

EmbroideryWorks Flower Pillow



Add a bit of flare to any bed, sofa or chair with this trendy pillow. Designer's Gallery EmbroideryWorks Advanced lets you arrange embroidery designs just the way you like. It's fun to use features like Carousel to come up with new looks for one design. Plus, the built-in AccuQuilt shapes make it easier to add appliqué.

Skill Level: Intermediate

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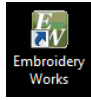

Supplies:



EmbroideryWorks™ Advanced from Designer's Gallery® with the new AccuQuilt® update installed
Designers Gallery Renaissance Font Pack
Baby Lock® Ellisimo Gold sewing and embroidery machine
AccuQuilt® GO! Fabric Cutter
AccuQuilt Die # 55007 Round Flower
1 black and white striped fat quarter for appliqué background
½ yd. white with black polka dots fabric
1/8 yd. black with white polka dots fabric
One 2" x 3" yellow fabric
½ yard orange polyester or silk chiffon
One 16 -18" black or white zipper
Madeira® embroidery thread
Madeira® Aerofil sewing thread
Baby Lock Fusible Appliqué stabilizer
Baby Lock Hydro Melt water soluble embroidery topping
Baby Lock® Tear-Away Soft stabilizer
2 yds. ¼" wide cording

Instructions

At the Computer:

In this project, we will focus on using one of the new AccuQuilt features in the updated EmbroideryWorks software. This update works in both the Mac and the PC operating systems.

1. Open the program by clicking on the EmbroideryWorks  icon on the desktop.
2. Set up the workspace with the 200mm x 200mm hoop. Click on Preferences and select the Hoops category. Select the .pes file format from a complete list of the hoops. Select the 200mm x 200mm hoop and click OK.
3. To create the flower follow these steps:
 - Click on the Merge Designs icon  on the top toolbar.
 - Click on the down arrow under the Catalog tab and select the MonogramWorks category.
 - Select the Renaissance category then scroll down and select Arabesque 5.
 - Click OK to place the design onto the workspace.
 - Change the size to approximately 7/8" x 2 1/8".
 - Mirror image the motif vertically so the spiral will be toward the bottom of the work page.

- Select Utility tab.
 - Scroll down and click on Carousel.
 - Set height and width to 170mm. Click on the Auto Rotate icon and increase the count to 6.
- Click on the Merge Designs icon  on the top toolbar.
 - Click on the down arrow under the Catalog tab and select the AccuQuilt Appliqué category.
 - Select the 55007 Round Flower.
 - Select the 6 point star shape.
 - Click OK to place the design on the workspace.
 - Rotate the star shape so the points fall between the arabesque motifs as evenly as possible.
 - Change the color of each arabesque motif by selecting an individual motif, then click on the color tab under Properties on the right of the workspace. Scroll to the desired color and touch OK. The colors will not matter; it is only adding colors stop and will aid in the placement of the fabric when sewing the design.
4. Click on File Save As (Stitch and Working File). The working file format is .be.
 5. Click on the Print  icon to print a template for exact placement of the design.

At the Cutting Table:

1. Cut the white with black polka dots piece into two pieces that measure 18" x 22". Cut one of these pieces in half for the back of the pillow creating two pieces measuring 11" x 18". From the other piece, cut four 2½" x 18" strips for sashing.
2. Cut two 1¼" strips the full width of the fabric from the black with white dots fabric. This is for the piping.
3. Cut the chiffon into six 9" squares for the petals of the flower.
4. Following the manufacturer's directions, fuse the Baby Lock Fusible Appliqué stabilizer to the back side of the yellow square that will be used for the appliquéd areas on the pillow.
5. Using the AccuQuilt Go! System cut the star shape from the fused yellow fabric. Set aside.

At the Embroidery Machine and Sewing Machine:

1. Hoop the tear-away stabilizer and the striped fabric centered in the hoop.
2. With the machine set up for embroidery, retrieve the flower shape.
3. Take one stitch into the design to find placement for the first petal.

4. Fold a chiffon square once to form a triangle. Place the points toward the center and keeping the rest of the fabric flat and centered with the needle position, stitch out the first design with the motif about $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the fold of the fabric on the outside edge of the arabesque. Refer to the following illustration.



5. When the machine stops, fold the chiffon out of the way of the next stitching position. If necessary, tape the section out of the way with sewing tape.



6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 until all the petals are sewn.
7. Take time to gather or pleat the ends of the petals into the center using a needle and thread to stitch through the pleats from the back of the stabilizer. **DO NOT REMOVE FROM THE HOOP!** Trim as necessary to keep the center of the flower as flat as possible. **Note:** It is easier to trim each petal center as you go rather than wait until all have

been pleated into place.

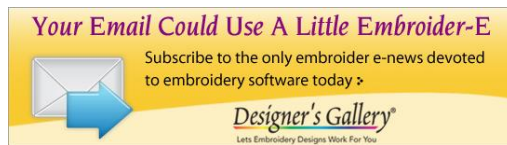


8. Place a square of Hydro Melt stabilizer over the center of the flower.
9. Stitch the placement line for the star center, keeping the corners of the stabilizer down and out of the way. Keep the Hydro Melt on the project until the embroidery is finished.



10. Peel the backing from the previously cut fabric and place inside the stitching line. Finish the appliqué.
11. Remove the fabric from the hoop and trim to 12" x 12".
12. Set the Baby Lock Ellisimo Gold up for sewing and attach the zipper foot.
13. Insert zipper between the halves of the back with the ends hanging off the fabric. Bar tack at each end making sure the tab is to the inside so the zipper can be used.
14. Change to the J-foot.
15. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew the 2 1/2" wide sashing to the outer edge on each of the top and bottom sides and then the right and left

- sides. Trim as needed to square the ends. Press the seams away from the center.
16. Sew the 1¼” strips together with a diagonal seam to create one long strip for the piping
 17. Change to a cording foot.
 18. Create the piping using the cording foot.
 19. Trim the back to the same size as the top.
 20. Sew cording onto the right side of the top.
 21. Then with right sides together, sew top and back together making sure the zipper tab is at the center of the pillow.
 22. Turn right side out and stuff with a 16” pillow form.



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