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# Holiday Towels

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Create quick & easy Holiday Towels using the built-in creative functions of the BERNINA 880 Sewing and Embroidery Machine. So easy to make, you'll have time to make some for yourself and to give as gifts.

As an added touch for a gift, make customized ribbon using the Stitch Designer to create a new stitch in combination with a holiday sentiment.



## Supplies

### Machine & Accessories

- BERNINA 880 Sewing & Embroidery Machine
- Jumbo Hoop
- Mega Hoop
- Large Oval Hoop
- Teardrop Embroidery Foot #26

### Threads

- Isacord Thread to coordinate towel colors
- Embroidery Bobbin thread (reds & greens)
- 30 weight White Cotton embroidery Thread

### Fabric & Notions

- 3 Purchased Kitchen Towels
- 1' Twill Tape Ribbon
- OESD AquaMesh Plus Stabilizer
- OESD Light-weight TearAway Stabilizer
- OESD AquaFilm Stabilizer
- Organ Titanium Needles - Sizes 80 & 90

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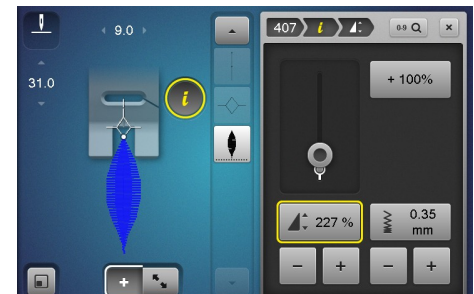
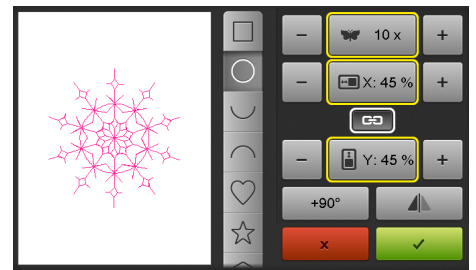
## Snowflake Towel

### Snowflake 1

- Select Home > Sewing and Open Combi-Mode.
- Insert the following Stitches into the combination:
  - Stitch #1
  - Stitch #723
  - Stitch #305
  - Stitch #723
  - Stitch #1
- Save the combination, if desired, however, it is not necessary to save before taking the combination into embroidery.
- Select Home and Embroidery.
- Select the My Designs Folder and select the stitch combination previously created.
- Select the Hoop Icon > Medium Hoop and close.
- Select the information icon and Shaping.
- Select the Circle.
- Set the number of motifs to 10 and the size of the shape to 45% (proportional sizing with the lock engaged).
- Check to confirm and close the information screen.
- To Save the motif, select the Selection icon. Select Save and touch the motif to save.

### Create Snowflake 2

- Select Home and Sewing (returns to the combi-screen from snowflake one).
- To get a new combi-screen, select the Information icon, select the Edit the Complete Combination icon, and the Delete icon. Check to confirm. Close the information menu.
- Insert the following Stitches into the combination:
  - Stitch #1
  - Stitch #723
  - Stitch #407, set elongation to 227% (open the information icon, select Pattern Extend/Stitch Density, and move the slider until it reads 227%, close the menu).
  - Stitch #723
  - Stitch #711
- Save the combination, if desired.





- Select Home and Embroidery.
- Select the folder for Selection and the New Motif Icon. Select the My Designs Folder and select the stitch combination previously created.
- Select the Hoop Icon > Oval Hoop and close.
- Select the information icon and Shaping.
- Select the Circle.
- Set the number of motifs to 8 and the size of the shape to 50% (proportional sizing with the lock engaged). *Tip: the starting size of the shape is determined by the hoop size, therefore, the rate of change to a shape may vary depending on the hoop of origin.*
- Activate +90° 2 times (making stitch #711 the outer stitch in the string).
- Check to confirm.
- Select the Hoop Icon and select the Jumbo Hoop.
- Make an arrangement using both snowflakes spanning the width of the Jumbo Hoop.
- Save the design.

