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Embroidery Superstars - Show #1506-2 Embroidered Coasters with Organza Gift Bag



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In this show you'll learn to make a set of sparkling monogrammed coasters, embroidered using an *in-the-hoop* style technique for a perfect finished project. These coasters are quick and easy to stitch, taking advantage of beautiful built-in shapes found in all Brother embroidery machines. Add a monogram from the built-in menu or an outside source for a personalized and classy coaster design. Complete this set by making a fancy organza gift bag, the perfect package for your coasters. This is a stunning and elegant gift set suitable for anyone *and* everyone on your gift list! Are you ready? Let's go sew!

Materials and supplies for each coaster:

- Featured machine is the [Brother NS1750D](#), combination sewing and embroidery machine.
- Brother embroidery threads, [Light Gold #MT999](#), and [Light Silver #997](#). Bobbin thread for bobbin.
- For top (embroidered) side of coaster: One piece of fabric measuring 8-inches square.
- For bottom of coaster: Two pieces of matching fabric measuring 5 ½-inches long X 6-inches wide. Fold each piece in half lengthwise and press.
- For filler inside coaster: One piece of thin, white or off-white batting such as [Warm and Natural](#), measuring 8-inches square.
- Low tack tape such as perforated medical tape or painter's tape for securing layers during embroidery.
- Sewing or embroidery thread to match fabric for stitching final octagon.
- [Dritz](#) point turner for pushing out points.

Note: Featured fabric is silk dupioni. Here are some tips for working with this fabric: I like to pre-wash silk dupioni in cool water with baby shampoo instead of detergent. Rinse thoroughly and blot excess moisture by rolling it in a towel. Use an iron with no steam and press wet fabric until it is dry. If you have any stubborn wrinkles simply re-wet fabric with a spray bottle and iron dry.

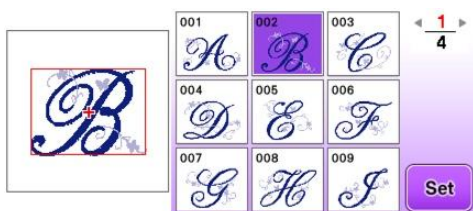
I used one of my favorite metallic thread combinations for these sparkling coasters. [CLICK HERE](#) to visit my website and download a free tutorial for sewing and embroidering with metallic threads.

Steps to create Coasters:

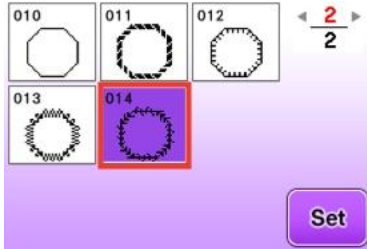
1. Set up machine for embroidery with 4-inch square hoop. Hoop fabric right side up, with batting layered underneath. This project uses a monogram letter combined with frame shapes built-in to the [Brother NS1750D](#).



2. Select a monogram letter to fit inside a frame measuring approximately 3.75-inches. You may need to adjust size of letter to fit frame.



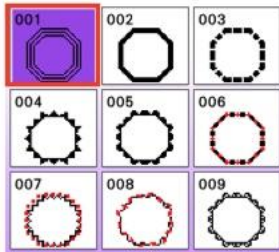
3. Select frame shape menu and add an Octagon shape with a decorative outline such as the feather stitch.



4. Re-size octagon to fit outside letter. Move letter as necessary so it looks centered inside frame.



5. Return to menu and select frame shapes once again. This time add the Octagon shape with a triple straight stitch outline.



6. Re-size the final octagon to maximum size for 4-inch hoop. Change colors as desired. Touch OK.
7. Embroider monogram and decorative frame. Stop and change to thread that matches fabric.



Tip: If your fabric is white or light colored you can leave white bobbin thread in the machine. For other colors you may want to change both top and bottom.

8. Layer the two back pieces over coaster with folded edges overlapping. Tape down edges.



9. Stitch final octagon outline, watching to make sure nothing shifts. Remove from hoop and remove all tape. Trim octagon leaving a scant 1/4-inch seam allowance. Carefully clip each corner at an angle to reduce bulk. Turn right side out, gently push out points with point turner and press flat. You are finished!



Directions for gift bag:

Gift bag is made from a strip of organza, doubled and sewn with French seams for the sides. Drawstring is made from rat tail cord, added with a zig zag stitch and the braiding foot. Visit [Stitching Sewcial](#), the official Brother blog for complete instructions for making the organza gift bag. Bag featured on the blog has pearl trim at the top which is a nice touch for a bit of additional glitz. For complete directions click on the link below:

[Organza Gift Bag](#)

Options and Ideas:

Many fabrics are suitable for this project, including quilt quality cottons, medium weight linen, and even light weight denim or shirting for a casual set. Add a layer of fusible interfacing to softer fabric such as linen. If you are adding interfacing you can eliminate batting layer if desired. Add a waterproof layer inside the coaster by cutting a piece of shelf liner to fit inside.

I hope you enjoyed this project!



Additional Resources:

- I invite you to visit me at my Sewing and Embroidery website www.letsgosew.com. You'll find online lessons, videos, free downloads, and lots of sewing and embroidery information and inspiration! If you don't have access to shape patterns shown here, click on the [contact button](#) at my website and send me a request with the show number (1506-2) in the message. I'll send you a link for a bonus coaster design you can download for free.
- Find me on Facebook www.facebook.com/letsgosew/
- Be sure to visit the [Official Brother Blog](#) to read my posts on a wide variety of sewing and embroidery topics.

Happy Sewing!

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