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### Fleece Ruana



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Crossing time zones from warmer to cooler weather? You will appreciate this cozy wrap style garment. Perfect for an added layer of warmth over a jacket, or on its own. Great for chilly plane rides too! It's lightweight, easy to pack, and easy to make! Options for this Ruana Wrap are plentiful. You can choose to embroider the fleece and finish edges with a simple topstitched hem, serger finish, binding, or you can even leave the edges raw as polar type fleece does not ravel.

#### **Materials and Supplies featured in this episode:**

- [Brother XV8500D Sewing and Embroidery Machine](#)
- [Fibrous type adhesive and non-adhesive water soluble stabilizer](#)
- [Fleece Ruana Pattern Download from letsdosew.com](#)
- [Wrapped in Embroidery](#) book and design CD collection
- Printed template for placement or template made from paper to equal size of embroidery design.
- [CLICK HERE](#) for more information about the fleece fabric featured in this episode.

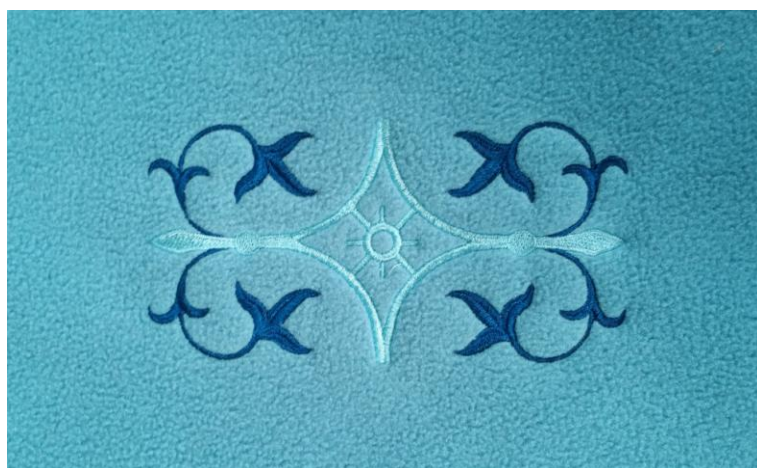
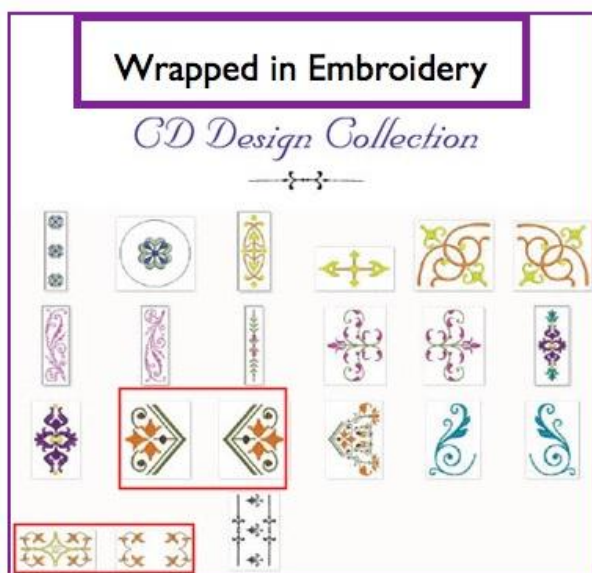


## General directions for embroidering:

For an embroidered fleece Ruana begin by cutting fleece using the instructions provided in the free pattern download.

Stabilize each section you wish to embroider by attaching a layer of the adhesive backed water soluble to the wrong side of the fabric. Add another layer of water-soluble, (clear or fibrous) to the top to keep embroidery from sinking into the fleece.

Select designs that are appropriate for the soft, fleece. Designs on the featured garments were specially digitized to stitch well on fleece. These designs along with more wrap garments are featured in the [Wrapped in Embroidery](#) book and CD collection. If you are using alternative designs be sure to make a test sample first.



Use templates to determine placement of design motifs along the edge of the fleece. Stitch designs continuously or add space between each motif. Depending on your hoop size you can add multiple motifs together for fewer hoopings. Whether you are hooping one motif at a time or a group of motifs it is a good idea to stitch the motif and then mark additional motifs as you progress. Marking all of your motifs at once usually results in misalignment as fabric moves slightly each time you complete a design section.

Hem the edge by turning a hem depth of 5/8-inch, easing the fabric along the curved neckline. Top stitch in place using a straight stitch set for a length of approximately 3.0. You can also use a binding to finish the edge, or simply leave it "as is", since fleece does not ravel.

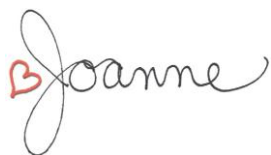
Thoroughly wash out the stabilizer when finished with embroidery, following directions on the package.

Visit [www.letsdosew.com](http://www.letsdosew.com) for the pattern for the featured blue and grey fleece Ruanas, along with additional tips and tricks for embroidering continuous designs and finishing your fleece wrap!

### **Additional Resources:**

- Visit the Brother web site at [www.brother-usa.com](http://www.brother-usa.com) for Free embroidery designs, project instructions, and tutorials. Be sure to visit the [Official Brother Blog](#) for even more great ideas and information!
- Visit your local [Brother sewing machine dealer](#) for Brother Machines, Brother software programs, and special machine accessories to help you create custom items.
- I invite you to visit me at my Sewing and Embroidery website, [www.letsdosew.com](http://www.letsdosew.com) for more tips, lessons, & free downloads. I would love to hear your thoughts, comments, and answer any questions you may have.
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Happy Sewing!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne". The letter "J" is stylized and includes a red heart symbol as part of its design.