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Show#1703-1 Pretty Pashminas

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I admit I have Pashmina Mania! I love embellishing and wearing pashminas. Pashmina scarves are a versatile way to accent your wardrobe and they make wonderful gifts! You can wear a pashmina like a scarf or a stylish wrap. Trimmed with ribbons and some delicate embroidery motifs they add an elegant touch to any outfit.

Materials and supplies featured in this show:

- Featured machine is the [Brother](#) Dream Machine 8550D.
- Edge Joining foot for sewing ribbons.
- Sewing thread to match fabric, microtex needle size 10, and glass head or sharp appliqué pins.
- Plain pashmina scarf. This type of scarf varies greatly in quality, make sure scarf has enough body for the added embroidery. My navy scarf is a 30% cotton/70% polyester blend. It's a reasonably priced option from a brand called [MaaMgic](#). Scarves featured in [Wrapped in Embroidery](#) are a little more upscale. They are purchased from The [Pashmina Store](#) and made from a blend of silk and wool.
- Silk dupioni yardage for embroidered squares. I recommend laundering before cutting to soften fabric. **Tips for laundering:** Hand wash with mild soap. After rinsing roll in a towel and then iron fabric until it is dry. You'll find a complete tutorial for pre-treating silk as a bonus item on the book's CD. For this project you'll need six 8-inch squares for embroidering, plus one or two for testing. **Note:** An alternative fabric option is crepe back satin. This synthetic fabric is inexpensive and available in the special occasion section of fabric stores.
- Double faced silk satin ribbon, 5/8-inch to 3/4-inch wide. You'll need approximately 6-yards of ribbon to cover six blocks on a scarf measuring 27-inches wide. Silk ribbon is available from [MJ Trim](#) and [Cam Creations](#). Note: Synthetic ribbon is not recommended for this project as it is too stiff.
- Iron on tear away stabilizer that is easily removed. Depending on your fabric and design selection you may need to add fusible interfacing to the silk. Test a sample before embroidering blocks for your project. Use a very soft knitted interfacing such as [HTC All bias Sof-Knit](#) or [Pellon 865 Bi-stretch lite](#).
- Embroidery threads and bobbin thread.
- Lightweight embroidery design suitable for embroidery on silk dupioni. Featured design is motif No. Wrapped09_02 from the [Wrapped in Embroidery](#) book collection. Design is rotated to sew upright.



Steps for embellishing scarf:

Back a test block with stabilizer and test embroidery. Remove stabilizer and press lightly. If fabric isn't smooth when you're finished, add interfacing to wrong side of fabric, then apply iron-on stabilizer.

Embroider six blocks. Trim to equal 5-inches square with motif centered on square.

Determine location for finished bands. If you intend to wear the pashmina mainly as a wrap you may want to place bands higher up. Pin and try on if necessary before sewing. I centered my bands on the lower edge with raw edge of blocks 2-inches from finished scarf edge. Working with one edge at a time, begin by pinning blocks to lower edge.



Cut 5-inch pieces of ribbon to cover raw edges of each block. Pin in place. It's a good idea to hand baste ribbons in place at this point. Use the edge stitch foot to sew close to edge of each ribbon, adjusting needle position as necessary to sew close to edge.



Cut ribbon length to cover top edges of blocks, leaving ½-inch for turning under at each end. Pin and then hand baste ribbon to prepare for sewing.



Sew ribbon with edge stitch foot, turning under raw edges to finish ends.



Sew a length of ribbon to cover remaining edges of squares. Repeat all steps on opposite end of scarf.

You are finished! I hope you enjoyed seeing this variety of embroidered pashminas! Each one is a delight to wear! [CLICK HERE](#) to see all of the pashminas included in Wrapped in Embroidery.



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