



In the Hoop Embroidery Academy

Project I: Easy as Pie Tissue Case



Are you ready to meet your new obsession? In the hoop embroidery is fast, easy, and completely addicting!

We'll be stitching 3 amazingly easy projects to give you a great introduction to "in the hoop" embroidery. Once you've stitched these designs, you'll find out what all the buzz is about and you'll be ready to move on to any "in the hoop" design you want to try!

Let's get started!

Load the design on your machine.

Gather your supplies:

- 5x7 hoop
- Tearaway stabilizer
- Fat quarter or $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of cotton fabric

Prepare your materials:

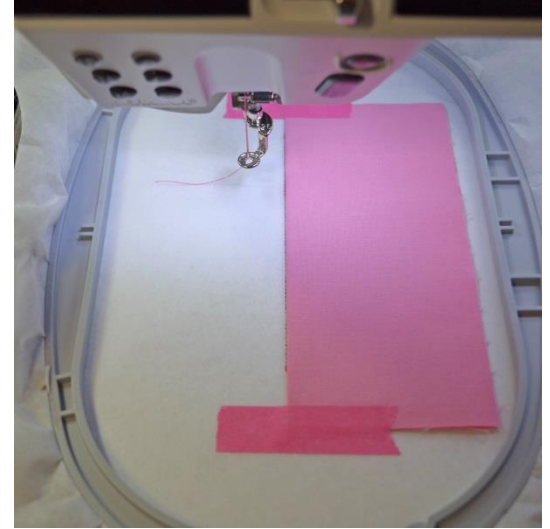
- Cut your fabric as follows:
Four pieces - 6" width x 7" length
- Fold/Press:
Fold and press two pieces to 3" x 7"
- Hoop a piece of tearaway stabilizer.

Get ready to stitch!

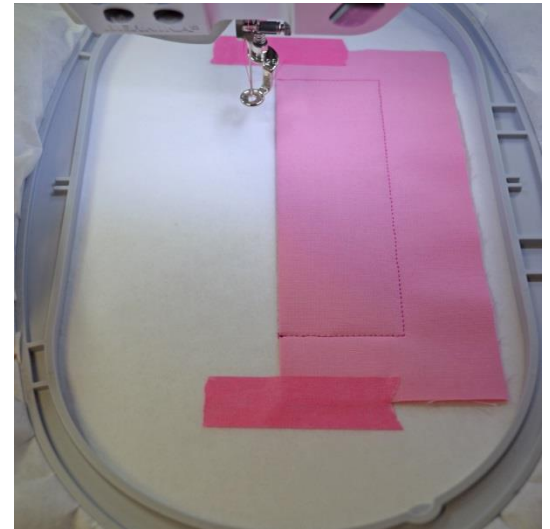
- 1) Sew the first set of stitches to create a stitched line directly on the stabilizer. This is a placement line and it's there to guide you on where to place the first piece of fabric.



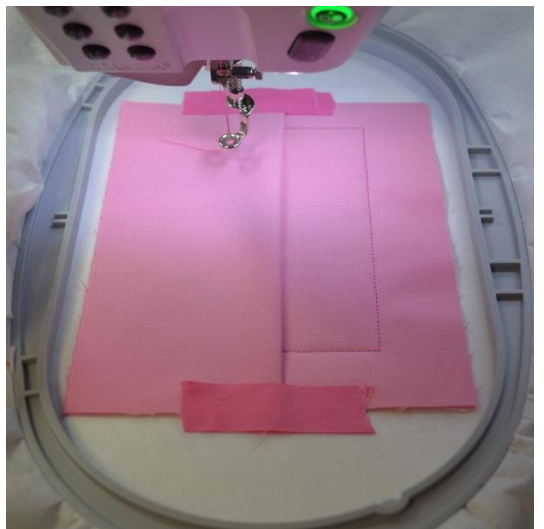
- 2) Take one piece of folded fabric. Line the fold of the fabric directly to the right of the placement line. The fabric fold should extend about an inch and a half beyond the top and bottom of the placement line. Tape the fabric in place at the top and bottom.



