

How to Hoop Scalloped Baby Pillows with Ease From Embroider This!

Have you shied away from trying to embroider items that seem difficult to hoop? Let me show you the “trick of the trade” that allows you to hoop items with ease!

The following tutorial will take you step by step through the process of hooping one of our very popular Scalloped Baby Pillow. This item has a center back overlapping closure that at first may seem troublesome to hoop. The clear instructions with photos that follow will have you hooping like a pro in no time!



(resources for items used in this tutorial are listed at the end)

Items that are too small or difficult to hoop the traditional way are often very easy to hoop using a sticky stabilizer. We used Sulky® Sticky stabilizer for this sample. This product is a medium weight tear-away stabilizer that has a “sticky” surface on one side covered with a protective paper backing.

If you prefer, you can use a regular mid-weight tear-away stabilizer and spray it with a temporary adhesive spray product such as 505 Spray® to achieve the same results.

STEP 1:

Cut a piece of Sulky® Sticky stabilizer two inches larger than your hoop then hoop the stabilizer with the paper side up:



(If you are using a plain tear away stabilizer with a temporary adhesive spray, hoop the stabilizer at this step)

STEP 2:

Score the paper using an old sewing machine needle and then peel away the protective paper backing to expose an area of “sticky” surface larger than the design you wish to embroider.



Sticky® Stabilizer in the hoop with Paper removed:



(If you are using a plain tear-away stabilizer instead of the Sulky® Sticky, spray the stabilizer with a temporary adhesive spray like 505 Spray® at this step to make it “sticky”).

Tip: Cover the exposed areas of your hoop to keep them from getting “sticky” too! Masking tape works well.

Step 3:

To find the center of the item you wish to embroider, fold the item in half lengthwise lining up the edges and crease the fold with your finger. Fold the item in half again sideways, again lining up the edges and crease it again with your finger. Unfold the piece, you will have a cross indicating the center of the item as well as guidelines to help you line up the item horizontally and vertically in your hoop.



Step 4:

Next, fold the opening of each side of the pillow back two times and pin to keep the extra fabric out of the way when stitching.



Step 5:

Fold the item in half lengthwise with right sides together along the crease lines created in step 3 and position the item over the hoop. Line up the horizontal fold using the center markings on the outer sides of your hoop (mine has little arrows on each side of the hoop). At the same time, line up the vertical fold line with the arrow in the center of the bottom of your hoop.



Step 6:

Slowly and gently press the item down onto the sticky surface keeping it lined up in the hoop. Check to be certain that the pinned opening edges in the back of the pillows remain out of the way. Gradually work your way around the pillow pressing the design area down onto the sticky surface until an area large enough for your design to be embroidered is pressed on the sticky stabilizer. This example was done using a 5" x 7" hoop. A 4"x4" standard size hoop will be even easier!



With you pillow hooped, you are ready to stitch...



The Final Result!



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Resources:

Scalloped Baby Pillows:

<http://www.embroiderthis.com/babypillows.html>

Sulky Stabilizers: <http://www.embroiderthis.com/sulstabrol.html>

505 Spray: <http://www.embroiderthis.com/505sprayandfix.html>

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