BERNINA 8 Series

Indigo Cocktails

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Use the Stitch Designer to create new stitches and edit existing ones. Sew, embroider or transfer them into the BERNINA Embroidery Software 7 to use as Pattern Runs. Stitch clever borders with the new stitches and add monograms or embroidery motifs to create a set of mix & match hemstitched cocktail napkins.

Finished Size 5" x 8" each

Supplies

Machine & Accessories
- BERNINA 880 Sewing & Embroidery Machine
- BERNINA Embroidery Software 7
- Maxi or Mega Hoop
- Open Embroidery Foot #20C
- Teardrop Embroidery Foot #26
- Clear Reverse Pattern Dual Feed Foot #34D
- Slide on Table with Guide
- Stylus
- BERNINA Serger

Fabric & Notions
- Linen Fabric, cut into 10" x 8" rectangles
- 15" OESD Light-weight Tear-Away Stabilizer
- Size 80 Organ Embroidery Needle
- Size 80 Microtex Needle, Sewing
- Size 100/16 Hemstitch/Wing Needle
- June Tailor Fray Block

Threads
- Isacord Thread for embroidery, Indigo color
- 60wt Mettler Fine Embroidery thread for bobbin
- 60wt Mettler Fine Embroidery Thread to match linen for hemstitching
- 3 spools Serger or Isacord thread, Indigo color

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General Project Instructions

- Each napkin consists of a center monogram or embroidered motif.

- Border Stitches were created or edited in Stitch Designer.

- Border Stitches can stitched or embroidered and can be laid out using the BERNINA Embroidery Software 7 pattern run feature.

- Edges were serged using a 3-thread narrow overlock.

- Napkins were folded then hemstitched using a Wing Needle and relevant heirloom stitches.

Designing with the Stitch Designer

Watch the Stitch Designer Tutorial (on the bernina.com website or from the DVD in the B 880 box) to get familiar with free-hand drawing.

Designing Pebbles

- Open the Stitch Designer.

- Use the stylus to freehand draw circles within the highlighted area (9mm). Draw pebbles (or circles). Starting and stopping the drawing on the same 'y' baseline (look at the grid) will make the stitch look continuous as it is sewn. Each Circle will have two rotations before moving partially around the shape to start the next circle.

- When the stitch is complete, Select Check to confirm.

- Save to the USB stick

- To access the USB, select the heart icon, and the folder with the arrow going into the folder (save).

- Select the transition and select USB.

- Select the highlighted stitch to save to USB stick.

Pebbles

Designing Eyelash

- Open the Stitch Designer.

- Use the stylus to freehand draw or tap in points that create a curve with zigzag satin stitches on the curve (as pictured) within the highlighted area (9mm).

- Use the Zoom feature to see more of the screen and have more drawing space.

- Starting and stopping the drawing on the same plane (look at the grid) will make the stitch look continuous as it is sewn.
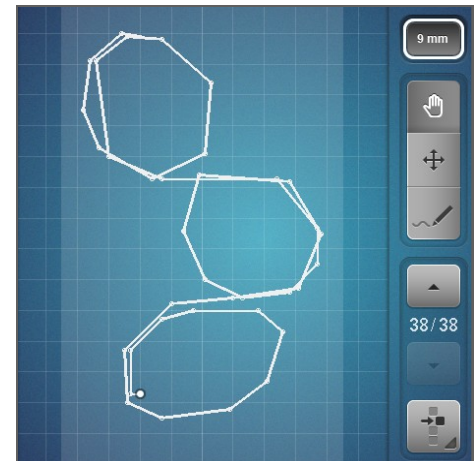
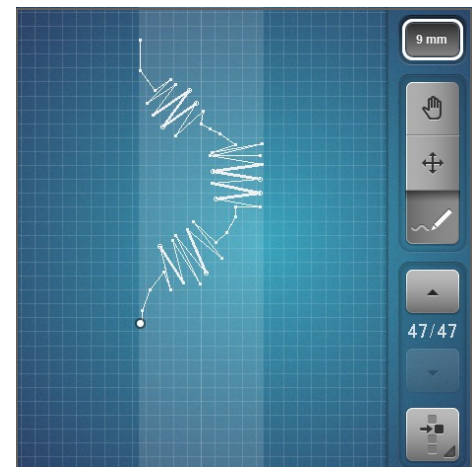- When the stitch is complete, Select Check to confirm.

- Save to USB Stick as before.

- Tip: With Sideways Motion Stitching, fingertip guide the fabric keeping the foot parallel to the fabric (or strip).

