

Monogrammed Beach Towel

Personalize a store-bought beach towel with a custom monogram using Designer's Gallery embroider software. This simple and quick project will make you stand out at the pool. Embroidered towels make a great gift and are a fun way to customize a simple everyday item!

Skill Level: Beginner

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Supplies: 1 summer print towel, Baby Lock® Tear-Away Soft stabilizer, Baby Lock® Hydro-Melt Embroidery Topping, temporary spray adhesive, removable fabric markers, small embroidery scissors, embroidery bobbin thread, embroidery thread assortment and combination sewing and embroidery machine with a 160mm x 260mm or 6" x 10" embroidery field and hoop, EmbroideryWorks Everyday installed and activated.

Instructions:

At the computer:

1. Open EmbroideryWorks Everyday by clicking the  icon on the desktop.
2. Click the Create Letters  tool from the toolbar. This will create a text object on the design page.
3. With the text selected, use the arrow on the Font list to open and select the font for the monogram. This list will contain both built-in and fonts that have been installed into the program.
4. Type the monogram in the text entry box and click Set. Rivermill Lg Vine 5 inch was purchased from Rivermill Embroidery and used for the towels.
5. From the Utility menu, select Add Knockdown Stitching. This adds stitching under the monogram to prevent the monogram stitches from getting lost in the loft of the terrycloth texture of the towel.

- Knockdown stitches are usually stitched in the same color as the towel.
- Because beach towels are often patterned, it can be difficult to select the color used for the knockdown stitches.
- In the samples, monofilament thread was used.

At the Machine

1. Hoop a piece of stabilizer in the 160 x 260 hoop. Spray with temporary spray adhesive.
2. Find and mark the placement for the monogram.
3. Set the machine up for embroidery.
4. With the right side of the towel facing up, place it onto the stabilizer, using the markings on the towel to center it in the hoop.
5. Place a piece of Baby Lock® Hydro-Melt Embroidery Topping on top of the towel.
6. Embroider the first color (the knockdown stitches) in monofilament.
7. Select a bold, contrasting color to stitch the monogram.
8. Get you and your towel to the beach or pool and enjoy some summer fun!