

Using the Endless Designs in a Regular Hoop

The endless border designs have alignment marks at the ends of the designs. These are used so that you can re-hoop your fabric and line the design up so it will join together with the first design you stitch so you can create a long border on your fabric.

Lay the fabric out flat on the table and use chalk and mark a center line down the length of fabric where the embroidery will be. This will help when re-hooping the design. Vertical Alignment is critical so the design stays straight. As long as you place it in the hoop with the chalkline in the center of the hoop, you will be fine.

You need to be sure you have a strip of stabilizer that goes the full length of that strip of fabric. Spray the stabilizer with 505 Fabric Adhesive and "hand" press it to the wrong side of the strip of fabric. Once it is attached, it would be a good idea to perhaps do a long basting stitch around the edge to be sure it will stay and not come loose or you can also use an iron on interfacing stabilizer.

1- You will need to print out a template from your software this will help with lining up the design. I trim off excess paper so it is easier to use (I trim mine to the edge just so the placement marks are on the edge).

2- After preparing and hooping fabric, place on machine, now slow the speed down on your machine. This is important as this will help create less pull on your fabric as it stitches out design. I have found just because the machine can stitch fast doesn't mean you should. That is why you can control the speed. So, fast is not always best for your stitching.

3- Remove hoop from machine and un-hoop fabric. Move hoop down fabric. Lay the template on fabric and match it up with the marks to help in re-hooping. Once the fabric is re-hooped place back on machine. It is best to manually step through the first stitch. the center stitch and then jump it to where the first alignment stitch is and make sure it matches and then manually turn it to jump over to the other. If you match up the design correctly it will stitch out as a joined design.

It sounds hard but it really is not after you have a little practice. It is always best to practice first on a similar type of fabric before you put it on the piece you want it on.

Now you must understand these are generic directions you will need to determine what you can do on the machine you have as all the embroidery machines are not created equal.