Eyelash

Editing Stitch #1341

- Select Stitch 1341 from the Quilt Menu.
- Open Stitch Designer.
- The stitch comes into Stitch designer and can be edited as desired.

Designing Freehand Daisy

- Open the Stitch Designer.
- Select 'new' to erase the screen.
- Use the stylus to draw a daisy with overlapping circles as pictured; stopping on the same 'y' axis as the start of the stitch will create a fluent stitch.
- Make modifications to the stitch if necessary. Select Move and tap the point to edit and move with the stylus or Multi-function knobs.
- When complete, select Check, and save to USB stick.

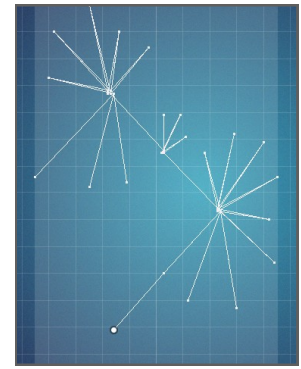## Taking Stitches into Embroidery Software

- Take the USB stick with the stitches and attach to the computer and open the BERNINA Embroidery Software 7.
- File > Open > navigate to the USB stick and select one of the stitches.
- Select the stitch.
- Select Settings > Create Pattern.
- In the dialog box, type in a name for the pattern set, ie, 880 SDes.
- Name the stitch, i.e., 880 SD 1 and OK.
- Follow the prompt in the lower left hand corner of the screen and click on a beginning point and ending point. This establishes the size—select the north most point and the south most point, such as the bounding box handles.
- A message that the pattern was created will appear.
- Repeat for all four stitches.
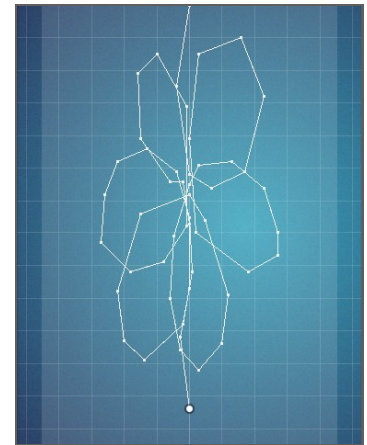
Stitches to/from Embroidery Software

Embroidery Software 7 has stitches not found on the B 880 and they can be imported into the Stitch Designer, such as a Candlewicking stitch.

- In the embroidery software, Select Open Object and Candlewicking Outline.
- Draw a short line (2 clicks and enter).
- Select the Machine Write icon and save the Candlewicking stitch to the USB stick.

Stitch 1341

Freehand Daisy

- Put the USB stick into the B 880 port.
- Select the Personal Program (heart).
- Select Open (icon with arrow coming out of folder).
- Select the transition and USB.
- Select the stitch.
- To save to the machine, select the 'heart' breadcrumb and Select save (icon with arrow going into folder).
- Select one of the four folders and touch the highlighted stitch.
- The saved stitch is good for sewing single candlewick stitches on projects (use open Embroidery foot #20C).
- To use this stitch in a row, the imported stitch needs to have some straight stitches added for traveling to the next space, otherwise the it will stitch on top of itself.
- To add travel stitches, Open the Stitch Designer.
- The active dot indicates the last needlepoint in the stitch.
- Tap in some straight stitches until the preview reflects the desired result; for stitching candlewicking in a row, a foot with a larger tunnel is preferred, such as Foot #12C.

Creating Monograms with Embroidery Software

- Each napkin has a center embroider monogram or motif.
- Monograms can easily be created in the BERNINA Embroidery Software 7 using the Monogram Function or just by arranging letters with the lettering tool.
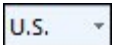- Select Mono.

Creating the Napkin Template

- Select Outline > Single.
- Select Digitize > Rectangle.
- Tap 2 diagonal points to create a rectangle and Enter.
- Select the Select Tool to deactivate the tool and select the object.
- Select Object Properties and change the stitch length=4mm.
- Set the measurement to US (inches) in the tool bar.
- Turn off the lock by the rectangle dimensions.
- Set the rectangle to 8" across and 5" tall and press Enter.
- Change the Grid Spacing to ¼" by Right-clicking on the Hoop > Grid.
- Activate Snap to Grid and Display Grid.
- Move the rectangle to align with the grid if necessary.

- Select Digitize > Open Object and draw the border ½" inside the outer rectangle. The border is on 3 sides, omit the north-most line.
- Select the Border Line and Object Properties.
- Set Outline Type to Pattern Run.
- For Library, select the created library (880 SDes) and select one of the new stitches and OK and OK.
- The straight stitch border is transformed into the pattern run selected and complete motifs are distributed on the line with a clean corner.
- Add the monogram/motif of your choice.

