

Projects

Coloring with Thread - Pillow



If you're a fan of embroidery, you're sure to adore this lovely throw pillow. With this project, I've created a coloring book style design that leaves the main image and text in a charming black-and-white, yet imbues the flowers with bright hues that pop. See how easy it is using the Baby Lock Destiny embroidery machine with the built-in IQ Designer.

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Supplies:

Baby Lock® Destiny sewing and embroidery machine

Blossom Designer Coloring Book by Lorlie™

1 yard cream fabric

18" Pillow form

Baby Lock Ultra Soft Stabilizer (BLC204)

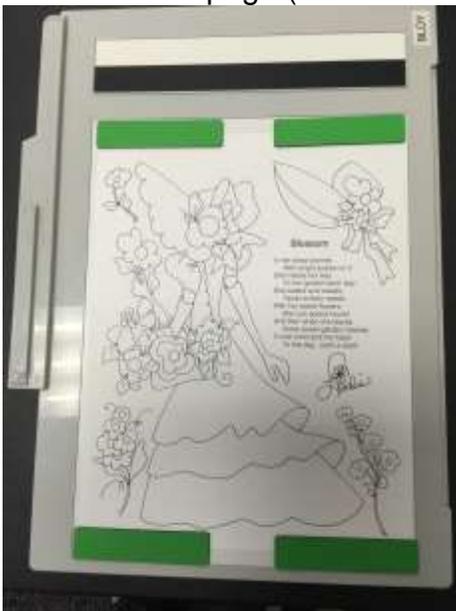
Baby Lock Tear-Away Stabilizer, medium weight

Madeira® embroidery threads

Instructions:

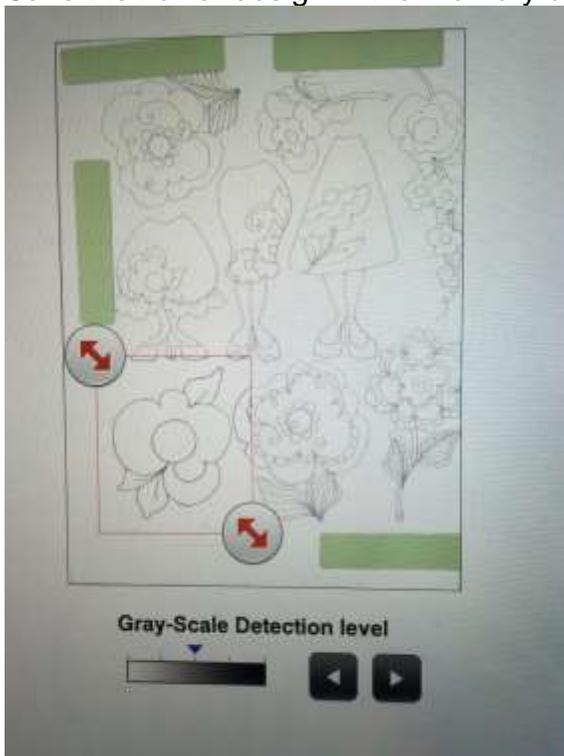
At the Machine:

1. Set up the machine for embroidery.
2. Carefully, remove the Blossom design (page 1) from the book.
3. Place the Blossom page on the scan board and place the magnets at the top and bottom on the page (*as shown in the illustration below*).



4. Attach the board to the embroidery unit and follow the next set of steps:
 - Select the IQ Designer.
 - Select "Create Line Image".
 - Select "Scan".
 - After the scan is displayed on the screen, drag the arrows inward to remove some of the art that will not be used. (For example, hat, poem, three flowers). Do not remove the girl or the flowers on her arm and hat.
 - Click "OK" and then "Set".
 - Use the eraser tool to remove any other areas that were not removed earlier. Adjust the size of the eraser tool by selecting a smaller or larger shape as needed for the area that is being removed. Use the Magnifier to zoom into the design. If you make a mistake and remove too much, use the Undo tool to reverse the last move.
 - Use the Selection tool to select the inside of the flowers to recolor and apply stitches. Use yellow and two different shades of pink, then select brown for the flower centers.

- Select the grass green color and apply to fill the leaf areas.
 - Select and apply light green for the gloves.
 - Select red for the bow on her hat.
 - Select gray for her purse.
 - Select black for the outline on the girl.
 - After all areas of the design have been assigned and colored, click on “Preview”.
 - In the preview area you can adjust several areas in the design such as density, stitch type, size, stitch direction, pull compensation and under sewing. In the sample, the only area that was adjusted was the outline on the design. Triple stitch was applied.
 - Follow the positive prompts by clicking “OK” then “Set”.
 - Click on “Embroidery” to get ready to embroider.
5. Fuse the ultra-soft stabilizer to the back side of a 22” square piece of the cream-colored fabric. Hoop the tear-away stabilizer along with the fused fabric so that the design is placed on the left side of the fabric. Refer to the design placement on the pillow on the opening image.
 6. Place the hoop on the machine; move the design as much to the left as possible and embroider.
 7. For the remaining flower design, follow steps 3 and 4 to create the flower on page 6 of the coloring book, as shown in the illustration below.
 8. Save the flower design in the memory of the machine.



9. Rehoop the embroidered design section so the flowers can be placed on the lower edge of the dress.
10. Using the camera feature, scan the area inside the hoop.
11. Retrieve the flower design and place the design along the lower left bottom edge on the dress. Add additional flowers as they fit in the hoop. Rehoop as you go

- across the bottom edge of the dress and up the right side of the pillow, as shown in the opening picture of the pillow. This may take several hoopings.
12. Rehoop for the lettering with the open area centered in the hoop and scan the area in the hoop. Choose a built-in font and type the following words on separate lines "He Loves Me" (first line), "He" (second line), "Loves" (third Line), "Me" (fourth line), "Not" (fifth Line). All of the lines should fit in the largest hoop.
 13. Reposition the lettering as needed.
 14. Embroider the lettering using black thread.
 15. Remove the tear-away stabilizer from the back of the piece.
 16. Press the section to remove wrinkles.
 17. Trim the embroidered section 19" square. Be sure the embroidery is centered before you trim.
 18. Cut another section from the cream fabric that measures 19" square for the pillow back.
 19. With right sides together and using a 1/2" seam allowance, stitch around the outer edge of the pillow leaving an 8" opening for inserting the pillow form. Insert the pillow form and hand stitch the opening closed.

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