

# Embroidery Basics

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### All stabilizers fall into 3 basic groups:

- **Tear Away**—Stitches perforate stabilizer making it possible to remove after stitching is complete. Paper like qualities.
- **Cut Away**—A very stable permanent stabilizer, with no stretch in any direction. They are placed on the wrong side of the fabric and trimmed away with scissors after stitching.
- **Unusual and unique stabilizers**—Stabilizers that don't fit the tear-away or cut-away groups. Includes water soluble stabilizers.

### Decorative stitches on your machine:

Make sure you use:

Stabilizer on your project

Embroidery foot on your machine

(Regular embroidery, open toe embroidery, clear embroidery)

Embroidery thread on your machine

(at least on top of the machine)

Embroidery needle in machine

### Embroidery on your machine:

Make sure you use:

Stabilizer on your project

(completely in hoop! No cheating!)

Use embroidery foot on your machine

(usually a round circle on the bottom)

Use appropriate hoop size for your design

Use embroidery bobbin case for your machine

(if applies)

Use embroidery thread on your machine

(at least on the top of the machine)

Use embroidery needle in your machine

Use temporary spray adhesive to adhere the stabilizer to the fabric.

If you are using two layers of stabilizer, make sure you spray them together too.

Use the templates that came with your hoop to make sure the design is straight.

Use a basting file if necessary so the fabrics don't shift.