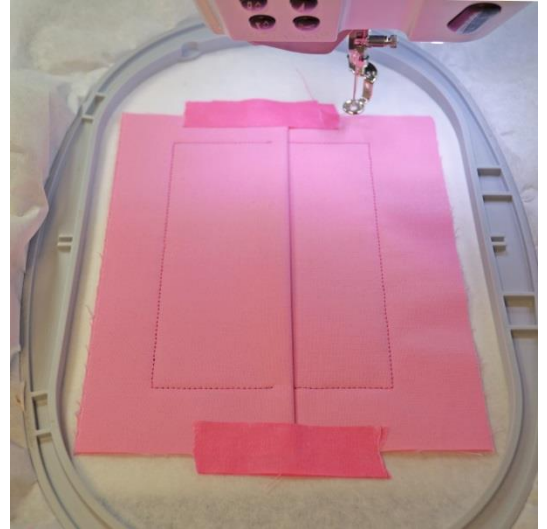
- 3) Sew the next set of stitches to tack the fabric to the stabilizer.



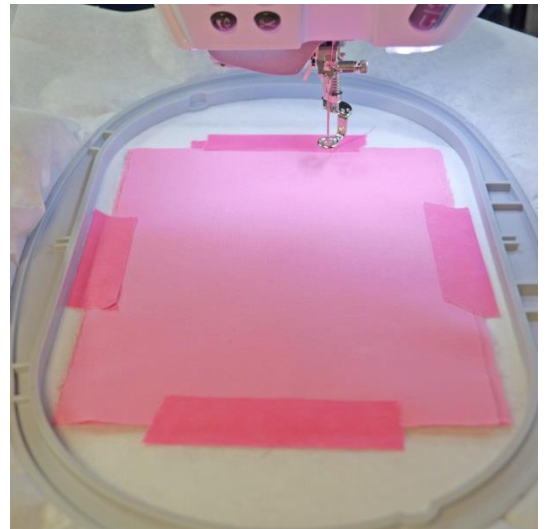
- 4) Take the second piece of folded fabric and place over the left side of the hoop with the fold facing the center of the hoop. Overlap this fabric over the existing fabric by 1/4". Tape in place at the top and bottom.



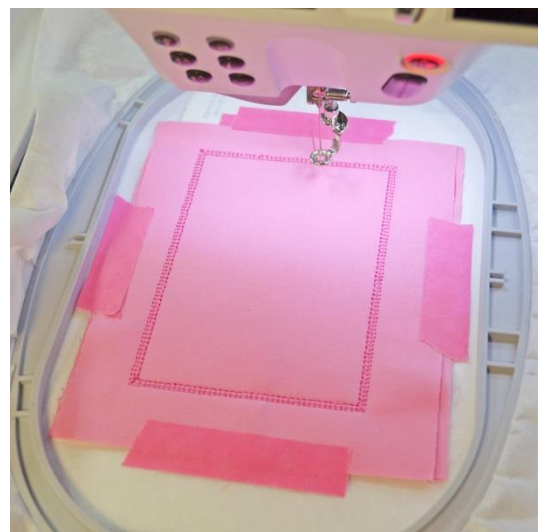
5) Sew the next set of stitches to tack the fabric to the stabilizer.



6) Take one piece of 6 x7 fabric and center it, face down, over the hoop. Place the last piece of fabric, face up, over the first piece. Tape in place on all sides.



7) Sew the final set of stitches to complete the stitching.



8) Remove the project from the hoop and remove all of the tearaway stabilizer.

9) Trim off the excess fabric.



10) Turn the project inside out, poke out the corners well. Tuck a pack of pocket-sized tissues inside and admire your first “in the hoop” project!

Wasn't that fun and easy?!

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