

Projects

"Quilted Table Topper"



With the new Ellisimo Upgrade, placement of designs has taken a turn toward the easy side. Now, with the use of the built-in camera, you can scan your hooped area then perfectly place any design on your fabric as desired. If that is not enough, you can resizing up to 200% or reduce your design 60% while maintaining stitch density and quality; plus, features to numerous to mention in this project. If this sounds too good to be true, you will need to test drive this upgrade.

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Supplies:

Baby Lock® Ellisimo sewing and embroidery machine
Ellisimo Upgrade Package
Built-in Exclusive Floral embroidery design
Baby Lock Tear-Away stabilizer
2 Yards of black print cotton
2 Yards of white print cotton
3 Yards of pink print for backing and bias strips
14" Square of white fabric
Low loft batting
Assortment of Madeira Polyester threads
Positioning marker

At the Cutting Table and Sewing Machine:

1. Cut triangles from the black print and also from the white print that measure 15½" at the base and 19½" on the sides. Cut the sides at a 45° angle.
2. From the same two fabrics, cut four rectangles from each print that measure 20" x 3½" for a total of eight sections.
3. Using a ¼" seam allowance, sew the 20" x 3½" sections to the bottom edge of the triangle sections. Alternate the prints on each of the sections so that the black triangle print has a white print sewn to the base and the white triangle section has a black print at its base.
4. Using a rotary cutter and ruler, cut the rectangle base on each section at the same angle as the top.
5. Sew the triangle sections together using a ¼" seam allowance to create two sections with four triangle in each while alternating a white print with a black print. Sew the two sections together to create the table top.
6. Using a water soluble marking pen, draw a line down the length of each triangle section to show the center.

Embroidery:

First Design:

1. With the machine set up for embroidery, retrieve the floral design by selecting Embroidery Edit and then the Exclusive Flowers category. The design will be the first design on the second page if using the small icons settings.
2. Click on the design and place on the workspace.
3. Click on the Size tool. Click on the Sizing icon and increase the size of the design to 28.2cm x 12.4cm by using the tool with the arrows pointing outward.
4. Hoop the tear-away stabilizer in the 200mm x 300mm hoop along with the quilt top so that the bottom edge of table top is located in the center of the hoop.
5. Place the Positioning Sticker on the center blue line (this line was drawn with the water soluble marker).



6. Tap on the Positioning icon so that the machine recognizes the sticker and makes design placement adjustments.
7. Click on the Sew icon and sew the design using the thread colors of your choosing.
8. Repeat the hooping process until all eight sections has been embroidered.

Second Design:

1. Reset the design to its original size by clicking on the Resize tool while follow the prompts.
2. Hoop the stabilizer in the 200mm x 300mm hoop along with the table top so that the left side on the first triangle is centered in the hoop. See the illustration that follows.



3. Click on the Camera icon on the machine. The machine will scan the fabric in the hoop. When the scan is complete the fabric and the embroidered design will appear on the screen.
4. Rotate and place the design so that the bottom edge of the stem is placed about ½" away from the first design's stem and at an angle. Use either the stylist or your index finger to move the design Embroider all of the sections in the same manner.

Third Design:

1. Reset the design to its original size by clicking on the Resize tool. Set the design to 22.2cm x 9.8cm.

2. Hoop the stabilizer in the 200mm x 300mm hoop along with the table top so that the upper right side of the triangle is placed in the hoop (refer to the following illustration for design placement).



3. Place the hoop on the embroidery unit and tab on the Camera to create a new scan of this location.
4. Rotate the design so that the bottom section of the stem is approximately 1/2" away from the pink flower. Embroider all of the sections in this same manner.

Fourth Design:

1. To embroider the 3½" wide border sections, retrieve the 10th design from the Exclusive Nancy Zieman collection.
2. Hoop the stabilizer along with the first border section. Click on the Camera icon and scan the fabric. Centered the design on the border and embroider the design. Repeat for all of the 8 border sections.

Fifth Design:

1. For the center design, hoop the 14" square of fabric in the 200mm x 200mm hoop along with the tear-away stabilizer.
2. Using the design from the Exclusive Lace collection, select the 13 design listed under this category.
3. Move the design so that it's centered on the 14" square piece.
4. Embroider the design.
5. Using a coffee filter as a template, center the filter over the embroidered lace design and cut around the filter being sure to leave at least ½".
6. Place the circle in the center of the top and setting the machine up for sewing, select an appliqué zigzag stitch. Set the Length to 0.4 and the Width to 7mm. Appliqué the embroidered circle to the center of the table top.

Finishing:

1. To create a piece for the backing section, sew together two sections that will be larger than the quilted table topper embroidered section.
2. Lay the pieced section on a flat surface and sandwich the batting between the backing and the table topper section.
3. Quilt the sandwiched topper as desired.
4. Cut 2½" wide bias strips from the backing fabric. Piece the bias strips together to make one continuous strip long enough to fit around the outer edge of the table topper. Press the seams open.

5. Fold the bias strip lengthwise with the wrong sides together and the raw edges even.
6. Pin the bias strip to the front of the table topper with the raw edges even. Sew $\frac{3}{8}$ " from the edge.
7. Fold the bias strip to the back and sew the bias strip to the back using a hand stitch.

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