

# BABY LOCK EMBROIDERY ACCESSORIES

## Large Snap-Ease Hoop Press

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### Instructions

#### What does the Snap-Ease do and how does it work?

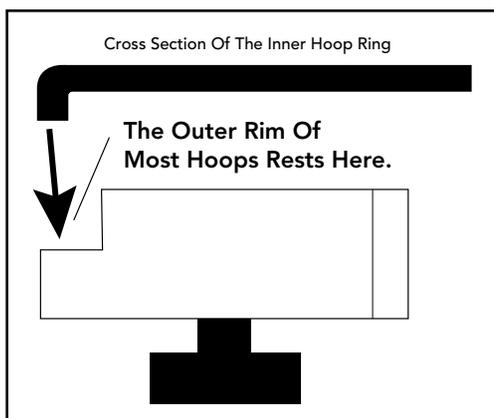
The Snap-Ease holds the inner ring of a hoop onto four hoop locks. The operator is then able to hold the Snap-Ease embroidery project without exerting excess pressure on the small edges of the hoop with her fingers and hands. The Snap-Ease evenly spreads pressure to the hoop and multiplies an operator's force allowing for easier, more even hooping with minimal force.



#### Setup

##### Setting the hoop locks for a particular hoop:

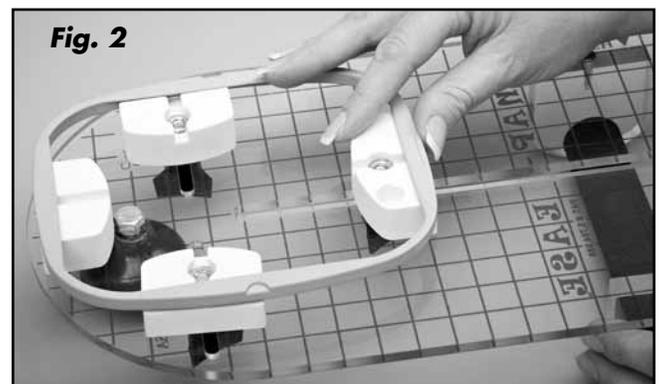
1. Turn the Snap-Ease on its back with the hoop locks turned up. **Important:** Note the three lower hoop locks attached at the bottom end of the Snap-Ease (opposite the fixed hoop lock). You will use only one of these at a time. Be sure to remove the two hoop locks that are not being used. It is important to use the largest lower hoop lock that will fit inside your hoop. It must fit all the way in your hoop. Failure to do so will give inadequate results.
2. Loosen the hoop locks and push them toward the center of the Snap-Ease.
3. Note the shape of the hoop locks. The long groove on one edge is where the inner ring of the hoop rests. Be sure this groove is turned outward. *Figure 1.*



**Fig. 1**

4. Turn the inner ring of the hoop upside down and place the outside edge into the groove on the fixed hoop lock at the top of the Snap-Ease.

5. See *Figure 2.* Slide the lower hoop lock down until the outside edge of the inner hoop is engaged in the lock's long groove. **Important:** Do not pull too hard against the hoop as you will bend the hoop and make the hooping process more difficult.



6. Tighten the lower hoop lock.
7. Push the two side hoop locks outward and engage the sides of the hoop. **Note:** Use the grid lines to square and center the hoop. This will aid in placement of your work.
8. Tighten the side locks.
9. Turn the Snap-Ease over and check that the hoop stays on the Snap-Ease. If not, move the hoop locks together against the hoop.
10. Preset the tension screw on your hoop to a setting appropriate to the job. It is not necessary to loosen the tension hoop with the Snap-Ease.

**Caution:** The Snap-Ease can hoop successfully with the hoop tension set too tight, however, you will break the hoops if you continue to hoop with excessively high tensions.

## Hooping with the Snap-Ease

1. Place the stabilizer on your embroidery project and work on the outer hoop in the correct position. The Baby Lock Hooping Station tool makes placement of your hoops much easier by holding the outer hoop ring exactly in place.
2. Mount the inner hoop ring onto the Snap-Ease as outlined in the SETUP section.
3. Hold the Snap-Ease in one hand by the long, padded handle.
4. With the other hand, locate the edge of the outer hoop ring using your fingers.
5. Insert the hoop ring on the Snap-Ease into the outer hoop ring by guiding the Snap-Ease with the hand already on the outer hoop ring using the round knob on the front end of the Snap-Ease. Continue holding the back end of the Snap-Ease slightly up with the padded handle. *Figure 3.*

