

Stitchitize



BEE #9

FLORAL PHOTO FRAMES



Create a beautiful mat to frame your photo memories with these fun and easy Cutwork designs. There is no sewing required to complete the projects. The designs can be arranged to suit any frame size and shape from 4" x 6" and up. Each frame will take approximately 2-3 hours to prepare and embroider.

SUPPLY LIST

Fabric Requirements:

Many different fabrics will work for this project. It is recommended that you prepare your fabric with an iron-on fusible interfacing before embroidering. If your fabric is very light in colour, you may want to use 2 layers of fusible so that the photo does not show through the fabric once it is mounted in the frame.



Large Frame

- Fabric - 14" x 14" (fused)
- Water Soluble Stabilizer - 5" x 5" (H2O Gone, Aqua Magic)
- Tear-away Stabilizer - 2 pieces 6" x 7", 1 piece 7" x 9"
- Embroidery Hoop - 5.5" x 8" (or larger)
- Picture Frame - 8" x 10" (or larger)



Small Frame

- Fabric - 7" x 8" (fused)
- Water Soluble Stabilizer - 4" x 4"
- Tear-away Stabilizer - 4" x 5"
- Embroidery Hoop - 4" x 5" (or larger)
- Picture Frame - 4" x 6" (or larger)



NOTIONS

- 4 - 6 embroidery thread colours
Our large frame uses WonderFil colours (Green - 4147), (Cream - 6130), (Pale Pink - 1102), (Tan - 6132) and (Gold - 2131) See instructions for sewing sequence.
Our small frame uses WonderFil colours (Green - 4117), (Cream 6131), (Rose Pink - 7120), (Brown - 7108), and (Gold - 2131)
- 1 Bobbin wound with selected Border Colour (our border is sewn in Cream to match fabric)
- Cutting Mat, Transparent Grid Ruler and Rotary Blade Cutter
- Masking Tape (we used painters tape in our instructions for visibility, we recommend masking tape for its durability during hooping)
- Ruler
- Fabric, Paper and Small Clipping Scissors (curved work well for these designs)
- Damp Cloth or Envelope Wetting Bottle
- Sharp Pencil
- Stitchitize Bee # 9 Embroidery Designs

