



# My Fair Lady Designs

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## *Paper Embroidery Freebie*

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

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Paper of any weight can be used, and any kind of paper can be used - vellum, mulberry paper, handmade paper, etc. These designs also sew well on any fabric. Experiment and enjoy!

I have found the magazines, "Paper Crafts" and "Creative Machine Embroidery - Special Paper Embroidery Issue," and other paper craft magazines to be valuable resources for card ideas and templates.

### TIPS

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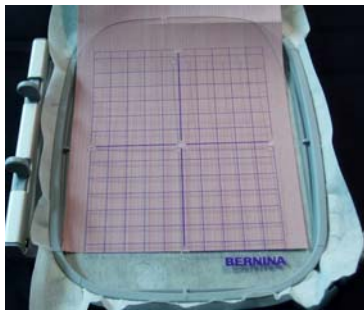
1. Cardstock and other scrap booking papers embroider beautifully. To get a good quality stitch on really heavy cardstock, hoop two pieces of tear-away stabilizer. You can also just float a second piece of stabilizer under the design area. This is a great way to use those pieces of stabilizer that are too small to hoop but too big to throw away.
2. Another way to get a better stitch on heavy cardstock (or other heavy material such as suede or leather) is to stitch the design twice before taking the hoop out of the machine.
3. Use the correct needle. A larger needle will create bigger holes in your paper. Smaller needles tend to break easily, so experiment with your paper to find the best size. I almost always use a size 80/12 on paper.
4. Stitch a sample!

### HOW TO EMBROIDER ON PAPER

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1. Hoop a piece of stabilizer. You can use any kind. I prefer tear-away (the cheap stuff).
2. Get your paper ready. After you have chosen your paper and decided what your finished product will be (card, planner, etc), cut, score, or fold the paper to the finished size. Decide where you want the embroidery design and how it should be oriented.



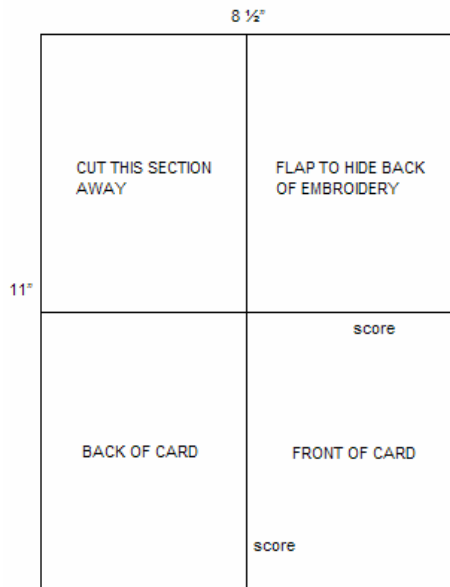
3. Unfold the paper, and place it on the hooped stabilizer. You will need to lightly adhere the paper using small amount of adhesive fabric spray or double-sided tape. Do not hoop the paper!



4. Gently place the hoop in the machine, and sew the design.

5. Remove paper and stabilizer from the hoop. Cut away the stabilizer close to the design. Although it is tempting to tear the stabilizer away (it is tear-away after all!), don't do it! You can easily tear your stitches or the paper.

## FOLDED CARD INSTRUCTIONS



1) On the FRONT of an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of card stock or other paper, score the paper through the center in both directions. You will embroider on the same side you score.

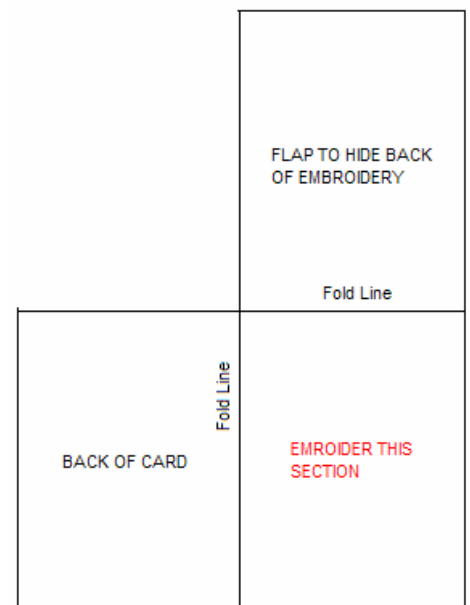
2) Cut out the upper left hand corner.

3) Hoop a piece of tear-away stabilizer.

4) Position the card so that the lower right hand section is centered in the hoop. Use double-sided tape or fabric spray adhesive to hold the paper in place

5) Cut the stabilizer away from the design.

6) Fold upper right hand section down to cover the back of the embroidery. Use double-sided tape or glue to hold in place.



## COLOR CHART

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This design is a one-color design. Try using metallic, shimmer, or variegated thread for a fun look.

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