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Using the Thread Trimmer on the Baby Lock Ellegante

One of the many new features introduced with the fall 2004 launch of the Baby Lock Ellegante was a built-in thread trimmer to cut “jump stitches”. A jump stitch is a stitch in an embroidery design that enables the machine to move from part of a design to another within the same color.

When the trimmer is “on” it cuts the jump stitches and leaves a tail on the back of the material being stitched. These tails can be trimmed much faster and easier than jump stitches because they can be trimmed without having to pull them out of parts of an embroidery design like jump stitches are.

In planning an embroidery project, there are certain factors you will want to think about before stitching a design. They include but are not limited to the weight of fabric that will be used, what stabilizer, needle and thread will be used? Is this project appropriate for the thread trimming feature? Here are some suggestions of knowing when to have the thread trimmer on or off.



For the majority of your Baby Lock embroidery experience, the thread trimming function should be left on.

When to turn the “Thread Trimming Function” “OFF”

If there are a lot of jump stitches in a design you may want to turn off the thread trimmer. Too many jump stitches can create a lot of tails and possible nesting. Turning it off will ensure a neat and clean design on the back as well as the front, as in the following techniques:

- Designs with too many jump stitches in small areas
- Open designs such as lace or cutwork
- Small Letters and small designs
- Reversible Designs
- Light Weight Fabric
- Cross Stitch Designs

Refer to page #157 of the Baby Lock Ellegante owners manual for instructions on how to turn the thread trimmer off.