Option 1: Crown Design from OESD Whitework Monograms #12507, Design #32 (This OESD Collection has beautiful monograms that may be substituted for creating your own.)

Option 2: SF with Side Flourishes

- Open the Monogram tool and type 2 initials in Box 1 & Box 2.
- Select Monogram Layout #1.
- Select Veranda Alphabet.
- Select Ornaments tab > Add > From Patterns > Select Pattern Library 01Monograms and select an ornament (M020a).
- Select OK.
- Select Positions 4 & 6 and Select Mirrors.
- Select OK to close the Monogram window.
- Arrange on template with decorative border & save—before sending to USB stick, change the color of the rectangle to force a stop after the placement line.
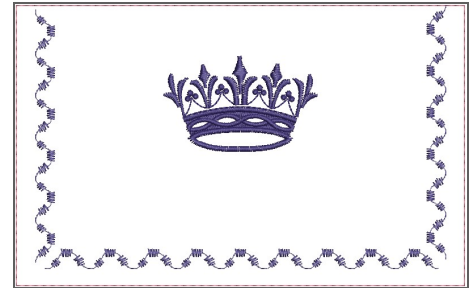- Select Write to machine and USB(EXP).

SF with TrueType Font WingDings 2 Embellishments

- Open the Monogram tool and type 2 initials in Box 1 & Box 3.
- Select Monogram Layout #8.
- Select Ketchikan Alphabet.
- Ok to close.
- Type A on the keyboard to open lettering properties.
- Scroll to select TrueType Font WingDings 2.
- Click on Select Character to view the symbols and the corresponding letter to type (lower case e) and OK.
- Select straight baseline, Click OK, and Click on screen to place motif.
- Select it—change the size to work with letters on screen and use Copy/Paste with the Mirror Image Tools for the repeat.

Option 4: F with Candlewicking Swirls

- Type A on the keyboard to open Lettering Properties.
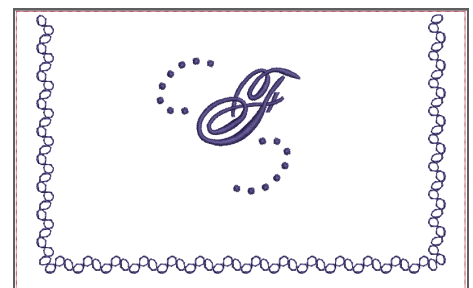

Option 1

OESD Whitework Monograms #12507

Option 2

Option 3

Option 4

- Scroll to select Meegan Alphabet.
- Type in a single letter (in caps) and OK.
- Click on screen to place motif.
- Select the Open Object tool and tap in a curve; press Enter to set.
- Select the curve and select Candlewicking outline.
- Use Copy/Paste and mirror to set up a second swirl.

Embroidery Machine Set Up

- Machine with module, and Slide-On Table attached.
- Wind a bobbin with Mettler 60 wt thread and thread the bobbin for embroidery.
- Thread the Organ Embroidery Needle with Indigo Isacord .

Embroider the Napkins

- Open the design from the USB stick.
- Hoop 1 layer of Light-weight Tear-Away stabilizer.
- Stitch the placement line.
- Lay the fabric into the hoop aligning with the 2 side placement lines and the bottom placement line (ignore the north placement line, it was for design purposes only).
- Embroider the Design.
- Remove from hoop and remove the excess stabilizer.

The Serger Edge

- Set up the serger for a narrow 3-thread overlock and thread with Indigo serger or Isacord thread.
- The napkins are not folded for the serging process; serge each napkin as a single layer going around all 4 sides.
- Use Fray Block to set the last thread tail and trim.

Hemstitching the Napkins

- Select Home > Sewing
- Install the wing needle and program Needle Security for the wing needle. Thread with 60 wt thread that matches the linen; Press the automatic threader button to put the thread in the take up lever and finish the threading process manually by inserting the thread into the eye of the needle. Thread the bobbin for sewing.
- Fold the napkins in half (wrong sides together) forming a 5" x 8" rectangle and matching the serged edges.
- Attach Clear Foot #34D and engage Dual Feed.
- Select the hemstitch stitch of choice (#701, 720) and hemstitch in the open area between the serger edge and the decorative stitch.
- The hemstitching sews the napkins together—and Voila! They are ready for cocktails.

3-Thread Overlock

Folded Napkin

Hemstitching Detail