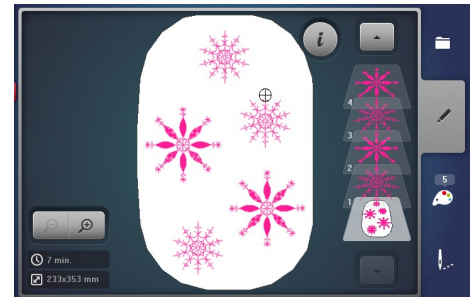
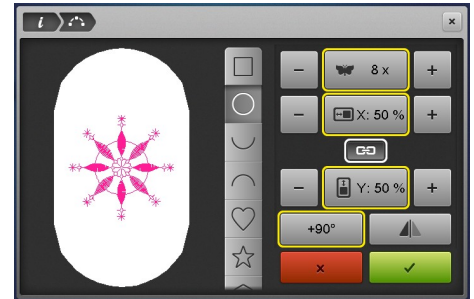
To Embroider:

- Hoop Aqua Mesh Plus with the paper side up. Score and remove paper.
- Smooth the towel to the adhesive with the bottom edge of the towel touching the right side of the hoop.
- Thread the machine with embroidery bobbin thread, and use 30 weight Cotton thread in the needle (and a size 90 Titanium Needle).
- Embroider. All snowflakes were embroidered with white thread. Activate 'Single Color' so the machine will not stop in between snowflakes.



## Joy Towel

- Select Home and Embroidery
- Select the Motifs Folder > Folder 8 > Folder 1 > Design 1 (wreath).
- Select the Information icon and the Rescale icon.





- Select the Hoop Icon > Oval Hoop and close.



- Select Add.



- Use the navigation path at the top of the screen and select the second icon. This is a way to Navigate to the main menu and is referred to as 'breadcrumbs'.



- Select the Alphabet Folder.

- Select Alphabet #5.

- Type the word, JOY, in uppercase.

- Drag and Drop the word below the wreath.



- Scroll to view the WordArt Icon. *(Tip: WordArt is partially displayed in the menu, to scroll, touch and hold the screen and move upward until the WordArt icon is selectable.)*

- Select WordArt and turn the Stitch Length knob until it reads minus 40.

- Reposition (drag & drop) any motifs if necessary.

- Save the design

To Embroider:

- Hoop Light-weight TearAway Stabilizer in the oval hoop.
- Smooth the towel onto the stabilizer and secure with the basting box.
- Thread the machine with embroidery bobbin thread, Isacord embroidery thread and a Size 80 Titanium Organ Needle.
- Embroider. When the embroidery begins the red berries, select single color to complete the design (JOY will stitch in red, too).



## Border Towel

- Select Home and Embroidery.

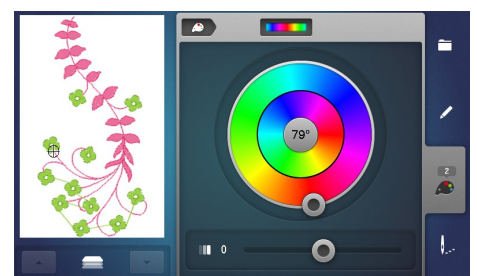
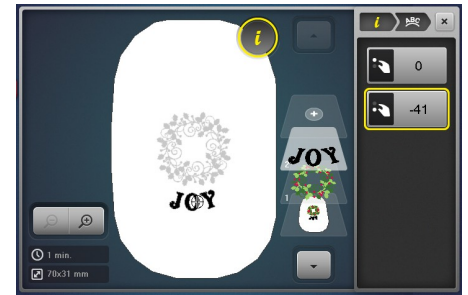
- Select the Motifs Folder > Folder 8 > Folder 4 > Design 9 (floral swag).

- Select the Color Tab.

- Select the Color Wheel Icon.



- Move the Color Wheel Slider to 79°.



- Move the Brightness Slider to read -33 (or use the Stitch Length knob).



- Select the Palette Breadcrumb to view the new colors of the design.



- Select the Edit Tab.



- Select Hoop Icon, select the Mega Hoop, and close.



- Open the information menu.



- Select Duplicate.



- Mirror Image Left/Right (second motif).



- Select the Endless Embroidery Icon.

- Increase the motif number to 2x (giving 2 sets of 2).

- Deactivate the Reference Marks.



- Select Fit to Hoop.

- Check to Confirm.

- Use Absolute Check to position border on towel; Resize the design to fit the towel, if necessary.

To Embroider:

- Hoop Aqua Mesh Plus with the paper side up in the Mega Hoop. Score and remove paper.

