

Spring Ensemble

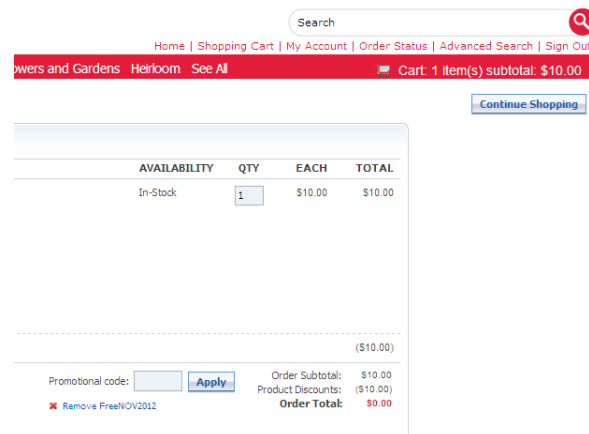
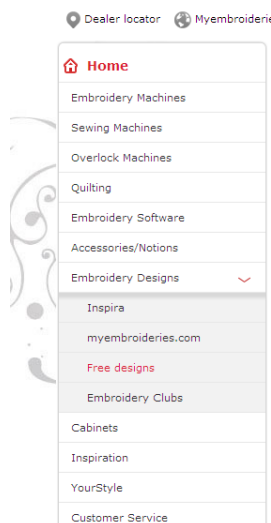
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Our spring ensemble uses a design from PFAFF® embroidery collection 354, Fine Line Art.

The flower design, #100354016 is free for the month of March 2013 from www.myembroideries.com.

Click on the link, **Embroidery Designs, Free Designs**, on the PFAFF® website to download it. When you get to the Checkout, enter the coupon code **freemar2013** in the box. Click **Apply**.

After March 2013, the design will be available for purchase on www.myembroideries.com.



Sewing Supplies:

- 5D™ Embroidery
- 260 x 150 Grand Endless Hoop
- ¼" Guide Foot with IDT™ system
- INSPIRA® embroidery needle, size 90
- INSPIRA® Light & Tacky Tear-A-Way stabilizer
- INSPIRA® Tear-A-Way Light stabilizer
- 1¾ yard tone on tone fabric
- ½ yard contrast fabric 1

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- ½ yard contrast fabric 2
- 1 yard backing fabric
- ½ yard binding fabric
- 1 yard Pellon fleece
- Robison-Anton 40 wt. rayon embroidery thread
- Sewing thread
- Bobbin thread
- Air soluble fabric marking pen

Cut:

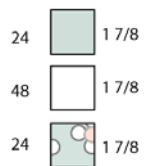
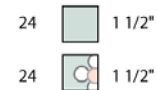
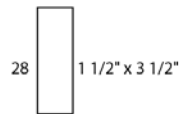
Cutting instructions are for **four** placemats and **four** silverware pockets.

From tone on tone fabric:

- Two strips 10" long x width of fabric for endless embroidery
- Four rectangles 10" wide x 12" long for pocket embroidery
- Four strips 1½" long x width of fabric
- Twenty-eight strips 1½" long x 3½" wide
- Forty-eight 1⅞" squares

From contrast fabric 1:

- Twenty-four 1½" squares
- Twenty-four 1⅞" squares
- Four 6" long x 13" wide rectangles



From contrast fabric 2:

- Twenty-four 1½" squares
- Twenty-four 1⅞" squares
- Four 6" long x 13" wide rectangles

From backing fabric:

- Four rectangles 13" long x 17" wide for placemat

From binding fabric:

- Six strips 2¾" wide x width of fabric for binding

From Pellon fleece:


- Four rectangles 13" x 17" for placemat

Prepare the Design:

1. Open design **100354016** in 5D™ Embroidery.

2. With the design highlighted, click **Resize**  .

3. Drag the corners in and resize the design to approximately **117mm x 80mm**.

4. Click **Save as**  and save the design as **Resized flower.vp3**.

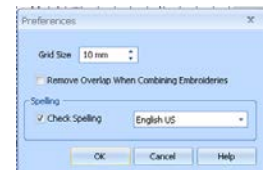
5. Click on **New** .

6. Open design **100354016** again.

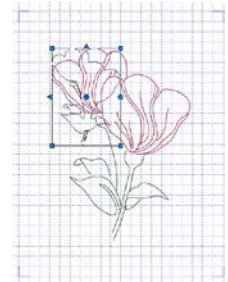
7. Click on **Preferences** .