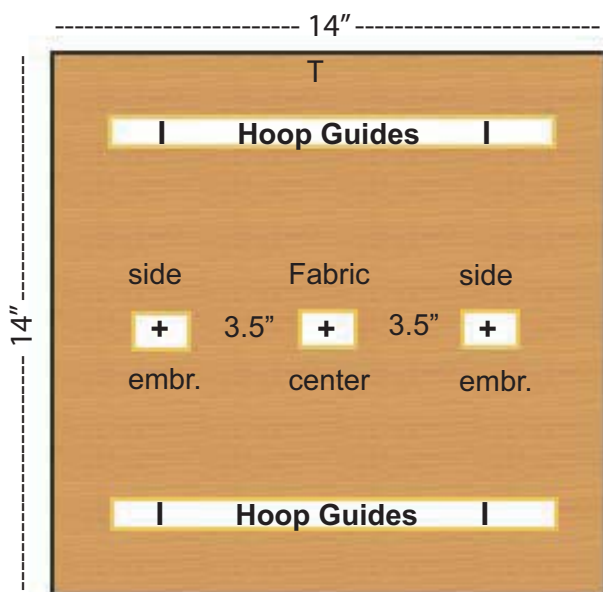


EMBROIDERY

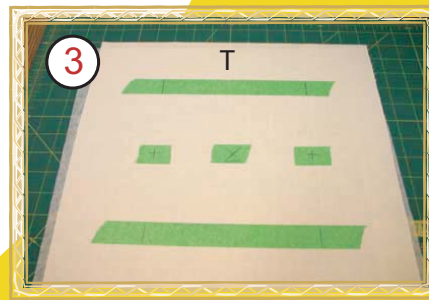
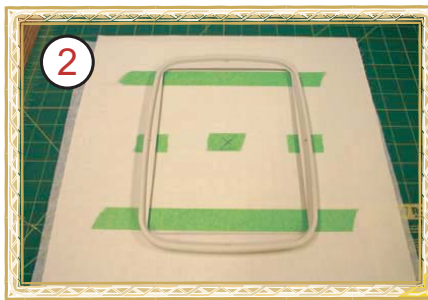
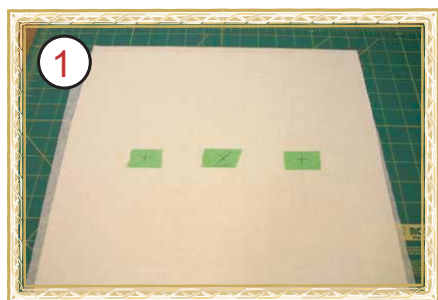
If you have a 5.5" x 8" embroidery hoop, you will hoop your fabric in 3 different placements to finish the Large Frame (Bee009B) with 4 corners (Bee009A sewn twice). The measurements provided for 3 hoopings will finish a design that is approx. 6.5" x 8.5". This will fit in an 8" x 10" picture frame.

1. Mark large piece of fabric for embroidery placements using grid cutting mat, ruler, tape and sharp pencil. Follow diagram to mark all reference points.

Fabric Marking Diagram



- 1 - Begin by marking exact center of your fabric on a piece of masking tape.
- 1 - Measure and mark 3.5" to the left and right of center and half distance from top and bottom of fabric. These are your 2 side embroidery placements.
- 2 - Place inner ring of embroidery hoop on fabric. Center with fabric center mark. Secure long piece of masking tape at top and bottom of fabric just to the inside of embroidery hoop.
- 3 - Measure and mark 4 lines that are of equal distance from the sides of the fabric as your side embroidery placements. These are your hoop guides to ensure that you hoop perfectly straight.
- 3 - Mark a "T" (for top) on the top edge of the fabric.

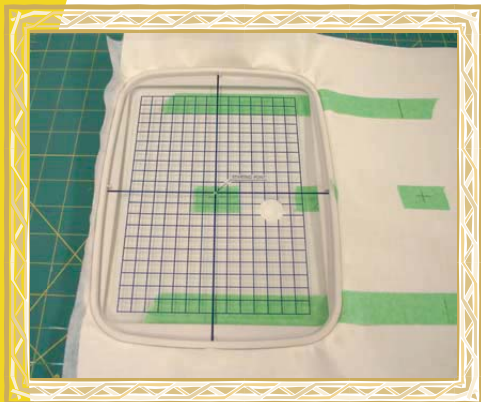


If you have an 8" x 8" (or larger) hoop, you can follow the above diagram OR use your edit mode to combine the designs in any arrangement that you want to make 1 complete design for 1 hooping. All editing systems are different, therefore, we recommend that you read your manual for help.

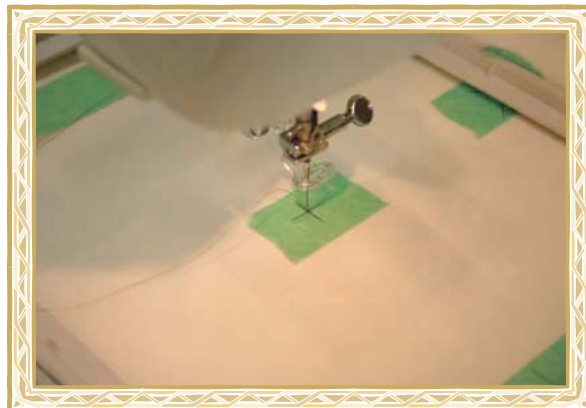


Embroidery cont...

2. Hoop LEFT SIDE of fabric for first embroidery placement. Use your hoop grid insert and the hoop guide marks at top and bottom to ensure that the fabric is straight in the hoop.



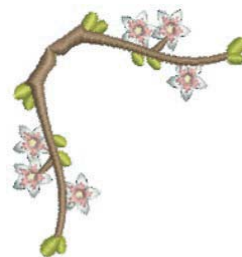
3. Prepare machine to sew Bee009A - Double Corner. Attach hoop to machine and use jog keys to line up needle with center mark on masking tape.



