# EASY BREEZY WAY TO MAKE PATCHES



The design used in this step by step guide is available for download on the web-shop.

#### HAPPY KWANZAA PATCH FILE

Thread colors used in this design are for the Isacord brand, but others brands can be used.

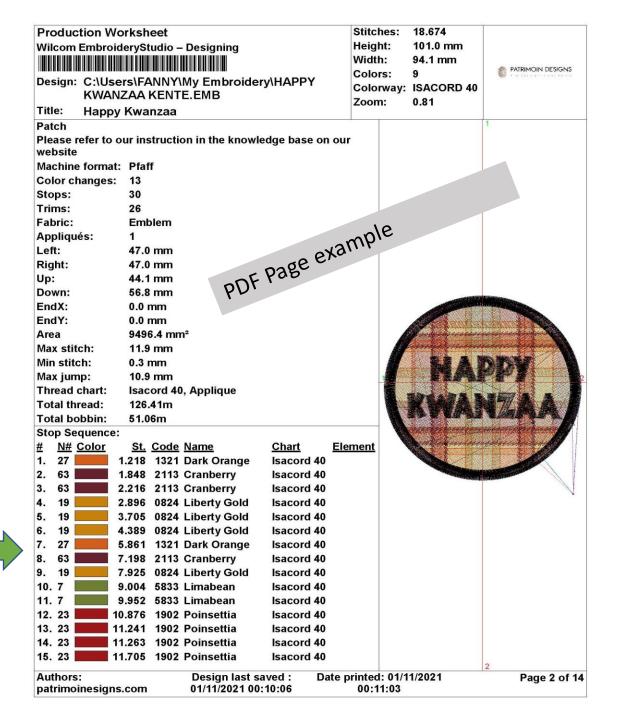
Check for similar colors to keep the color blending in the design.
The pdf you receive with each of our designs includes all info and worksheets to follow the color sequence during stitching.

Suitable for hoops 120X120 and larger

187114 Stitches

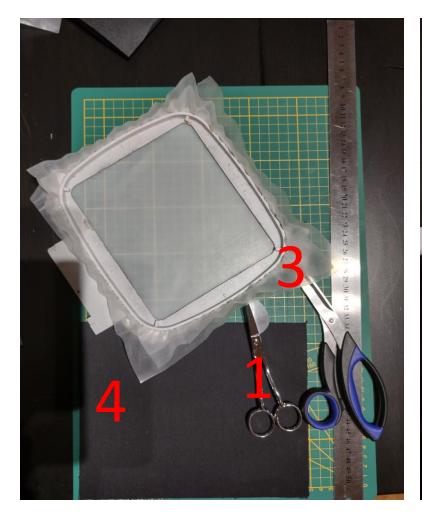
Height: 101 mm /3.97 inches

Width: 94 mm /3.63 inches





# Tools and supplies



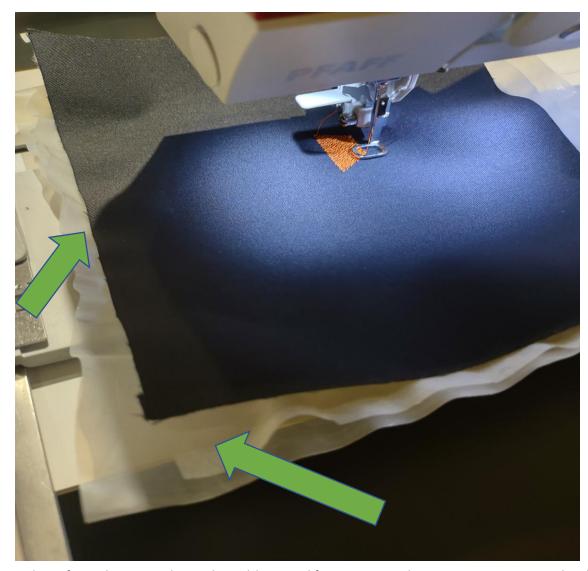


- L. Duck bill scissors (Special scissors for embroidery with a round side)
- 2. Heavy water soluble film for embroidery. Gunold brand is used here but can be found from other brands. This one is 80 micron weight. Cut 3 sheets to fit your hoop. Alternatively heavy tear-away stabilizer can be used but will give less clean edges.
- 3. regular scissors, ruler(optional)
- 4. A piece of dense, non fraying fabric. Preferably embroidery twill.
- Embroidery thread.

### STEP 1: Floating & stitching



- With the water-soluble fil tightly hooped, place the hoop in the machine.
- Now lay the piece of fabric ON TOP of the hooped film. No need for glue spray(it will dissolve the film!) Just lay it gently on top and guide it lightly in place with your hand. (top prevent bubbles) and let the machine start stitching the first elements.
- Once the first three elements are stitched you can let go.



