

# Elegant Embroidery



*Present day meets the past with this vintage flocked taffeta and velvet suit adorned with the elegant touch of machine embroidery and beadwork. An embellished vintage hat completes the ensemble.*

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**Project:**  
Vintage Taffeta  
and Velvet Suit

**Skill Level:**  
Intermediate  
Embroidery/  
Advanced Sewing





# Velvet Meets Vintage



## Materials:

- \* Vintage Vogue pattern #2339
- \* Baby Lock embroidery machine
- \* Baby Lock memory card
- \* "Elegant Baby Designs" (BLEC-C19)
- \* Metallic needles
- \* Robison-Anton metallic embroidery threads. Three colors to coordinate with fabric choice (Sample used black, aluminum, and pewter)
- \* All purpose thread
- \* Fabric and lining yardage according to pattern envelope
- \* Black velvet for upper collar pieces and covered buttons
- \* Three 3/4 quarter inch cover buttons
- \* One large 1 3/8-inch to 1 1/2-inch cover button
- \* Cut-away stabilizer
- \* Machine embroidery spray adhesive
- \* Designer's Gallery® Studio
- \* ColorWorks®
- \* SizeWorks™
- \* Clear tape
- \* Serger
- \* Four spools of Maxi Lock thread
- \* Purchased Vintage hat or Vogue pattern # 7325
- \* Nine Australian crystal beads or small glass beads
- \* Hand needle for beads
- \* Palette
- \* Basic sewing notions and supplies

## Instructions for Suit:

### [Embroidery design set-up]

1. Load design No. 1 from the Elegant Baby Designs card (BLEC-C19) to a computer file using the Palette. Note: Remember where you saved the design.
2. Open Designer's Gallery® and browse to find the file you just saved.
3. Select the design (which is a .pec file) and convert the design to a .pes file. Go to tools, and then choose convert design format to, then choose .PES.
4. Select the new converted .pes file and choose tools, Gallery tools and ColorWorks®.
5. Change the colors of the design from pink, green and yellow to colors that match your fabric selection. The sample shown used silver, gray, and black.
6. Save the design and exit to the main Designer's Gallery® program.
7. Select the design and choose tools, Gallery tools, and SizeWorks™.
8. Resize the design to 150 percent or 2 9/16-inch by 5 1/4-inch.
9. Save the design and exit to the main Designer's Gallery® program.
10. Save the design to a computer file by dragging and dropping the file. Note: Remember where you saved the design.
11. With the finished design file selected, print a full-sized template of your design.
12. Write the design to either a floppy disk or to a blank card for use with your Baby Lock embroidery machine.



*Designs shown throughout this feature are the Babylock "Elegant Baby Designs" used in this project.*



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## Assembly:

1. Cut the template out and position it on the upper collar pattern piece in the desired location.
2. Tape the template to the pattern, using the clear tape.
3. When cutting the fabric, cut a generous 2 inches around the outer edge of the collar pieces. If minor adjustments are necessary after the embroidery process, the excess fabric will allow for shifting the pattern piece slightly.
4. Place a straight pin through the center of the design and mark the center point and the cross lines for alignment. Note: Make sure you have marked both collar pieces, and that they mirror each other forming a left and a right.
5. Hoop stabilizer in the hoop and lightly spray with adhesive to hold the black velvet in place.
6. Rotate the design as needed and center the embroidery design over the markings on the velvet and embroider the design.
7. Embroider the design using a metallic needle and Robison-Anton metallic thread.
8. Repeat this process for the right side collar of the suit, mirroring the design before embroidering.
9. After embroidering, align each side up with the pattern piece and trim the velvet to the correct size for the collar.
10. Use the hand needle and thread to stitch the crystal beads in the center of each of the flowers.
11. Assemble the suit as directed on the pattern. Hint: To make sure a solid taffeta could be matched to the flocked velvet taffeta selected for the top, we looked to the inside, inside out that is! We used the same material and assembled the skirt using the wrong side of our fabric as the right side.

## Instructions for Hat:

The sample shown is a vintage hat found at an antique shop. A small piece of black organdy fan folded, a decorative feather and an embroidered covered button gave the hat a new life.

## Covered Button:

1. To Prepare the embroidery design open Designer's Gallery® and select the finished design used on the suit.
2. Go to tools, then Gallery tools and select ColorWorks®.
3. Remove the gray vine, and then insert color stops between each of the flower sections of the silver and black.
4. Remove stitches from all the silver and black sections except the largest flower.
5. Save the largest flower and exit ColorWorks®. Save the design to a computer file by dragging and dropping the file.  
*Note: Remember where you saved the design.*
6. Write the design to either a floppy disk or to a blank card for use with your Baby Lock embroidery machine.
7. Hoop stabilizer in a small hoop and lightly spray with adhesive to hold a remnant of black velvet in place.
8. Embroider the design matching the metallic thread colors to the colors used on the suit.
9. Trace the template for the covered button from the package instructions centering the template on the embroidery design.
10. Use the hand needle and thread to stitch a crystal bead in the center of the flower.
11. Trim along the template lines and complete the covered button as suggested on the package.

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