

Spring Fling Coaster Set

A Janine Babich Design

Before beginning the coasters take a minute to read through the entire instruction sheet and peruse the Photo folder on the CD for inspiration and close ups of my practice stitch outs.

Note: It is best if you do not open the designs in your embroidery software before sending to your machine, when you do so the stitch file is converted to your software's native format and details may be lost in the conversion process. Please copy the designs directly from the CD to your USB stick for stitching.

Fabric preparation prior to embroidery (four coasters, one of each design):

- Cut the background fabric into 4 - 6½" squares
- Cut the backing fabric into 8 - 3½" x 6½" rectangles, press under ½" to the reverse side along one long edge of 4 of the rectangles, set all aside until later
- Prepare the appliqué fabrics by spraying with starch and pressing until dry and then fuse fusible web to the reverse side.
 - ★ Appliqué fabric size (width x height)- Bunny- 4½" x 3½", Butterfly- 3¾" x 3¾", Small Egg- 2¼" x 3", Large Egg- 2¾" x 3¼", Small Chick- 2" x 2", Large Chick- 3" x 3".
 - ★ Actual appliqué size in millimeters- Bunny- 93.32 x 75.54, Butterfly- 76.38 x 80.82, Small Egg- 46.02 x 59.07, Large Egg- 56.35 x 72.43, Small Chick- 40.18 x 42.86, Large Chick- 62.95 x 58.81.
- Cut the fusible fleece/cotton batting into 4 - 6½" squares and set aside for embroidery

Embroidery:

Note: Mesh stabilizer will shrink when steam pressed, before using it in any embroidery project, where later pressing is called for, I recommend that you steam press the stabilizer before hand to minimize shrinkage once the embroidery is complete.

- Pre-cut appliqué pieces- use your preferred method to cut the appliqué shapes before proceeding.
- Hoop one layer of mesh cutaway stabilizer in the hoop, insert an 80/12 sharp embroidery needle and load the machine with your thread choice for the background quilting stitch.
- Open one of the Spring Fling embroidery designs on the machine.

NOTE: All four designs require the same action for the first six thread colors and all appliqué fabrics are to be trimmed to within 1/16" of the cutting line

- Color 1- Fleece/batting placement line- stitch the placement line directly on the stabilizer and then place one of the 6½" squares of fleece (*fusible side up*)/batting beneath the foot, ensure the entire placement line is covered and proceed to Color 2.
- Color 2- Fleece/batting cutting line- slow the machine down and stitch the cutting line (*make sure the presser foot doesn't dig into the fleece*), remove the hoop from the machine (*do not remove the project from the hoop*), trim the fleece/batting to within 1/16 th of the cutting line.
 - ★ If you are using batting, spray the batting square with spray adhesive and cover with one 6½" background fabric square, if you are using fusible fleece cover the fleece square with one 6½" background fabric square and press with a hot iron to adhere and then return the hoop to the machine.
- Color 3- Background quilting- stitch (*keep an eye on the fabric so that it doesn't shift during the stitch out*).
- Color 4- Rick rack border- change thread color and stitch.
- Color 5- Flower petals- change thread color and stitch.
- Color 6- Flower centers- change thread color and stitch.

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From this point on each design is different until the last color change, please refer to each design below and on the following pages.

Bunny Coaster:

- Color 7- Change thread color to your choice for the bunny satin stitch and stitch Color 7, the bunny appliqué placement line.
 - ★ Pre-cut appliqué- remove the hoop from the machine and fuse the pre-cut bunny in place. Return the hoop to the machine and skip to Color 9.
 - ★ Non-Cutwork owners- position the prepared appliqué fabric so that it covers the placement line and stitch Color 8, the cutting line. Remove the hoop from the machine and trim the appliqué fabric close to the cutting line. Return the hoop to the machine and proceed to Color 9.
- Color 9- Bunny satin stitch, there will be a slight narrowing in the satin stitch in the area where the tail will stitch.
- Color 10- Bunny tail, change thread color and stitch.
- Color 11- Bunny eye, change thread color and stitch.
- Color 12- Backing attachment stitch, see page 4 for the final instructions.