8. With the design highlighted, click on **Resize** .

9. Be sure your grid size is set to **10mm** as shown.



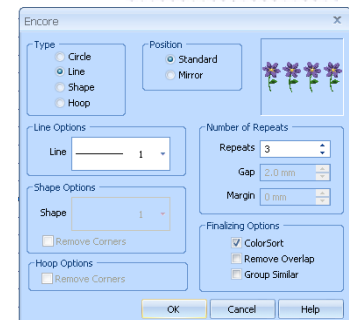
10. Drag the lower right hand corner up and to the center to create a flower $\frac{1}{4}$ the size of the original.



11. Click Center in Hoop.

12. Click **Encore**.


13. Select **3** repeats, and under Line Options, choose **line 1**.



14. Click **OK**.

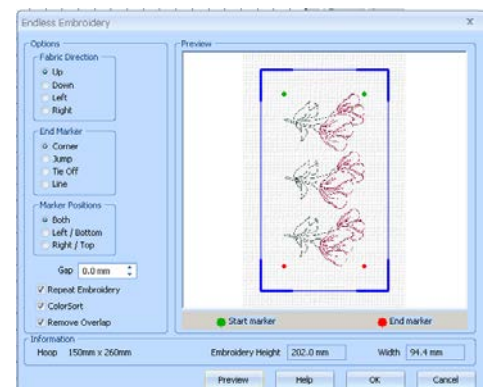
15. Right click to release encore.

16. Click Rotate 90°.


17. Click on Hoop .

18. Select the 260 x 150 Grand Endless Hoop.

19. Click on Endless Embroidery. Under Options, choose **Up**. Under End Marker, choose **Corner**. Under Marker Positions, choose **Both**. Leave checkmarks under **Repeat Embroidery**, **ColorSort** and **Remove Overlap**.



20. Click **OK** to close Endless Embroidery.

21. Click **Save as**  and save the design as **Endless flower.vp3**.

22. Send both designs to your embroidery machine.

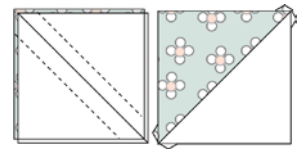
Embroider:

1. Insert a size 90 embroidery needle.
2. Thread with 40 wt. Robison-Anton Rayon thread on top and bobbin thread in the bobbin.
3. Load **Endless flower.vp3** into embroidery edit.
4. Place Light & Tacky Tear-A-Way stabilizer on the wrong side of each of the 10" x width of fabric strips.
5. Cut two strips of Tear-A-Way Light 44" long.
6. Slide your Grand Endless Hoop onto your machine.
7. Layer one piece of Tear-A-Way Light stabilizer behind the fabric prepared with Light & Tacky stabilizer; position in Grand Endless Hoop, aligning the right hand edge with the ledge of the hoop.
8. Embroider the first set of designs.
9. When the embroidery is complete, touch OK to the message and unclamp the hoop.
10. Slide the fabric away from you so you can lower the needle into the registration marks. Be sure the edge of the fabric is aligned with the ledge and clamp the hoop closed.
11. Embroider the next set of designs.
12. When this set is complete, you should be near the center fold of the fabric. As you advance the fabric this time, lower your needle into the fabric about 2" past the center fold instead of into the endless mark. This will give you some space between the sets of designs. This strip will be enough for two placemats, so the space is where you will cut the two sets apart.
13. Embroider the next two sets of designs.
14. Repeat steps 6 through 12 for the other 10" x width of fabric strip.
15. Load **Resized flower.vp3** into embroidery edit.
16. Embroider the design on each of the four 10" x 12" rectangles.

Make the Patchwork Strip:

1. Thread with sewing thread top and bobbin.
2. Place one white $1\frac{7}{8}$ " square right sides together with one print square of the same size.
3. With the white square up, mark a line from corner to corner.
4. Snap on your $\frac{1}{4}$ " Right Guide Foot with IDT™ system.
5. Align the edge of the foot with the line, and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the line. Speed feed the next square in, and continue until all the squares have been sewn together.

