoop with the center of the fabric in the center of the hoop.

Fabric you cannot hoop:

If you have a small item to hoop, pockets for example, you can then use Floriani Perfect Stick (make sure you get the tearaway). You will hoop the stabilizer, peel the top paper off, and the project will then stick to the perfect stick. Be sure to center your project in the hoop as before, then you can embroider your project. When complete, tear away the excess stabilizer, and what remains will wash out.

Needles:

I recommend using an embroidery needle 90/14 or a top stitch needle 90/14. As an additional tip, I also use the Floriani Chrome needles as they do not heat up from the thread going thru the needle and you should have less breakage and shredding.

Thread:

There are all kinds of embroidery thread. I use Floriani because it is local at the Electric Hospital, but it is also an excellent quality thread. Whatever thread you decide to use, do some research and find a good quality thread. I would recommend a 40 weight polyester thread to start. In your bobbin, for embroidery you want a bobbin thread that is 60 weight embroidery bobbin thread.

Everything we have mentioned here, we have in stock at our store, and we are available to answer any questions you may have. Give us a call at 541-267-2241 or email us at elehosp@gmail.com.