

“Flower Girl Basket”

Create a gorgeous flower girl basket for an upcoming wedding. This easy to follow embroidery project is delicate-looking yet sturdy enough for a walk down the aisle.

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Sofia or other Sewing/Embroidery Machine
1/3 yard of 54” or 60” wide satin or taffeta
1 yard 1 1/2” wide ribbon
4 yards 1/4” wide ribbon in two colors
Baby Lock Shape Flex interfacing or similar
Décor Interactives by Designer’s Gallery
Embroidery thread
Temporary Spray Adhesive
Tear-Away stabilizer
Baby Lock® Press-Away stabilizer
Air erasable fabric marker
All-purpose thread
Yarn needle
Tape measure
Appliqué or Embroidery Scissors
Eyelet punch (comes with your machine)
Iron

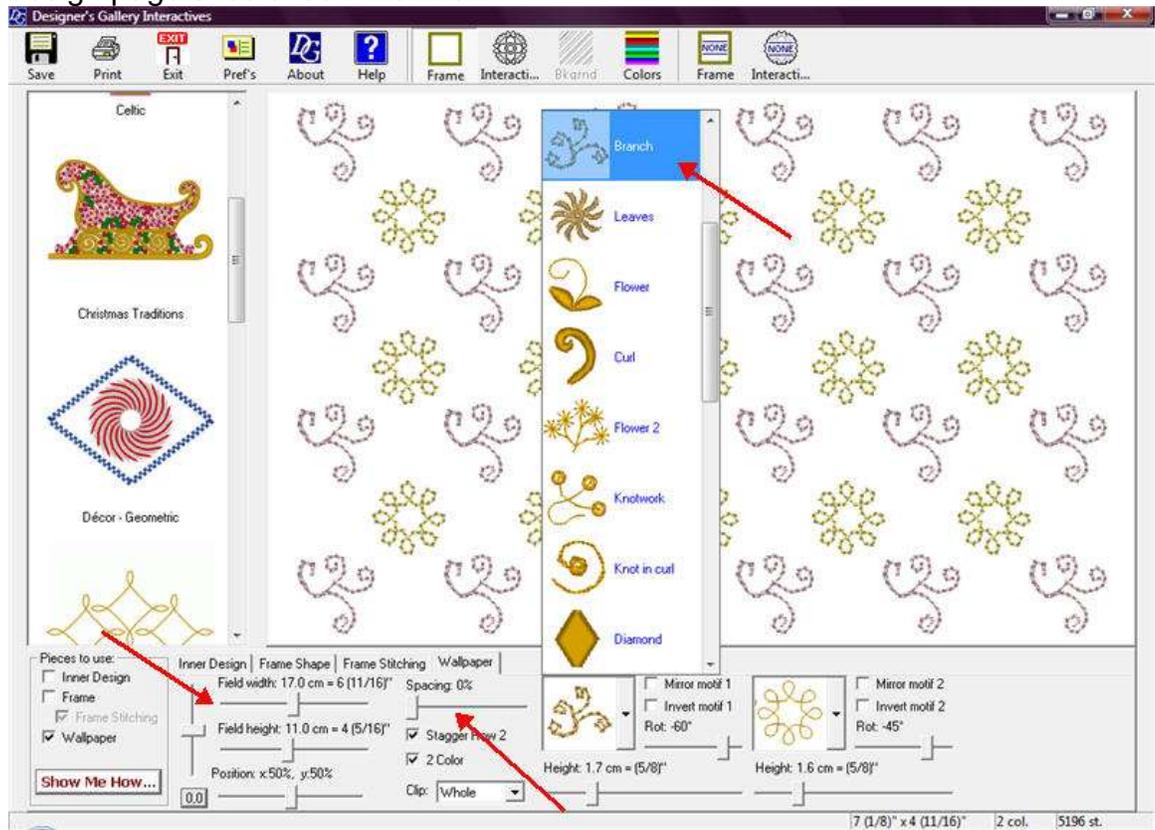


Instructions:

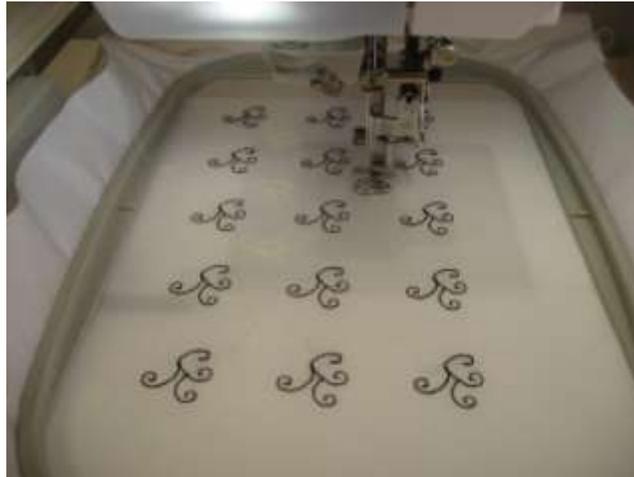
1. Make sure you downloaded the designs and saved them to your hard drive when you downloaded the project.
2. Unzip the designs and save them to the proper media for your machine. Set this aside, you will need it later.
3. Open Décor Interactives installed on your computer.
4. In the “Pieces to use:” box, deselect all the options but the Wallpaper.



5. Select the Wallpaper tab and set the field width to 6 $\frac{11}{16}$ " and the width to 4 $\frac{5}{16}$ " using the slide bars.
6. From the design selection boxes, select the desired designs. Branch and Spiral were used in the sample shown. Reduce the spacing to 0%. Your design page should look like this:



7. Click "Save"  found in the tool bar. Name your file and select your USB drive or other location using the "Save in" drop down menu. Select the format from the list by clicking the down arrow on the "Save as Type" box and clicking the desired format. Click "Save". If your machine requires media other than a USB drive, follow the manufacturer's instructions to transfer the design to that media.
8. Cut the taffeta into 4-12" x 8" pieces and 6-6" x 8" pieces. The larger sections will be the outside of the basket, the remainder will be the inside or lining and the base or bottom. While you are cutting, cut the Shape Flex into 6-6" x 8" pieces.
9. Load the design created in Décor into the machine. Select the proper size embroidery hoop and hoop a piece of press away stabilizer along with one of the larger pieces of taffeta.
10. Stitch the design. When it is finished, remove it from the hoop, tear away the stabilizer from the outside edges and press away the remaining from the back side. Repeat this for the other 3 larger pieces of taffeta.



11. Load the basket_side.pes design into the machine. Select the proper hoop and hoop a piece of tear away stabilizer. Spray lightly with temporary spray adhesive and place a piece of the plain taffeta on the stabilizer. Spray the taffeta with temporary spray adhesive and place a piece of Shape Flex onto the taffeta.



12. Stitch the first color of the design, tacking the taffeta and Shape Flex together.
13. Remove the hoop from the machine but **do not** remove the piece from the hoop. Using appliqué or small scissors, trim all the way around the outside edge of the basket. Cut close to the stitching but be careful not to cut the stitching or the stabilizer.



14. Lightly spray this with spray adhesive and place an embroidered taffeta piece on top of the Shape Flex. Center it over the Shape Flex, right side facing up.
15. Stitch the next color, tacking all the layers together.
16. Remove the hoop from the machine but **do not** remove the piece from the hoop. Using appliqué or small scissors, trim the top embroidered fabric all the way around the outside edge of the basket. Cut close to the stitching but be careful not to cut the stitching or the stabilizer.



17. Stitch the final step which is the satin edge and the eyelets. Remove this from the hoop and tear away all of the excess stabilizer. Using the eyelet punch, punch holes in the eyelets at the edge of the side pieces.



18. Repeat these steps to make a total of 4 side pieces. You will also follow the same steps for the base but you will not use an embroidered piece.
19. Set your machine up for zig-zag sewing with a stitch length of 2.0 and a stitch width of 3.0. Use the same color as the satin edge of the basket in both the needle and the bobbin. Align the straight edge of the basket side with the basket edge and zig-zag stitch together. Be sure to backstitch at the beginning and end of the seam to secure.



20. Cut the 1 ½" wide ribbon into two equal pieces. Using a straight stitch, attach one piece of ribbon on two opposite sides of the basket.



21. Cut the ¼" ribbon into 4 equal sections of each color. Thread the yarn needle with one piece of each color ribbon. Start at the bottom and lace the ribbon up through the eyelets. Tie a nice bow at the top.
22. Repeat this for all four corners. Tie the wide side ribbons together to make a handle.

Add this to your box with the ring bearer pillow. Be sure to mark these off your list, it will make you feel good!

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