4. Slide one piece (6" x 7") tear-away stabilizer under the hoop. Sew the embroidery design following the sewing sequence:

Double Corner - Bee009A

- leaves
- flower centers
- flowers
- flower shading
- branches



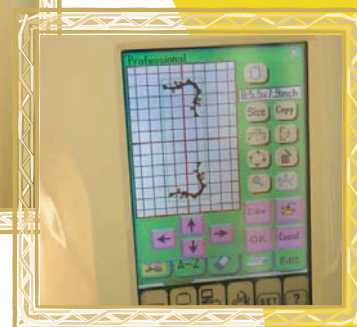
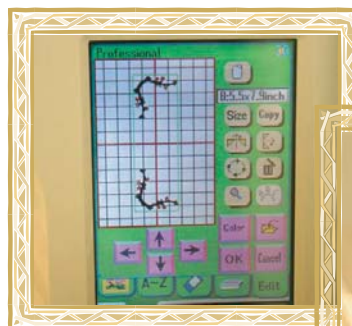
5. When embroidery is complete, remove hoop from machine and carefully remove fabric from hoop. Clip all threads from front and back and remove tear-away stabilizer.





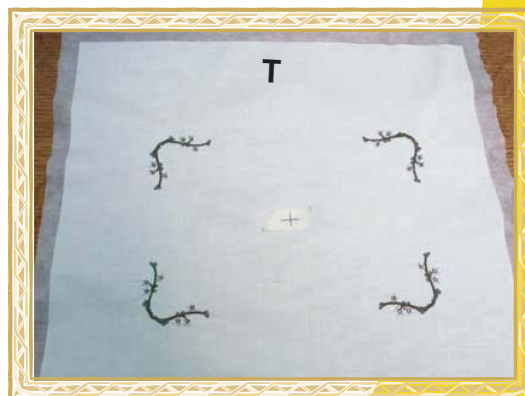
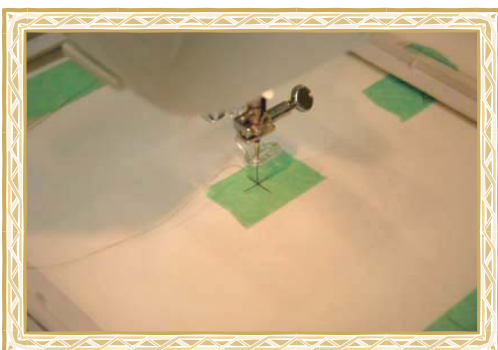
Embroidery cont...

6. Hoop RIGHT SIDE of fabric for second embroidery placement. Use your hoop grid insert and the hoop guide marks at top and bottom to ensure that the fabric is straight in the hoop. **BE SURE to use your edit mode to mirror the same design (Bee009A) for opposite side embroidery.**



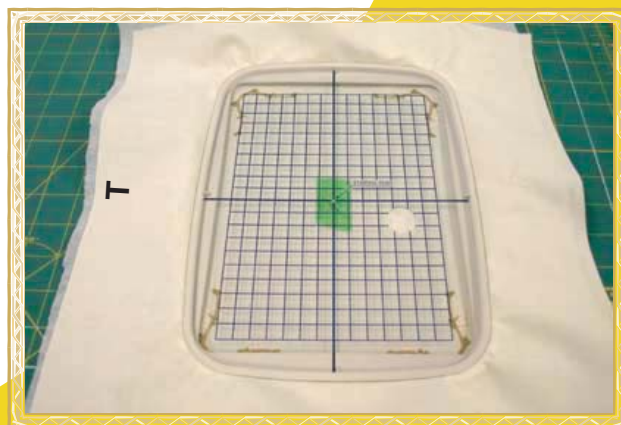
7. Attach hoop to machine and use jog keys to line up needle with center mark on masking tape. Slide 1 piece of tear-away stabilizer under the hoop and sew the embroidery design (Bee009A) following the same sewing sequence as previous side. (see page 4)

8. When embroidery design is complete, remove hoop from machine and carefully remove the fabric from the hoop. Clip all threads from front and back. Remove tear-away stabilizer.



