TIP SHEET

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:

What you'll 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

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.

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.



Machine Needle
- 75/11 Embroidery needles are preferred.



Thread

TOP SPOOL 40 wt. polyester—*preferred for its strength and flexibility.*

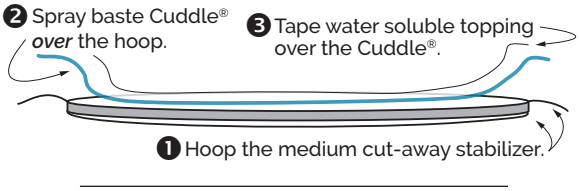
BOBBIN 60 wt. polyester bobbin thread

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!

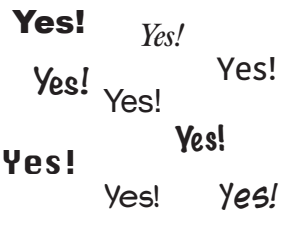
What is "topper"?

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.

Should I Make a Test on Scrap Fabric?



* *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.*



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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 appliqués

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.*

Finishing up!

After completing the embroidery, remove any excess stabilizer and topper. If necessary, give your project a light steam to remove any wrinkles and restore the fabric's plush appearance.



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

Thanks to Brand Ambassador Reen Wilcoxson for sharing her embroidery expertise.

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