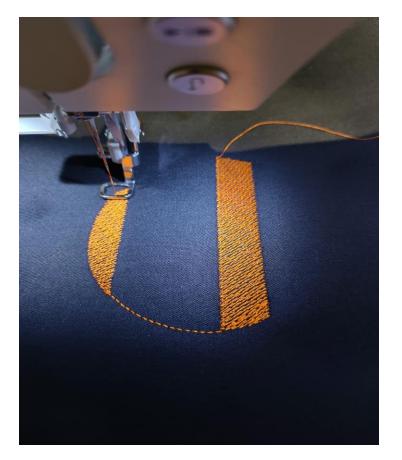
# Step 2

Let the machine run at a moderate speed.



You will find every color change and it's element on the PDF sheet included in your download.

Most machines however will display the next color on the screen.



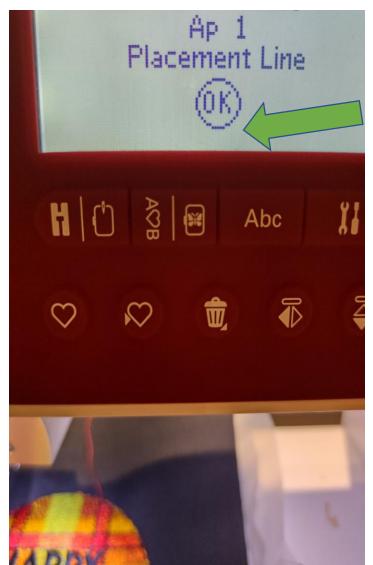




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#### Step 3:Placement and tack-down line







After all the elements of the inner base are stitched. Your machine will stop and display the 1st message: **PLACEMENT LINE**.

Just press ok or start and let the machine continue. No need to remove the hoop. The second stop and zoom out is for the **TACKDOWN LINE.** Let the machine run. Do not remove the hoop.

On your PDF worksheet this may display as a color change. This is only to let the machine know it needs to stop and do the placement line. Just use the same color you choose for the border.

This line is to secure the edge for the first time. It will do it 2 or 3 more times depending on the design.

# Step 4: Trimming the twill







After the tackdown line your machine will stop and zoom out.

Now **GENTLY** remove the hoop from the machine.Be carefull not to disturb the water-soluble film!!

Take the duckbill scissors and carefully trim away the fabric/twill edges of the design.

Cut as close as possible to the tackdown line <u>without cutting into the</u> <u>film. Watch to also not cut the</u> <u>stitches.</u>

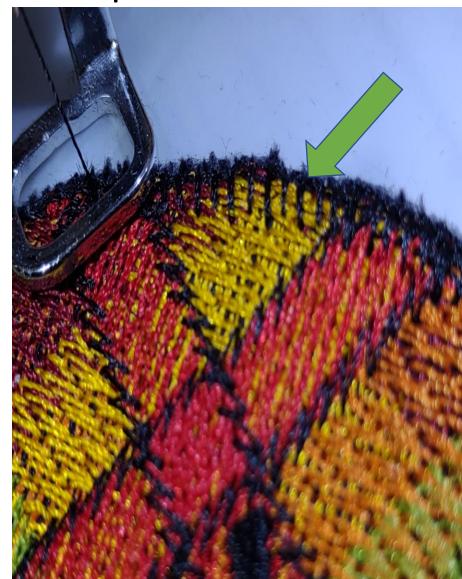
The round edge of the duckbill scissors will protect the hooped film.

Take your time!

After trimming put the hoop back in the machine

#### Step 5 : Border base







Now the machine will make one or two more rounds to lay the base for the final border. This step will secure in any leftover fluff.

The stops between the rounds will allow you to remove the hoop one last time to trim of any excess fabric or loose threads popping out.

BE CAREFUL! At this stage the film is starting to get perforated.

Make sure not to let the pacth detach from the film at this point.

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# Final step:border and removing





The final round is the visible satin stitch border.

We suggest slowing the machine down a little for the border and increasing the tension a notch if your machine has that option.
Your patch is almost ready!

When the machine comes to full stop and indicates the embroidery finished, remove the hoop.

The many rounds over the border will have perforated the water-soluble film enough to just push the patch out. It

literally"rips" away.



# Patch edge finishing.



Your have done it!! Good job

Now your patch is almost ready.

This is where the water-soluble film does it's job to give a nice clean edge.

Dip the edges where the film sticks out a little, in warm water. Keep rolling until you see the film dissolving.

Rub gently with your fingers to remove.

Let the patch dry completely before adding iron on patch adhesive or a peel and stick sheet to the back of it.

Have fun, and remember, practice makes perfect.