9. Now it is time to hoop the fabric for the 3rd embroidery design placement. (Bee009B - Large Frame) Position fabric with the marked "T" rotated once to the left. Now the sides become the top and bottom. Hoop the fabric with the center crosshair as close to the center of the hoop as possible.

TIP: Use the grid on the hoop insert and the previous embroidery to help line up the fabric so that it is perfectly straight.





Embroidery cont...

10. Prepare machine to sew Bee009B - Large Frame. Attach hoop to machine and use your jog keys to line up needle with center mark on masking tape. Slide 1 piece (7" x 9") tear-away stabilizer under the hoop. Sew the design following the sewing sequence:

NOTE: This design uses the special technique "Cutwork". Follow the instructions in the sewing sequence carefully.

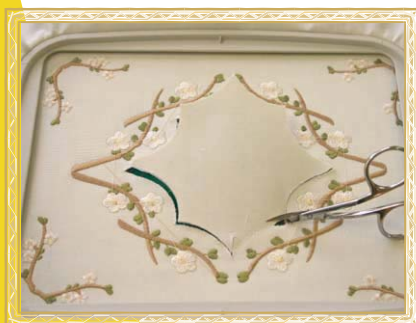
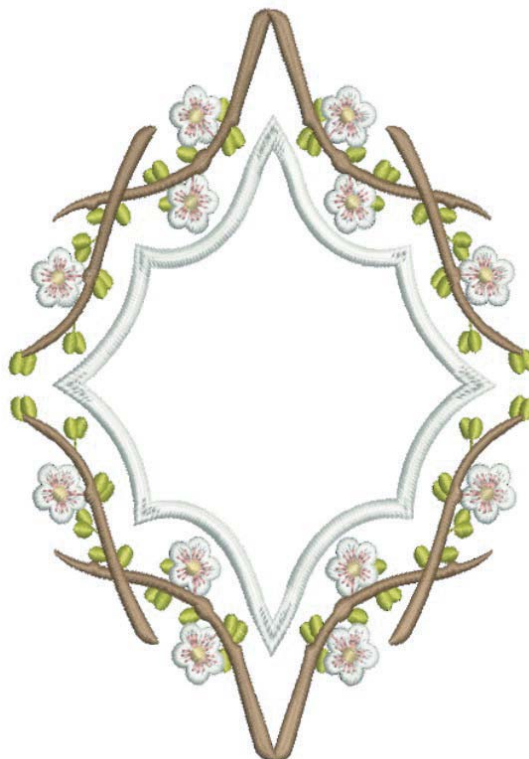
Large Frame - Bee009B

- leaves
- flowers
- flower shading
- branches
- flower centers

** Clip all threads through the center of the design

- CUTLINE

** Remove hoop from machine (DO NOT REMOVE FABRIC FROM HOOP) and carefully cut exactly on the stitches of the cutline with a pair of small clipping scissors.



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** Replace bobbin with matching bobbin thread to selected border colour.

** Reattach hoop and slide 1 piece (5" x 5") WATER SOLUBLE stabilizer under the hoop to completely cover the hole.



- Border



Embroidery cont...

11. Once embroidery is complete, remove hoop from machine and carefully remove fabric from hoop. Clip all threads from front and back and remove tear-away stabilizer. Cut water soluble stabilizer from center of design leaving a small amount around the border. Be careful not to cut any embroidery stitches.

TIP: Do not remove the tear-away between the vines and cutwork border. It adds stability to the frame (hole) and helps to block the photo from showing through the fabric.



12. Position "hole" over a piece of paper towel to soak up extra moisture. Carefully wet the remaining water soluble stabilizer with warm/hot water to dissolve from design. Use a damp cloth or an envelope wetting bottle to blot at the edges. Do not immerse the fabric in water or hold under running water as the water may permanently mark the fabric.