Butterfly Coaster:

- Color 7- Change thread color to your choice for the butterfly satin stitch and stitch Color 7, the butterfly appliqué placement line.
 - ★ Pre-cut appliqué- remove the hoop from the machine and fuse the pre-cut butterfly in place. Return the hoop to the machine and skip to Color 9.
 - ★ Non-pre-cut appliqué- position the prepared appliqué fabric so that it covers the placement line and stitch Color 8, the cutting line. Remove the hoop from the machine and trim the appliqué fabric close to the cutting line. Return the hoop to the machine and proceed to Color 9.
- Color 9- Butterfly satin stitch.
- Color 10- Butterfly body & antennae, change thread color and stitch.
- Color 11- Butterfly wing detail, change thread color and stitch.
- Color 12- Backing attachment stitch, see page 4 for the final instructions.

Eggs Coaster:

- Color 7- Change thread color to your choice for the small egg decorative bands and stitch Color 7 the eggs appliqué placement line.
 - ★ Pre-cut appliqué- remove the hoop from the machine and fuse the pre-cut eggs in place. Return the hoop to the machine and skip to Color 10, the small egg decorative bands.

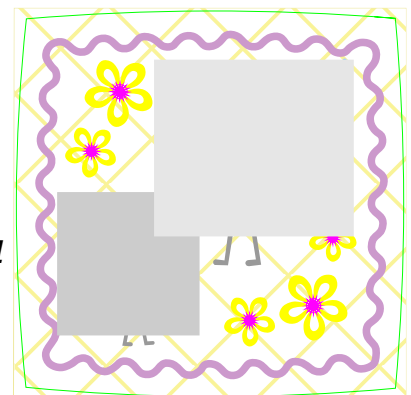
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- ★ Non-pre-cut appliqué- position the prepared appliqué fabric so that it covers the large egg placement line and stitch Color 8, the large egg cutting line. Remove the hoop from the machine and trim the appliqué fabric close to the cutting line. Return the hoop to the machine, position the small egg appliqué fabric so that it covers the small egg and stitch Color 9, the small egg cutting line. Remove the hoop from the machine and trim the appliqué fabric close to the cutting line. Return the hoop to the machine and proceed to Color 10, the small egg decorative bands.
- Color 10- Small egg decorative bands, stitch.
- Color 11- Large egg decorative band, change thread color and stitch.
- Color 12- Large egg satin stitch, change thread color and stitch.
- Color 13- Small egg satin stitch, change thread color and stitch.
- Color 14- Backing attachment stitch, see page 4 for the final instructions.

Chicks Coaster:

- Color 7- Change thread color to your choice for the chick legs & eyes and stitch Color 7 the chicks appliqué placement line.
- ★ Pre-cut appliqué- remove the hoop from the machine and fuse the pre-cut chicks in place. Return the hoop to the machine and skip to Color 9, the chick legs & eyes.
- ★ Non-pre-cut appliqué- position the prepared appliqué fabric so that it covers the both the large and small chick placement lines (**Note: I find it helpful to slip the upper right corner of the small egg appliqué fabric under the lower left corner of the large egg appliqué fabric (Diagram 1), in this manner the presser foot won't slide under the edge of the small egg appliqué fabric as if moves from large egg to small egg**) and stitch Color 8, the cutting line for both chicks. Remove the hoop from the machine and trim the appliqué fabric close to the cutting line. Return the hoop to the machine and proceed to Color 9.
- Color 9- Chick legs & eyes, stitch.
- Color 10- Large chick satin stitch & wing, change thread color and stitch (*there will be a small gap in the satin stitching where the beak will stitch*).
- Color 11- Small chick satin stitch & wing, change thread color and stitch (*there will be a small gap in the satin stitching where the beak will stitch*).
- Color 12- Chick beaks, change thread color and stitch.
- Color 13- Backing attachment stitch, see page 4 for the final instructions.

