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Eileen Roche shows how to personalize store bought napkins and towels with easy techniques for monogramming.



Personalized Napkins

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Embroidery Products

Brother Quattro Sewing and Embroidery Machine

Monogram design collection

Perfect Placement Kit by Designs in Machine Embroidery, available at www.dzgns.com

Snap-Hoop by Design in Machine Embroidery, available at www.dzgns.com

Materials

Cotton napkins

Tear-away stabilizer

Wet N Stick tear-away stabilizer (optional)

Target stickers

Snowman target stickers

Step 1. Prep

Press all napkins. Place each napkin on a flat surface with a corner facing you. Place the Perfect Placement Napkin On-Point template on the napkin aligning the template's printed corner with the stitching on the napkin's hem. Place a target sticker in the hole, positioning the target sticker's arrowhead in the same direction as the template's arrow (pointing into the body of the napkin). Remove the template and place a Snowman Target Sticker over the round target sticker, aligning the crosshairs. Make sure the smaller circle on the Snowman is aligned with the arrow on the round target sticker. Repeat for the entire set of napkins.

Step 2. Stitch

Here are two methods for stitching napkins, singly or multiples in one hoop.

To stitch each napkin singly, place the metal frame of Snap-Hoop on a flat surface. Place a piece of tear-away stabilizer over the frame. Lay the napkin on the frame with the point facing the lower edge of the hoop. Snap the white magnetic frame on top. Take a look at the target sticker and make sure it is not too close to the hoop's

edges, it should be somewhat centered.

To stitch multiple napkins in a large hoop, hoop water-activated adhesive tear-away stabilizer. Place the hoop on the machine and follow the directions for creating the monogram.

Step 3. At the Machine

Select Embroidery Edit. Select the built-in monogram font and choose a single-initial. If desired, add some small floral embellishments. Touch Set, Sewing. Touch the Auto Baste feature.

Snap-Hoop: Attach the hoop to the machine. Touch the Snowman and select the area of the hoop where the Snowman is located. Touch OK to allow the machine to search for the target sticker. Once located, remove the target stickers and embroider the design. Repeat for each napkin.

Large Hoop: Once the monogram is created and the basting outline added, move the design to the upper left corner of the hoop. Take a wet paper towel or sponge and wet the area around the needle. Slide the napkin onto the hoop (bringing the napkin point under the needle from the back of the machine). Once the Snowman is in the general direction of the needle, finger press the napkin to the wet stabilizer. Smooth. Select the Snowman and upper left quadrant of the hoop when prompted. Let the machine scan the hoop to position and rotate the monogram. Remove the target sticker and stitch the design.

Once complete, move the design to the far right of the previous position. Use the trace machine's trace feature to make sure the new monogram will not stitch on the first napkin. Fold the first napkin away from the new design area. Pin it back if necessary.

Wet the area under the needle and finger press the second napkin to the stabilizer. Smooth the fabric. Use the Snowman feature to position the monogram. Remove the target sticker and stitch the design.

Once complete, move the design down to add a third napkin. Each time you add a napkin, make sure the previously-stitched napkins are out of harm's way. Continue in this manner until all six or eight napkins are stitched.

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