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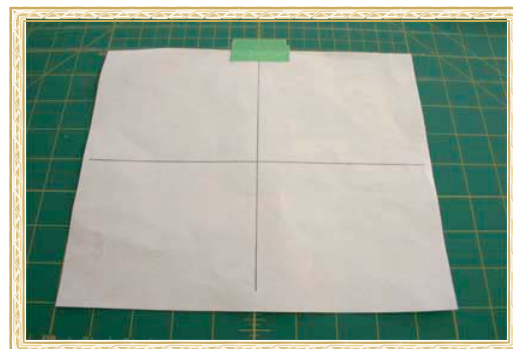
13. Press the fabric to dry the border stitches and to remove hoop marks. Be careful that tip of iron does not crease border stitches.





Framing

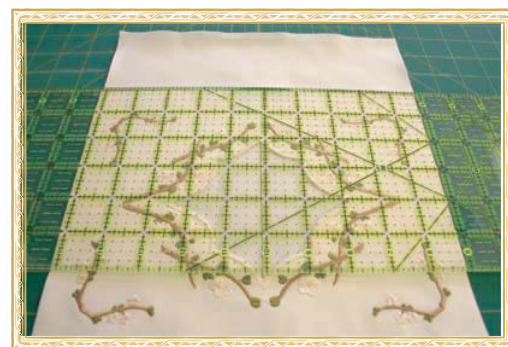
1. Remove back and any inserts from picture frame. Draw a large crosshair at exact center of paper insert. If your frame does not have a paper insert, make one using the glass from your frame as a template. Place paper on cutting mat and line up edges and crosshair with grid lines on mat. Tape 1 edge to secure.



2. Line up 4 points of cutwork border with crosshair lines on the paper.



3. Align grid ruler with lines on cutting mat and edge of paper. Cut all 4 sides of fabric. Cut the side that has been secured with tape last to ensure that nothing shifts at this stage.



4. Align selected photo on crosshair of paper insert. Use a very small piece of tape on top edge of photo to secure.





Framing cont...

5. Check that the inside edge of the glass is clean and free of fingerprints. Place embroidery side down on glass in frame. Place paper insert (with photo attached) and all other layers/inserts back into frame. Close the back.

TIP: Add extra layers in frame (if necessary) to make it as tight as possible. This will help to make the embroidery lay nice and flat in the frame.

Finished!



Repeat the embroidery steps to create smaller frame arrangements using the designs Bee009C and Bee009D.

Sewing Sequences

Single Corner - Bee009C

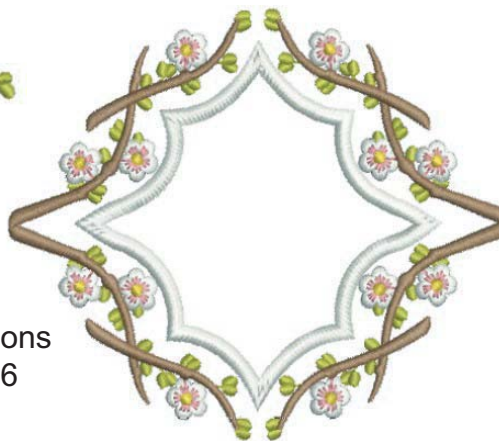
- leaves
- flower centers
- flowers
- flower shading
- branches



Small Frame - Bee009D

- leaves
- flowers
- flower shading
- branches
- flower centers
- CUTLINE

** illustrated instructions for cutwork on page 6



** Remove hoop from machine (DO NOT REMOVE FABRIC FROM HOOP) and carefully cut exactly on stitches of cutline. Replace bobbin with matching thread to border colour. Reattach hoop and slide water soluble stabilizer under the hoop to completely cover the hole.

- Border

Ideas and Arrangements

- Start with a larger piece of fabric to embroider a cover for a small or large photo album.
- Embroider and cut out a frame to adhere to greeting cards or invitations.
- Incorporate the frames and corner designs in your next scrapbooking project.
- Embroider either frame on a garment or accessory. Replace the water soluble stabilizer with fabric to create a reverse applique. (no hole!)
- Embroider designs on handmade paper instead of fabric for a whole new look! Visit www.stitchitize.com for instructions on paper embroidery.

