

Level: Intermediate

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Baby Lock Serger Flatlock Blanket

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

Did you know that you can make a quick and functional blanket entirely on your Baby Lock serger with a flatlock stitch? Well, if you want to do more than simply edge fabric with your serger, this class will open up more possibilities, and get your creative serger juices flowing.

NOTE: This class is open to Baby Lock sergers, the Celebrate and above (air threading sergers and combo machines) only, no exceptions.

This blanket is done entirely on a serger using the flatlock stitch; and both sides are finished at the same time! On one side you will see the lower looper stitch, on the other you will see the thread 'ladder'. What a great project to enhance your serger knowledge, and use some heavy, decorative threads. There is some pre-class prep you will need to do to complete your blanket during the class, so please read the entire supply list.

Class **starts** at 10AM, so please arrive early to set up and be ready to start sewing at 10AM.

YOUR SUPPLY LIST (WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING):

- A **Baby Lock** serger or combo machine, Celebrate and above (air threading machines)
- ALL the tools that came with your machine, especially the **screwdriver** to change your needle.
- Your foot control and power cord
- New Topstitch **90** needles
- Threading guide for the machines with a stitch selection dial and auto tensions
- For your flatlock stitch: 28 or heavier weight thread for your needle, this thread will show on the back side. I used a Sulky 12 weight, but any thread that will go through the needle will work.
- For your flatlock stitch: 28 or heavier weight (I like 12 to 8 personally) thread for your looper. Heavier threads will give a better look, but since this is a blanket, maybe stay away from metallics...
- Thread for the edge finishing, you will be doing a 3 thread wide, or a 3 thread wave stitch, so 2 heavy threads for the loopers, and one 50-28 weight for the needle. You can use the same threads you used for the flatlock, but you will also need a third for this step.

- Looped needle threaders to thread your needle- automatic and built in needle threaders will NOT work with these heavy threads. We have these in packages of 6 on the notions wall.
- Sharp small scissors to cut your threads
- Good tweezers
- Regular, clear, open toe, Teflon, or lace foot
- Seam gauge
- 33 to 36 PAIRS of cut squares, I made mine 6 inch squares. That will be a total of 66-72 squares. You can make your back squares all the same fabric if you want, I made my pairs of the same fabric, so it looks (sort of) the same front and back. You **MUST** have your squares all cut and paired up and ready to go in order to complete the blanket in class.
- Any other sewing notion that you must have to sew/serge (like glasses)

***Can be purchased at Berger's.**

ROTARY CUTTERS AND RULERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE STORE FOR YOUR USE.