6. Don't cut them apart yet. Start at the other end, and stitch on the opposite side of the line as shown.

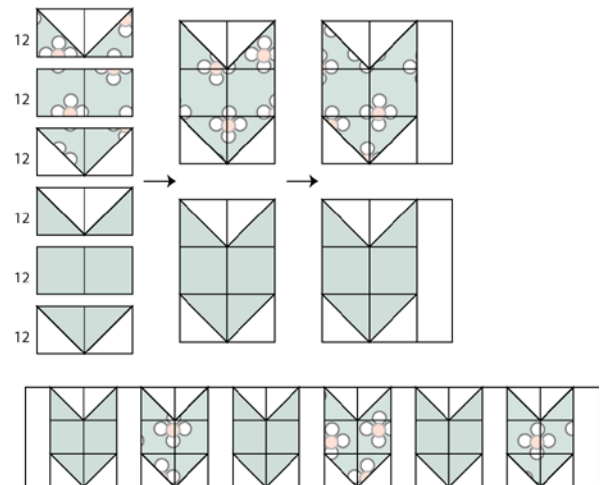


7. Cut the squares apart, and cut down the center, on the marked line.

8. Press the seams open. This creates the half square triangles.

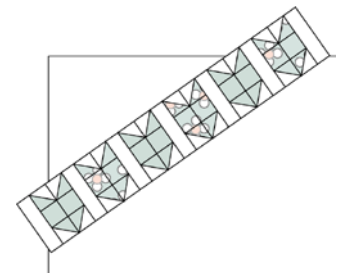
9. Follow the diagram to create the patchwork strips. Press after each step.

Note: You will make four of these units; one for each placemat.

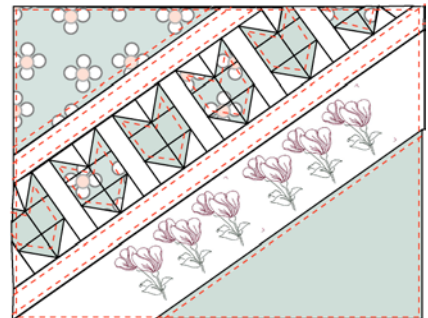


Make the Placemats:

1. Cut the embroidered strips in half, so there are six flower repeats on each strip.
2. Trim the embroidered strips $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edge of the embroidery so the strips are $4\frac{3}{4}$ " wide with the embroidery centered. Don't trim anything from the ends yet.
3. The placemat will be constructed using a quilt as you go method. Place the patchwork strip on the Pellon fleece as shown, so the corners reach the edge of the fleece.

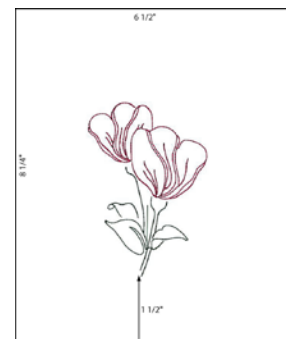


- Place the white on white 1½" x width of fabric strip right sides together on top of the flower strip.
- Stitch in place.
- Flip over and trim the ends.
- Place the remainder of the strip on the other side of the flower strip and stitch in place.
- Cut the embroidered strip in half, you should have 6 flowers on each strip.
- Place the embroidered strip on top of the lower white strip. The flowers should be upside down at this point. After they are flipped, they will be right side up. Sew the flowers in place.
- Place one of the 6" x 13" rectangles right sides together on the placemat, over the embroidered flower strip and stitch in place to fill in the corner.
- Repeat with the other rectangle along the white strip on the opposite corner.
- Press.
- Layer the placemat with the backing fabric.
- Stitch ¼" from the seams as shown.
- Stitch around the flower (not the individual flower seams, but the complete flower) ¼" from the edge.
- Bind the placemat.



Make the Pockets:

- Cut the pocket embroideries down to 6½" x 8¼" with the embroidery 1½" from the bottom as shown.
- Place the embroidered pocket front right sides together with the 6 ½" x 8 ¼" pocket back piece.
- Stitch the sides and bottom.
- Fold the 6½"x 16"pocket lining piece in half, right sides together and stitch the side seams leaving a 3" opening in



one seam for turning.

5. Place the outer embroidered pocket in the lining, right sides together and stitch around the top edge.
6. Turn through the opening in the side seam.
7. Press.
8. Topstitch the opening closed.
9. Turn the top down approximately 1" to form a cuff.

Insert a napkin and your silverware, get the table set with your pretty placemats, and let's get brunch served!

