

## Embroidered Garden Gloves

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One of the things I love most about machine embroidery is the ability to personalize most anything you can get into an embroidery hoop. With that in mind, how about transforming a pair of utilitarian garden gloves into a stylish set stitched in bright and cheerful colors? Combine a small garden theme accent design with built-in fonts and you'll have gloves that make you smile each time you put them on and head out to the garden. Are you ready? Let's go sew!

Materials and Supplies

- [Brother Sewing and Embroidery Machine](#) with 4-inch hoop capability.
- Small embroidery design with garden theme. This project features a design from the Brother [ibroidery.com](#) download center. See **Figure #1** for more details.
- [Brother](#) Polyester Embroidery Threads and bobbin thread for embroidery.
- Embroidery needle for embroidering.
- [SA5906](#) Brother Adhesive Backed Water Soluble Stabilizer or [SA5815](#) Brother Adhesive Backed Tear Away Stabilizer.
- [SA5810](#) Brother Medium Weight Tear Away Stabilizer
- Basic sewing notions including thread to blend with fabric, a seam ripper, and a wash-out marker or chalk.
- Ruler and gridded surface such as cutting mat.
- Cloth garden gloves with a side seam suitable for opening with seam ripper.

Figure #1

Featured Design from the Brother [ibroidery.com](#) download center: Item No. [sa355027](#)

Width: 1.65 inches (42.0mm)  
Height: 1.40 inches (35.5mm)

Original thread colors:



Size :

Width = 1.65 inch

Height = 1.40 inch

Stitch count :

2323

Total Colors:

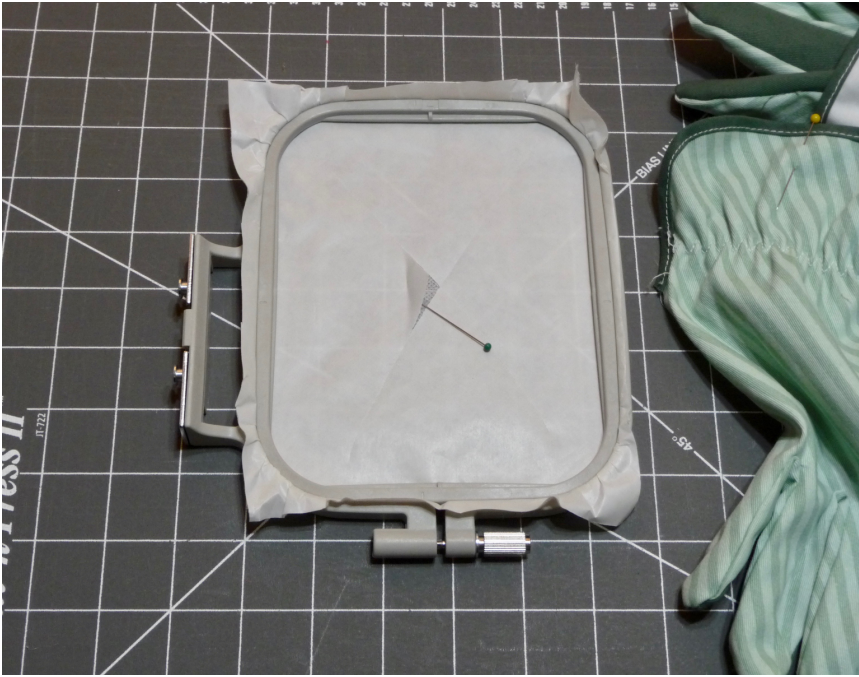
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2 :	 PRUSSIAN BLUE	007	EMBROIDERY	PRUSSIAN BLUE
3 :	 LIGHT LILAC	810	EMBROIDERY	LIGHT LILAC
4 :	 MAGENTA	620	EMBROIDERY	MAGENTA

Steps to Create Embroidery on Garden Gloves

1. Tightly hoop adhesive backed stabilizer as if it was fabric. Make sure the shiny side of the paper faces up so adhesive is exposed when you tear away the protective layer. Next, score paper with a pin, piercing only paper and leaving adhesive layer intact. Peel away paper to expose an adhesive layer that fills the entire hoop. See **Figure #2a** and **Figure #2b**.



**Figure #2a**



**Figure #2b**



**Stabilizer Tips:** This adhesive stabilizer is a great choice for hard-to-hoop or small embroidery projects. Keep in mind that it's more of a hooping aid than an actual stabilizer. There are of course many stabilizing scenarios but in certain cases your project will benefit from an added layer of cut-away or

tear-away stabilizer in addition to the adhesive holding your project in the hoop. You can use either one of the recommended adhesive backed stabilizers but here are a few things to consider: The wash away adhesive is completely removable by tearing excess and then thoroughly washing the gloves to eliminate the rest. If you prefer not to wash gloves you can use the tear away type but it's likely that some of the paper will remain underneath. I chose to use the wash out type and gently laundered the gloves after finishing. Since the design combination is small and the fabric is a firm woven, I chose to float a layer of medium weight tear away underneath to support the embroidery during stitching.

