

Tropical Splash

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*Combine the love of embroidery with machine
needle felting and the possibilities are endless!*

Embroidery Products

Baby Lock Ellegante sewing & embroidery machine
Baby Lock Ellegante Exclusive flower design or other desired flower design
Embroidery editing software
Designer's Gallery® CustomWorks™
Designer's Gallery® SizeWorks™
Designer's Gallery® QuiltWorks™

Materials

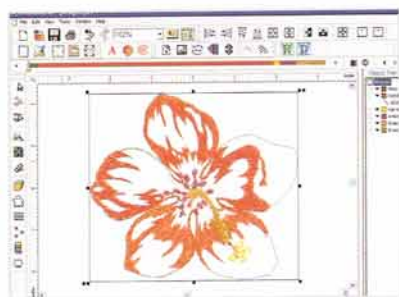
- Baby Lock Embellisher
- Assorted colors of embroidery thread
- Baby Lock Cut-Away Soft stabilizer
- Temporary spray adhesive
- All-purpose thread to match fabrics
- 1 yd. grey wool felt
- 1/4 yard rust wool felt
- Wool roving (peach or light orange color)
- Variegated wool yarn (shades of red, orange and yellow)
- Two 14" pillow forms
- Chalk Marker
- Hand sewing needle
- Assorted small glass beads
- Tracing paper or transparencies

Step 1. At The Computer

Open Designer's Gallery CustomWorks or similar embroidery software, merge the Ellegante exclusive design and resize the flower to approximately 6" x 6 1/2". Save this design as LargeFlower and print a template.

Open a new page and merge the same design again. Size the design to approximately 4" x 4 1/2".

Trace the outer edge of the design with the line drawing tool to create a running stitch outlining the design. Delete the main background fill colors of the design leaving the flower center, petal shading color, and the new outline. Save this design as SmallFlower and print a template.



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Transfer both designs to the Ellegante embroidery machine.

Step 2. Embellishing

Cut four 15" squares from the grey wool felt for the pillow base fabric. Set aside.

Using the Baby Lock Embellisher, mesh a thin layer of peach wool roving on the rust colored felt, covering the area for the large flower design and two small flowers.

Using a chalk marker, trace the flower shapes onto the rust felt.

The wool yarn will be used around the edges of each petal to add dimension and color variations to the petals. Untwist the yarn and cut sections as needed for shading. Felt the yarn in place with the Baby Lock Embellisher.



Once you are satisfied with the embellishing and shading, cut out the flower designs. Set the small flower shapes aside for now.

Position the large flower on one of the 15" squares offsetting the flower to the left. Using the Baby Lock Embellisher secure the large flower in position on the grey felt.

Step 3. Embroidery - Large Flower

Hoop the cut-away stabilizer and lightly mist with temporary spray adhesive. Position the large flower pillow front onto the hoop centering the felted flower. Select the large flower design on the Ellegante embroidery machine and advance through the colors of the flower. Do not stitch any of the fill areas of the flower. Embroider the center of the flower.

When the embroidery is complete remove the fabric from the hoop and trim the excess cut-away stabilizer.

Embroidery - Small Flower

Hoop cut-away stabilizer and lightly mist with temporary spray adhesive. Position the other pillow front onto the hoop centering the desired location for the first of the two smaller flowers. Select the small flower on the machine. Stitch the outline running stitch first in a color to match the background fabric. Lightly mist the wrong side of one of the flower shapes with temporary spray adhesive. Position the flower according to the outline stitching. Repeat the outline stitching this time using a thread color to match the felted flower shape. Continue stitching the remaining sections of the design.

When the embroidery is complete remove the fabric from the hoop and trim the excess cut-away stabilizer. Repeat the embroidery process for the remaining flower.

Note: Add visual interest by rotating the design slightly before stitching the second flower.

Step 4. Construction & Finishing

Using a hand needle and thread, sew a few small glass beads onto the flower centers as desired.

Place one pillow front with one of the 15" felt squares right sides together. Using a 1/2" seam allowance stitch around the outer edge leaving an opening along the lower edge of the pillow. Reinforce the stitching with a second row of stitching in the seam allowance 1/8" from the actual seam. Clip the corners, turn the pillow right side out and insert the pillow form. Whip stitch the opening closed by hand or use monofilament thread and a small zigzag stitch to close the opening by machine. Repeat the construction process for the remaining pillow.