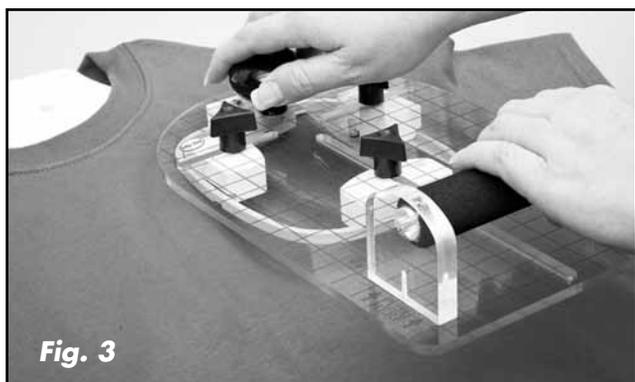


Fig. 3

6. Press on the round knob as you guide the front of the inner hoop into the outer hoop. *Figure 4.*

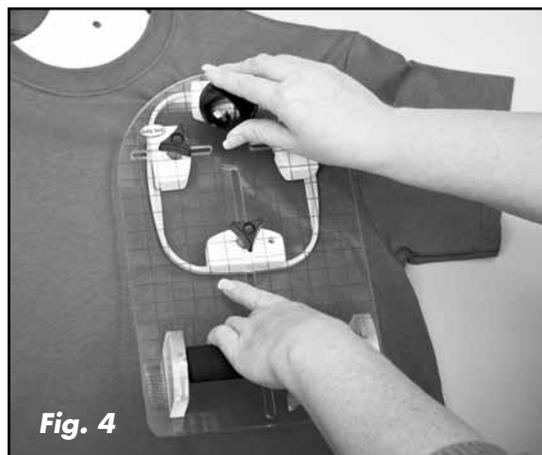


Fig. 4

**Important:** Be sure the front edge of the inner hoop is completely inserted into the outer hoop.

7. While keeping light pressure on the knob and pulling the knob toward the front of the hoop, rest the remainder of the inner hoop on the outer hoop. At this point you may wish to use the grid lines on the Snap-Ease to check the alignment of your work. *Figure 5.*

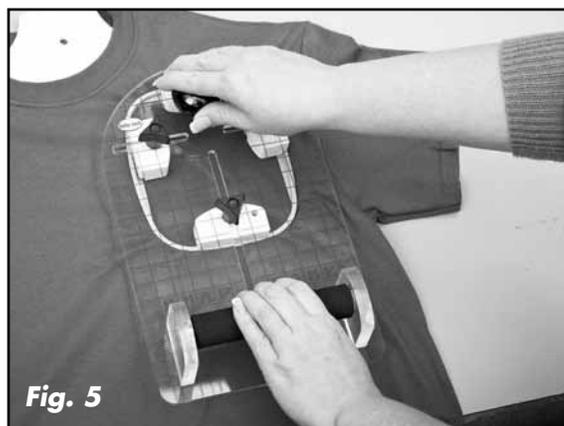


Fig. 5

8. Take your hand off the long, padded handle leaving the Snap-Ease resting on the work. Be sure to keep holding the round knob to keep the front of the hoop in place.
9. Gently push on either side of the padded handle with the palm of your hand to insert one corner of the inner hoop into the outer hoop. Move to the other side of the handle and push the remainder of the hoop into place. Very little force is necessary as the Snap-Ease multiplies your pressure many times. **Very Important: Trying to force the inner hoop into place by pushing hard on the center of the handle works poorly and is very hard on fragile hoops.**

### Trouble Shooting

**Problem:** The inner ring is not secure on the Snap-Ease.

**Solution:** Make sure that the hoop locks are turned the right way and are tight enough against the inside edges of the hoop.

**Problem:** Hooping requires too much effort.

**Solution:**

1. Your hoop may be set too tight. Try a looser setting.
2. You may be using a bad technique. Never try to push the back of the hoop in place in one motion. Use two presses, one on each edge of the handle.
3. If you are hooping with a larger hoop, check to make sure you replaced the lower hoop lock with a larger one.
4. You may be cocking the Snap-Ease offline with the outer ring of the hoop. Be sure to push the inner ring of the hoop all the way into the front of the outer hoop and hold it securely with the palm knob.
5. If you are using the Snap-Ease in conjunction with the Baby Lock Hooping Station, the brackets on the Hooping Station may be too tight against the hoop. Try a looser setting that allows the hoop to expand as far as necessary.



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