2. Open seam as far as necessary to allow for smoothing the glove flat on the adhesive surface. See **Figure #3**.

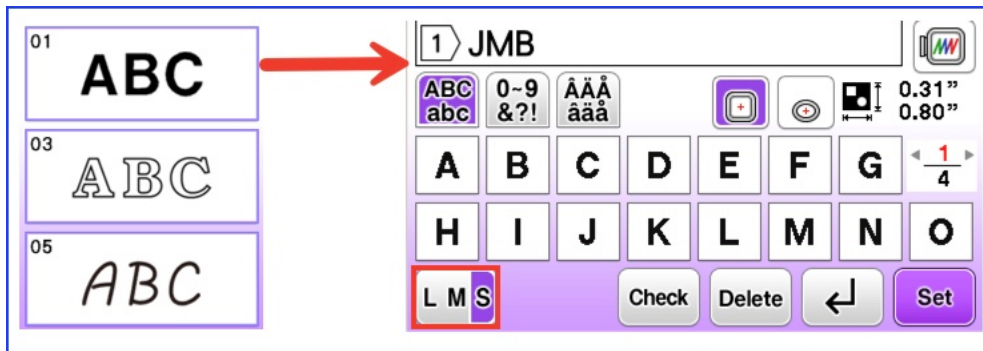
**Figure #3**



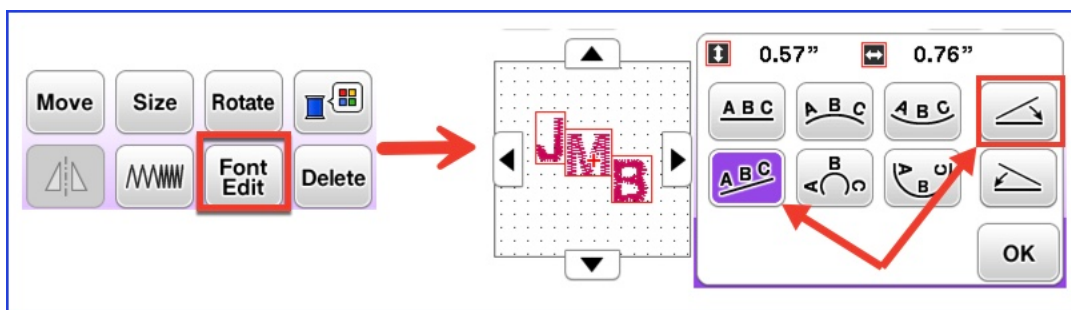
It's a good idea to pay attention to the exact way glove was sewn so you can sew it back together and have it look like new. Determine approximate size for combination design by measuring the area you want to embroider. Decide on letters for a small monogram and combine as desired. Change colors and play around with different layouts to get a nice-looking design that is as compact as possible. Depending on your machine you may have a variety of options for moving letters and arranging and changing the array. See example in **Figure #4a** and **#4b**.



**Figure #4a**



**Figure #4b**



Be sure design will fit the area on your glove with some space at the top, bottom, and sides. See completed design in **Figure #5**.

**Figure #5**

Design size: 1.65 inches X 1.55 inches



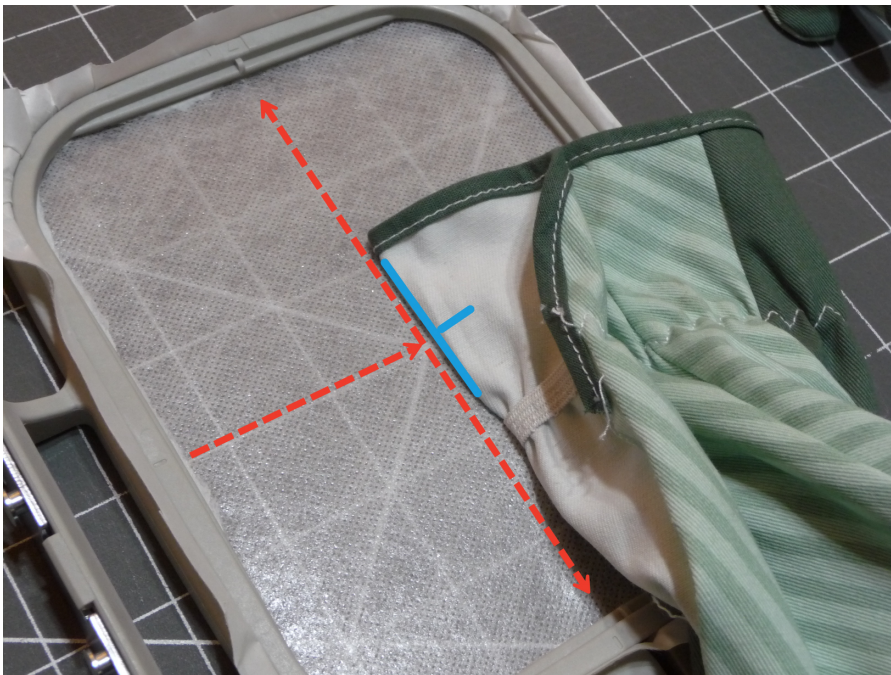
3. Measure and mark the glove for center point of combination design, marking both right side and wrong side. Place hoop on a gridded surface with center point of hoop aligned with the grid. Fold glove so you can align it with the center and smooth fabric over adhesive. See **Figure #6a and #6b**.



**Figure #6a**



**Figure #6b**



4. Transfer hoop to the machine and slip a piece of tear-away underneath. Make sure center point is still aligned on the top side, adjust position if necessary using the arrow keys on your machine, and then stitch design. See **Figure #7**.

**Figure #7**



5. Repeat embroidery process for second glove to make a pair.
6. Remove excess stabilizer. Change machine to sewing and re-sew seams. See **Figure #8**.

**Figure #8**



7. What a difference a little embroidery can make! Take a look at the before and after pictures below:





You are finished! Enjoy!