

Machine Embroidery on Cuddle®

Successful machine embroidery on Cuddle® depends on correctly preparing the area to be embroidered.

Cuddle® is best hooped using a technique called "floating," so-called because the fabric being embroidered "floats" above the hoop.

Here's how:



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So many possibilities ...

- Add a monogram to a baby blanket
- Personalize a backpack
- Embellish a denim jacket
- Explore in-the-hoop appliques

EMBROIDERY DESIGN SOURCES

Here are some great sources:

- EmbroideryGarden.com
- CreativeAppliques.com
- DesignsbyBabyMoon.com

RECOMMENDED HOOPING NOTIONS

- Medium cut-away stabilizer
Pellon 844 Cut-A-Way Stabilizer
- Woven fusible interfacing
Pellon SF-101 (Shape-Flex)
- Water soluble topping
Sulky Solvy Water Soluble Stabilizer
- Spray baste
Odif 505 Temporary Adhesive

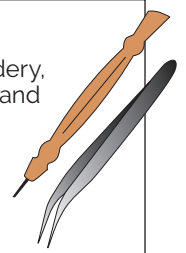
WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

- For best results, wash finished projects in cool water with a gentle detergent. Do not use fabric softener.
- Dry in a no-heat dryer or line dry.

9 Finishing up!

After completing the embroidery, remove any excess stabilizer and topper.

Use a ByAnnie stiletto or tweezers to pick out the last bits.



Thanks to Cuddle® Ambassador Reen Wilcoxson for sharing her embroidery expertise.

1 What you need to hoop

- Cuddle® to embroider
- Medium cut-away stabilizer
- Woven fusible interfacing (optional, but recommended)
- Water soluble topping
- Painter's or paper tape
- Spray baste

2 What does the stabilizer do?

Since Cuddle® is a knit fabric, it needs to be stabilized to prevent it from stretching or shifting while it's being embroidered.

3 Why is the woven fusible optional?

Pressing* a woven fusible to the Cuddle® before hooping gives a bit more stability, especially for larger embroideries. Once fused, treat the interfaced Cuddle® as a single layer.

4 Which type of needle?

75/11 Embroidery needles are preferred.



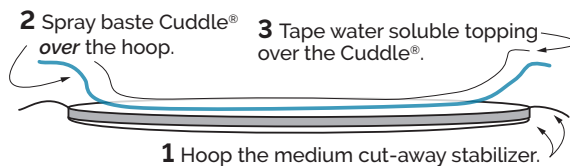
5 Thread

TOP SPOOL 40 wt. polyester—preferred for its strength and flexibility.
BOBBIN 60 wt. polyester bobbin thread



6 Preparing the hoop

- 1 Hoop the cut-away stabilizer
- 2 Spray baste the wrong side of the Cuddle®. Smooth it in place on the cut-away.
- 3 Tape the topping over the Cuddle®. (Use painter's or paper tape.)



Only the cut-away stabilizer is actually in the hoop!

7 What is "topper"?

Topper is a film-type material, designed to stop embroidery stitches from sinking into the Cuddle®.

What are "knockdown stitches"? Do I need them?

Knockdown stitches are a closely sewn grid that create an underlay on the pile so the embroidery stands out. Use them when working with Luxe Cuddle®. These stitches may come with your design file, or can be created with a stand-alone program such as Embrilliance Enthusiast.

8 Should I make a test on scrap fabric?

Yes! *Yes!*
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* Refer to manufacturer's guidelines for all fusibles and stabilizers. Press gently from the wrong side of Cuddle® using the synthetic/polyester setting on your iron.