

Holiday Wonders

EMBROIDERY DESIGNS

Collection by Sew4Home.com

With two classic phrases and two adorable animals, you can embellish something for everyone on your holiday gift list. These four colourful, detailed designs have been created exclusively for Janome Canada by the creative team at Sew4Home.

The professionally digitized embroidery features unique textured and smooth fills and beautiful colour transitions.

There are four sets of files: Santa Baby, Fa La La, Festive Fox and Jolly Penguin. All elements are provided in two file formats: JEF and JPX. There is also a Placement Template PDF and a Thread Chart PDF. The Thread Chart gives you the colour changes, size, and stitch count for each design. Sew4Home has also included a colour chart with specific thread numbers identifying the Madeira Cotona 50wt cotton thread used for the S4H samples.

Sew4Home used the designs to create a sweet set of onesies and an adorable trio of towels. The soft, lightweight knit of the onesies and the woven linen of the towels are two very different fabric types with different needs for hooping and stabilizing. S4H has outlined some of the techniques they used below to make their stitch outs look great on both of the substrates.



The Fa La La embroidery design can be stitched either vertically or horizontally. Sew4Home stitched it horizontally on their onesie sample, and vertically on their towel sample.

Follow Sew4Home's project ideas and/or use your own imagination! The designs would work wonderfully on garments, a set of mini pillows, a tote bag, and more.



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Some Hints for Hooping Different Substrates

The woven fabric used for the tea towels was medium weight and very stable, so the recommended stabilizer is a tear-away. It will provide a firm base for the dense embroidery designs, and it will tear away from the embroidery, leaving a clean edge on the wrong side of the design. Most woven fabrics and tear-away combinations can be hooped without concern for stretching the fabric or leaving marks from the hoop.

Small items, such as the baby onesies, require a different treatment. The first consideration is size. Janome provides lots of choices for hoop size, including their free arm hoop that allows you to slip a garment over the free arm of the machine and complete the embroidery on a single layer of fabric. However, these hoops are limited in size, so we need a different technique for hooping small garments when using a larger embroidery design, like the ones in this collection.

Many times, you can solve the issue by simply turning and manipulating the garment so excess fabric is outside the embroidery area. The garment is placed on top of the stabilizer rather than hooped, and the Baste function is used to keep the fabric in place.



If the garment is especially small, the next best solution is to open up a side seam to allow better access to the embroidery area. This is the technique S4H used for the baby onesies.



In addition to their small size, baby garments are frequently made of soft, stretchy, comfortable knits. For successful embroidery, these kind of knit fabrics need stabilizer applied to prevent stretching. The recommended choice is a lightweight fusible mesh. The fusible mesh should be cut slightly larger than the size of the embroidery design, then fused to the wrong side of the garment.

Next, place a tear-away stabilizer or sticky stabilizer in the hoop, and position the garment, right side up, over the hoop. Although sticky stabilizers should keep the garment from moving, we still recommend using the Baste function on either a sticky or a tear-away to prevent any possibility of shifting during the embroidery process.

One more trick to embroidering small garments: sometimes it is easier to position the garment on the hoop upside down or sideways! If this is the case, use the Edit screen to rotate the design so it has the correct orientation.



Once the embroidery is complete, remove the excess sticky or tear-away stabilizer from the wrong side of the garment. The fusible mesh should remain on the garment to keep the design from distorting during washing and wearing.

Finally, if you opened a seam, re-stitch it to finish the garment.

