

## Projects

### "Snowflake Candle Mat"



Another way to decorate for the Holidays is using snowflake design to create a candle mat. Christmas Traditions Interactive Embroidery is so versatile with thousands of Snowflake design to choose from, that the sky's the limit with these designs.

**Skill Level: Easy**

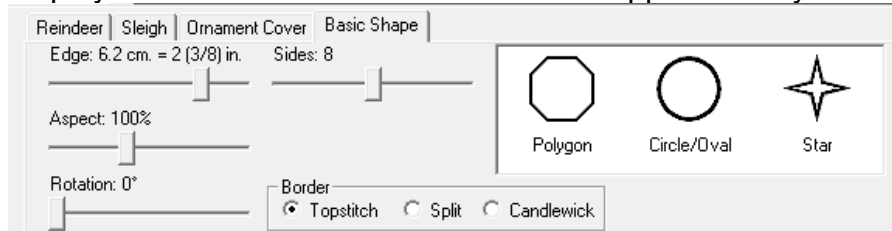
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## Supplies:

Baby Lock® Ellisimo sewing and embroidery machine using the 200mm x 200mm hoop  
Christmas Traditions Interactive Embroidery from Designer's Gallery  
Baby Lock Dissolve-Away Mesh stabilizer  
Organza  
Madeira threads (white)  
Wood burning tool (Optional)

## At the Computer:

1. Open the Interactive program by clicking on the icon on the desktop.
2. Click on Preferences on the top toolbar and set the hoop size to 200mm x 200mm and click OK.
3. On the left side of the workspace, click on the Christmas Traditions.
4. On the bottom toolbar, click on the Basic Shape tab.
5. Select Polygon shape and set the sides to 8.
6. Slide the Edge to adjust the size of the 8 sided polygon. The size will be displayed on the status bar and should be approximately 166mm x 166mm.



7. To add a snowflake design to the center of the shape, click on the



Interactive icon [Interacti...](#) on the top toolbar.

8. On the left toolbar, click on CT1 Christmas Designs.



CT1: Christmas Designs

9. Click on the Snowflake tab.
10. Click on Make a Random Snowflake. Continue to click on Make a Random Snowflake until you are happy with a snowflake.
11. After you have selected a snowflake, slide the Size scroll bar in either direction so that the snowflake fits inside the polygon shape.
12. Make any additional changes to your snowflake at this time. Do not be afraid of moving any of the slide bars. Moving them only increases the possibilities.
13. Click on the Save icon and save your design to the media source that your machine reads in the .pes file format.

### Embroidery:

1. With the machine set up for embroidery, retrieve the Snowflake design.
2. Click on the design and place on the workspace.
3. Hoop two layers of the Dissolve-Away Mesh stabilizer and a piece of organza larger than the 200mm x 200mm hoop.
4. Embroider the design using white Madeira thread along with white thread in the bobbin.
5. Repeat Embroidery Steps 1-4 to create as many snowflake mats as you wish.
6. Cut away the stabilizer close to the outside edge of the snowflake and gently rinse away the visible stabilizer. Lay the snowflake mats flat to dry. The snowflake mats should be stiff.

### Finishing:

1. Trim close to the outside edge of the mat to remove any of the organza. Or you can use a wood burning tool to burn the organza away.

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