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Slits, Sleeves & Inserts : (Pretty Bird designs) Free design

5x7" hoops

Formats: Art, EXP, Hus, Vip, VP3 & Pes

This motif was designed to embroider on clothing creating a built-in slit. Suitable for jackets, blouses, long and short sleeves and trouser legs. You may use your won colors too.

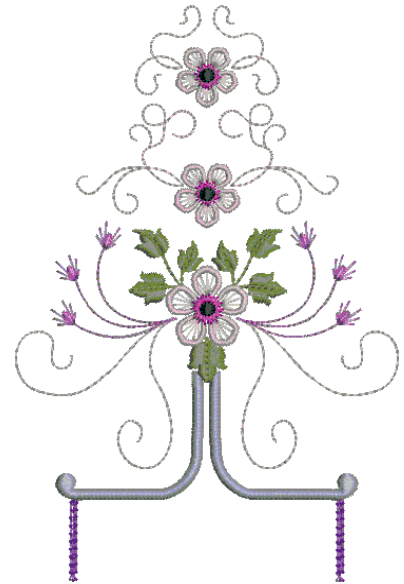
Size: W 4.16 x 6.26

Embroidery Tips:

Read all the instructions carefully:

Fabric: medium weight

- Hooping - taut but not overstretched
- Always use the best quality fabrics, stabilizers and suitable needles
- Stabilizer- One layer, medium weight, hooped with the fabric – normal embroidery
- Hoop with a layer non –woven water soluble stabilize (Avalon Plus)
- WSS- Water soluble stabilizer
- Embroidery Thread: I use Marathon for all my embroidery
- Ensure that your needle is in a good condition
- Jumps have been limited to a minimum. I recommend trimming any jumps before continuing with embroidery as some color stages are lighter on top and will show through
- Print templates of designs and plan ahead. Mark the x and y lines.
- Stitch a basting line on the hemlines. This helps placing slit designs at the correct height



Slit designs:

A built-in guide for the hems are also included in the first two steps which are stitched in the same color as the fabric.

Preparation on the blouse: Print a template of the required design. Mark where you need the slit. This can be on a front dart or a seam running down the style line. You can even embroider one of these on the center back seam of a jacket or blouse too.

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- As a dart: stitch the dart, cut it open, press and overlock the seam as far as possible. Hem allowance is added here on the bottom. Adjust C as in
- On a styling line such as a princess line, stitch the seam and press open. Overlock the entire seam.
- For sleeves: Unpick the sleeve underarm or trouser seams as well as hems if a bought garment is used. Center on the middle of the sleeve with the satin hem stitching on the hemline as well as the extended guides for the hem.

How to proceed

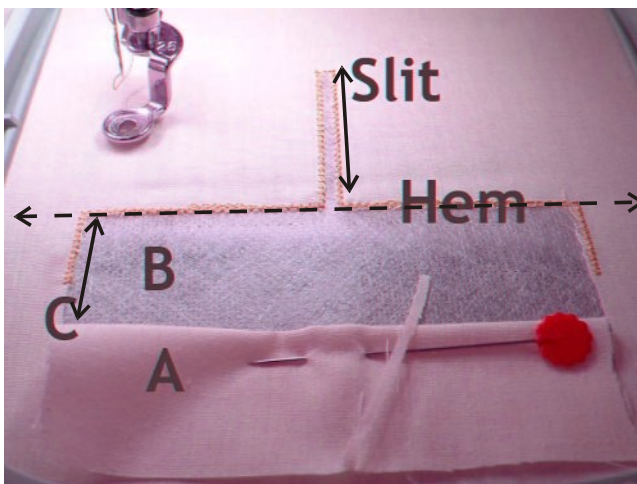
On the hooped WSS, draw a center vertical and a horizontal line (x and y lines). Center the printed template over one of the above and ensure that the seam or dart is as straight as possible. Mark the center of the design.

Ensure that the hemline is at the height needed.

Spray the hooped WSS with temporary adhesive, center the project over this, pin. Add a basting line to ensure that the project will not move during the embroidery.

If you do not like to use spray adhesives you may pin or baste.

Proceed with the embroidery.



Embroidery

Stages 1-3 for the slit and the extended guides, C for the hems

* Stitch stages 1 & 2 and then cut out the fabric. Stitch these in the same color as the fabric. In the picture a darker thread was used to show up.

With small scissors **carefully cut and remove the narrow strip of fabric** between these lines, as well as the section for the hem on the bottom. Do not pull on the fabric.

Fold down and pin out of the way. If this is part of a bought blouse, this entire section can be removed.

*You may stitch stage 2 twice to strengthen the slit and to prevent it from falling apart when using fine fabrics. Optional: Cover with seam sealant, let dry and continue.

Trim C later once you have decided on the hem depth. Ensure not to cut through the WSS. If this happens, patch underneath with a small piece of WSS. Brush this area clean using a toothbrush.

The slit and part of the hem have been created for you.

Picture: Opposite

- A. Cut out the slit and hem section
- B. Water Soluble stabilizer
- C. Hem depth

Continue with the embroidery.

Stitch stages 1-3 in the same color as the fabric.

4. Medium Purple – slit satin covering

5. Olive: leaves

6. Pale pink: flowers and scrolls

7. Medium Pink - feathers

8. Bright Pink: or yellow for flower shading

9. Black – flower centers

Remove embroidery from the hoop and do not trim

C until you have decided on the depth of the hem. Once the embroidered parts are rinsed the slit, iron & complete.

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Finish the hemline (dotted –dash line in picture) as follows:

For sleeves of blouses and jackets; trim the hem depth
(c). If a wider hem is required, lengthen both sides C.
Zig-zag over these once it is lengthened.

Close the underarm seams, and overlock the rest of the hem D or fold under and stitch down.

Fold back on the hem line and finish as normal with a hand/machine stitch or cover stitch.

Enjoy, Louisa

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