

Floral Borders Tea Towel

Bring the charm of antique-looking linen into your kitchen with this hanging tea towel. This handy towel attaches to handles so it doesn't fall on the floor. Makes a great gift, too!

Skill Level: Beginner

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Required Designs:

Amazing Designs® Floral Borders ADC-73J

Optional Software:

Place & Stitch Embroidery

Edit Express: Included with design collection

Supplies:

- Embroidery/sewing machine with 4" hoop or larger
- Scissors, needle and thread for hand sewing
- Rotary cutter, ruler and mat
- Machine Embroidery thread
- 1/4 yard of light fusible interfacing
- Amazing Designs® Stabilize It!™ 1.5 oz. Cut Away No Show stabilizer sheets sized for your hoop
- Embroidery spray adhesive
- 7-1/2 inch bowl or bread plate to use to trace pattern shape. (Tip: Use the Place & Stitch® half circle #10)
- 1 terry cloth tea towel
- 2 fat quarters, one solid and one print for piping
- 1 button - 5/8"



Read through all instructions before beginning.

Cutting instructions:

Cut an 8" by 8" square of interfacing and fuse it to one corner on the back of the solid fabric →

Solid fabric cutting instructions:

A: Header – Use a dinner plate to trace the plate shape on the interfaced fabric. Trace a second plate shape on another piece without interfacing. Cut on the traced lines.

B: Facings - cut two pieces 2" x 8".

C: Strap - cut one piece 1" x 3".

D: Band - 3" x the width of your towel plus 2"

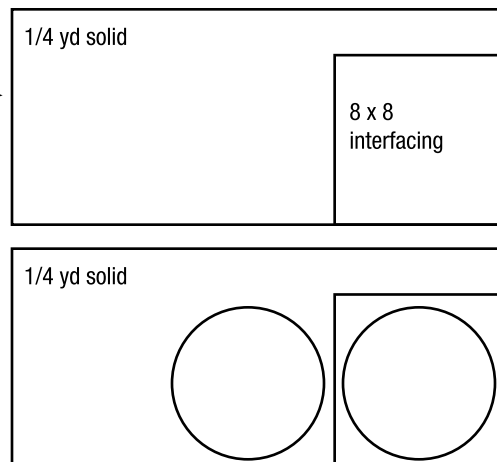
Print fabric cutting instructions:

A: Piping for band - cut two pieces 1" x the width of your towel plus 2".

B: Piping for header front - one piece 1" x 9".

Embroidery preparation:

- Insert the ADC-73J CD-ROM into your computer and wait for the CD menu to open. If it does not open automatically click on My Computer and then double click the CD drive. From the CD menu click Install Edit Express (or Launch Edit Express if it is already installed). If this is the first time you have used Edit Express, click View Instructional Video. It is brief and very helpful.



Embroidery preparation (continued):

- In Edit Express, click File – Open from the menu bar. Select your CD drive which contains ADC-73J. Double click to open the Designs folder.
- Double click the format folder your machine requires, then open design BOR204.
- Click the Select Hoop icon and set the hoop size to 100mm x 100mm. Click OK. (We will use the hoop size to adjust the design size.)
- With the design selected, place your cursor on a corner handle of the design selection box and slowly drag it inward. Watch the status bar at the bottom left of the screen and when the percentage reads between 82 - 80%, release the mouse button. The program will automatically adjust the density and stitch count.
- Click the Center icon to center the design in the hoop.
- Select File - Save as and save the design to the type of media your embroidery machine requires.
- Select File - Print and print a template of the design to use for placement in the hoop.
- Close the design file page by clicking the x in the upper right corner of the BOR204 file.
- Click File - Open and open design BOR205 and repeat steps 4 – 6 for sizing and centering the design.
- Select File - Save as and save the design to the type of media your embroidery machine requires, and print a template for this design as well.

Sewing Instructions:

Use 1/2" seam allowances except where noted.

1. Fold the interfaced circle in half and cut 1/2" away from the fold line. Discard the small piece. Repeat with the other circle.
2. Hoop the stabilizer and spray with adhesive. Center the interfaced header, right side up and rounded side toward the top of the hoop. Check the design placement and embroider BOR204. Remove from hoop and remove excess stabilizer.
3. Clean finish one long edge of the 2"x8" pieces. Stitch one long raw edge to each header piece, right sides together. Turn to wrong side, press and hem.
4. Fold the strap right sides together. Stitch both long edges and one short end. Turn. Place the open end on the embroidered header so that it lies over the embroidery and the open end will be caught in the seam allowance. Pin or baste in place.
5. Place both headers right sides together, matching all edges and seam the rounded side.
6. Turn right side out. Notch the seam allowance.
7. Make a buttonhole at the loose end of the strap.
8. Sew button to top back of the header.
9. Fold piping pieces in half so they are 1/2" wide. Seam to both long edges of the band using a 3/8" seam allowance. Turn and press.
10. Embroider BOR205 on the center of the band.
11. Center the embroidered band over the woven band of the towel. If there is no woven band, place it about 2-1/2" to 3" from the bottom. Pin across the width and fold the excess to the back. Fold under the band ends. Trim as needed. 'Stitch in the ditch' to fix the band to the towel.
12. Cut and clean finish the towel 16 inches from the bottom of the towel.
13. Fold the towel so that the two sides meet at the center, wrong sides together. Ease the fullness and insert into the header approximately 2".
14. Baste through all layers to align back and front. Top stitch 1/8" from the piping.

Hang and enjoy!

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