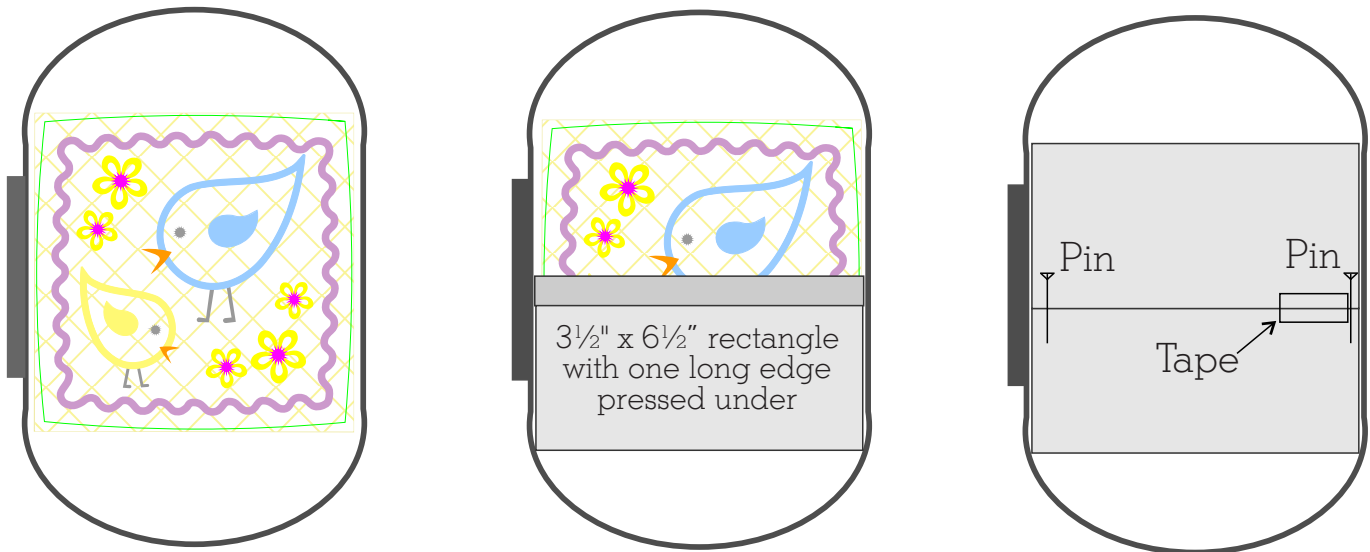
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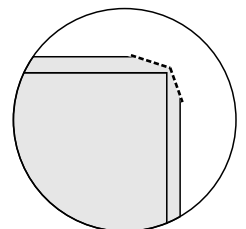
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Prior to stitching the last thread color, the backing attachment stitch:

- Remove the hoop from the machine (*do not remove the project from the hoop*) position a pre-folded 3½" x 6½" rectangle right side down so that the lower edge extends ¼" below the coaster lower edge, as shown below center.
- Position a non-folded 3½" x 6½" rectangle so that one long edge aligns with the raw edge of the fold and the upper edge extends at least ¼" above the coaster upper edge, as shown below right.
- Pin through the far left edge of the overlapped backing pieces and then gently pull the backing rectangles to the right side of the hoop and pin through the far right side. Pins should be parallel to the edge of the quilted coaster and outside the stitch area.
- Place a piece of scotch tape across the loose fabric edge at the right side of the hoop so that the presser foot does not lift the upper fabric layer as it stitches the perimeter.
- Return the hoop to the machine, slow the machine down and stitch the backing attachment stitch.



- Remove the hoop from the machine, remove the project from the hoop and use a pinking shears to trim the design to within ¼" of the backing attachment line, grade the corners to reduce bulk.
- Turn the project right side out, use a point turner to push out the corners, press the project from the back, rolling the seams to the back so that the backing fabric does not show from the right side and then seal the opening with a strip of Steam a Seam 2



Grade the corners

Spring is in the air!