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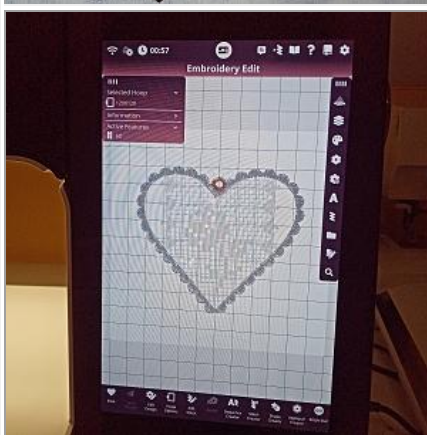
## INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMBROIDERING FELT HEARTS



To embroider these motives you will need water soluble or tear away stabilizer (paper type) and felt. You can cut around the edges either with normal or scalloped scissors.

It's recommended to slow down the speed of the embroidery machine. Always use sharp needle to avoid thread breakage.

Decorative motives are embroidered on the front side only, the back side has just the scalloped outline and the eye for the ribbon.



Open the design in your embroidery machine. The whole heart is to be embroidered in white colour. The last colour is brown to embroider the eye for the ribbon not to be too visible but you can also make it in white.

You will see more colours on the display of your machine other than just white and brown. Various colours serve as color stops so that you can take the proper steps in the right time. If all the colours would be set to white, your machine or digitizing software could join the colours together and the machine would not stop, which is unwanted.

Use normal embroidery 40 wt thread as your upper thread. For steps 3 and 4 you can wind this thread also on your bobbin but it's not needed in my opinion.

I have used thin bobbin thread, the one I use for classic embroidery.



Hoop you stabilizer. Make sure it is „drum tight“ – firm but not stiff as a board. When you tap on it there should still be some flexibility.

I have repeatedly embroidered these designs on one needle Pfaff and Brother machines and also on multineedle Brother machines. Results on all machine types were perfect so the quality of digitizing is very well tested.

Pictures for these instructions were made on my Pfaff Icon. I used paper type tear away stabilizer and magnetic hoop that is very easy to use. If you own Pfaff machine, I can highly recommend this hoop.

Embroider color No. 1, which is an outline that shows where to lay the felt square. You can use white or brown thread, it doesn't matter as the stitches will be then covered with felt on both sides.



Place a piece of felt sized 4.4x4.4" (11x11 cm) at least on the stitched out area. Use temporary adhesive spray or some other type of glue for textiles to keep the felt in place.

Make sure the felt is positioned properly to have the same distance between the edges and embroidered outline so that you can have enough material when you then trim the edges with scalloped scissors. When using normal scissors, the border may be narrower. You might first try it on the smaller freebie that is included in the set.



Step Nr. 2 first tacks down the felt to keep it in place and then the decorative part is embroidered.



After finishing this step take out the hoop of the machine and turn it upside down.

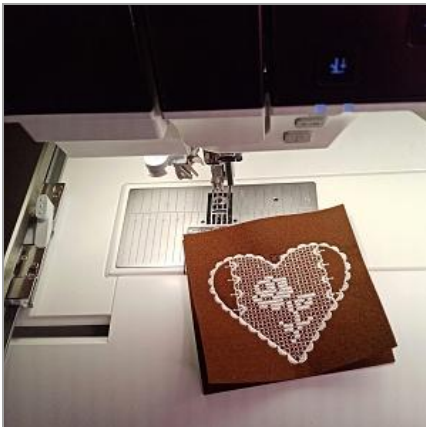


Place the other piece of felt on the back side. Again use temporary adhesive spray or some other type of glue for textiles to keep the felt in place.



Step Nr. 3 – still with white thread – embroiders the decorative scalloped heart outline that joins both felt layers together.

You can embroider the eye for the ribbon either with white or brown thread. I use brown colour so that the eye is not so visible. If you don't want to hang the heart or tie a ribbon on it, you can skip the last step and your embroidery is done now.



Remove the hoop from the machine and unhoop your embroidery. In case you used the soluable stabilizer, soak the heart in the water to get rid of stabilizer. When using the paper tear-away one, pull it out of the outline stitches. The paper stays inside the heart so it might be a little bit rustling when you touch it but it holds the shape better.



Then cut out the shape around the edge either with normal or scalloped scissors. In case you embroidered the eye for hanging, pierce it with bodkin or little sharp pointed scissors.

The eye is quite small to be discreet so use the tip of the scissors to push the ribbon through the eye.





This is how looks the back side of the heart when using thin bobbin thread.



Here you can see the comparison of heart that was cut out with scalloped versus normal scissors.

Hope your embroidery goes well and you'll enjoy your new decorative hearts ♡ .



PCS176\_01  
3.59x3,19"  
6,681 stitches

PCS176\_02  
3.59x3,19"  
5,876 stitches

PCS176\_03  
3.59x3,19"  
6,266 stitches

PCS176\_04  
3.59x3,19"  
6,524 stitches

PCS176\_05  
3.59x3,19"  
7,190 stitches



Thank you for your purchase and enjoy embroidering.