- Smooth the towel to the adhesive with the bottom edge of the towel touching the right side of the hoop.

- Thread the machine with embroidery bobbin thread, Isacord embroidery thread and a Size 80 Titanium Organ Needle.

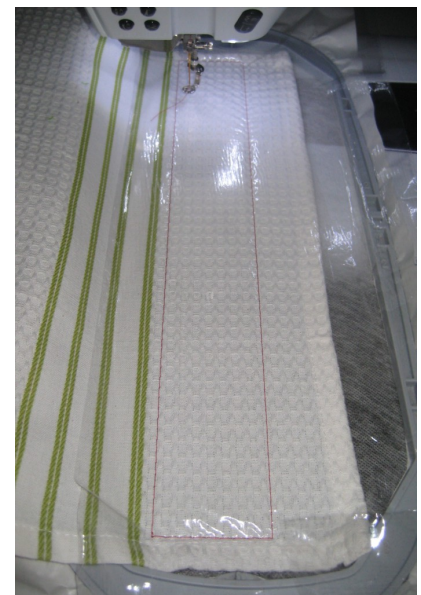
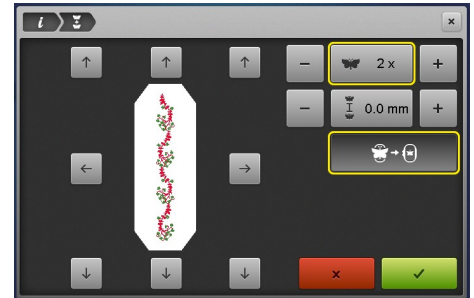
- Activate Resequence to minimize color changes.



- If the towel is a waffle weave towel, lay AquaFilm topping on top and activate the Basting Box to hold it in place.



- Embroider. Wash to remove stabilizers.



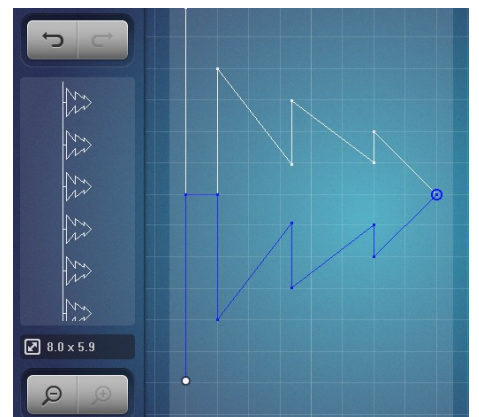
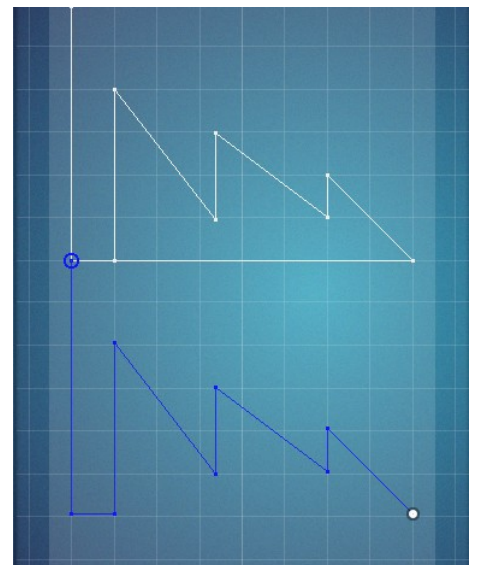
## Ribbon



If giving as a gift, embroider the ribbon with a designed stitch and a sentiment.

- Select Home > Sewing.
- Select Stitch Designer and draw a Christmas Tree following the schematic at the right. Select the New icon to get a clean page.
- Select Selection and
- Select All.
- Select Duplicate.
- Select Mirror Image up/down.
- Move the highlighted design as needed using the Stitch Length knob.
- Check to Confirm and Save to a Folder in Personal Program.
- Open Combi-Mode.
- Create a Combination with the previously created stitch (tree) and a holiday sentiment, such as Merry Christmas.
- Select the Information icon.
- Select Edit the Complete Combination.
- Set Pattern Repeat to 1.
- Stitch onto ribbon; to stabilize the stitching, use a dry iron to press several layers of AquaFilm until it is crisp. *Do not use steam.*
- Place the stabilizer under the ribbon and stitch as needed.

Start Point



Enjoy!