

“Interactive Floral Accents – Picnic Set”



Why not recycle those old blue jeans that have lost their sense of comfort and wearability? With the use of Interactive Floral Accents, you can transform them into a very practical picnic set while still enjoying them.

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Supplies:

Baby Lock® embroidery machine

Interactive Embroidery Floral Accents designs by Designer’s Gallery®

4 squares cut from recycled denim garments that measure 13” x 13”

4 pockets cut from recycled denim garments

2 Yards of striped print for the sashing

1 ½ Yards of pink floral print for napkins, and bias binding


1 yard of a pink and green floral print for the backing

Tear-away stabilizer

Temporary spray adhesive
Seam ripper
Chalko Liner
Straight edge ruler, rotary cutter and mat
Embroidery and bobbin thread
General sewing supplies

Instructions:

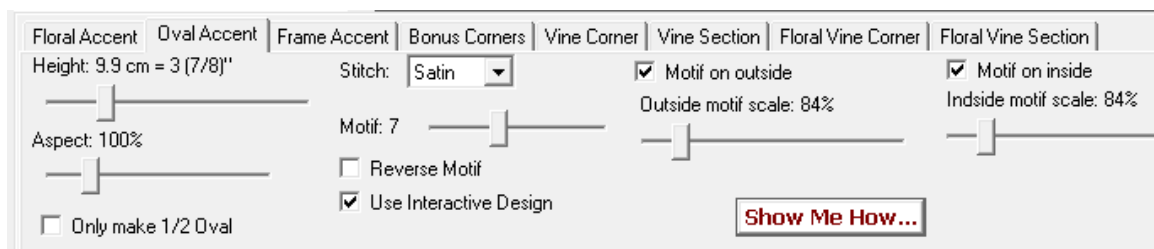
At the Computer - Pocket Design


1. Open the Interactives icon on the computer's desktop. 
2. If you have installed more than one Interactive design program on your computer, you will need to use the scroll bar to view the various programs. The programs will install in alphabetic order. Scroll down



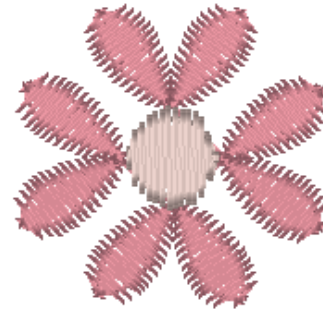
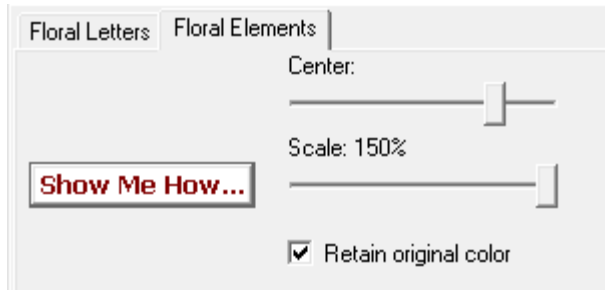
and select Floral Accents. 


3. Click on the Oval Accent tab.
4. Set the scroll bars with the following settings. **Note** - the directions will reflect millimeters settings.
 - Height – 9.9 cm
 - Aspect - 100%
 - Stitch - Satin
 - Motif - 7
 - Place a check mark in Use Interactive Design
 - Place a check mark in Motif on Outside and Inside
 - Set Outside and Inside Motif scale to 84%



5. To use an Interactive design, click on the Design  icon on the top toolbar.
6. Using the scroll bar to the left of the workspace, select Floral Accent Designs.

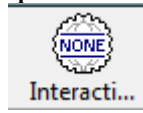
7. Select the Floral Elements tab. Move the scroll bars to the following settings (*as shown in the following illustration*).
 - Slide the Center control approximately 3/4 of the way to the right (*as shown in the illustration below*).
 - Set the Scale to 150%.

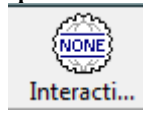



8. Click on the Save  icon. Give the design the name Floral Circle Small and save in the format the machine will read. This design will be placed on the pockets which will hold the silverware and napkins.
9. **Do not close out of the program or change the design.**

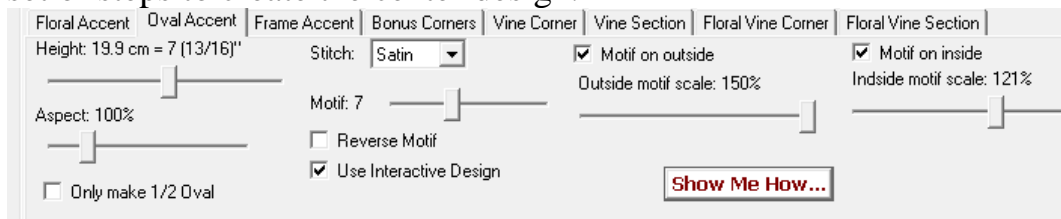
Center Design:

1. With the program open and using the same design, click on Remove




Interactive Design  icon on the top toolbar.

2. To go back to the original page, click on the Frame  icon.
3. On this page we will resize the design to be larger. Follow the next set of steps to create the center design.

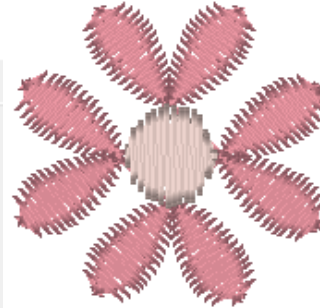
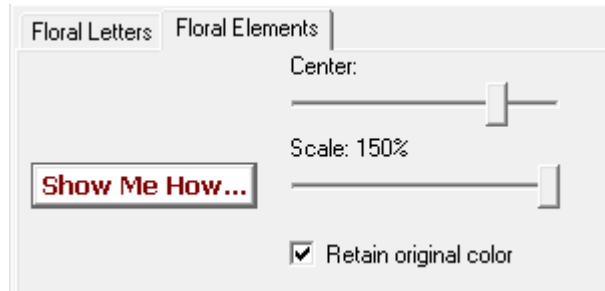


- Set the Height to 19.9cm.
 - Slide the Outside Motif Scale to 150%.
 - Slide the Inside Motif Scale to 121%.
4. Click on the Save icon. Give the design the name of Floral Center Circle and save in the format the machine will read.
 5. To create the small flower center, click on the Interactive Design



 icon on the top toolbar.

6. Using the scroll bar, select Floral Accent Designs.
7. Select the Floral Elements tab and set the scroll bars with the following settings (*as shown in the following illustration*).
 - Slide the Center control to about 3/4 of the way to the end (*as shown below*).
 - Set the Scale to 150%.



- To remove the outer frame design, click on Remove Frame Design



on the top toolbar.

- Click on the Save icon. Give the design the name of Small Floral Center and save in the format the machine will read. The Small Floral Center design will be duplicated in the embroidery machine before sewing.

At the Cutting Table:

1. Using a seam ripper, remove the four back pockets from the recycled blue jeans.
2. From the recycled denim, cut four sections that measure approximately 13" square. Piece the sections together using a 1/2" seam allowance to form a 24" square.
3. From the pink floral print, cut four 15" squares for the napkins. Hem-stitch the edges to finish.
4. Using the striped print fabric, cut four pieces 5" wide across the width of the fabric for the sashing. Set these pieces aside for now.
5. Using the pink floral fabric, cut 2 1/2" bias stripes to be used for the binding. Set these sections aside.
6. From the pink and green floral print and the batting cut one section each 3" larger than the finished top section for the batting and the backing. Set these sections aside.

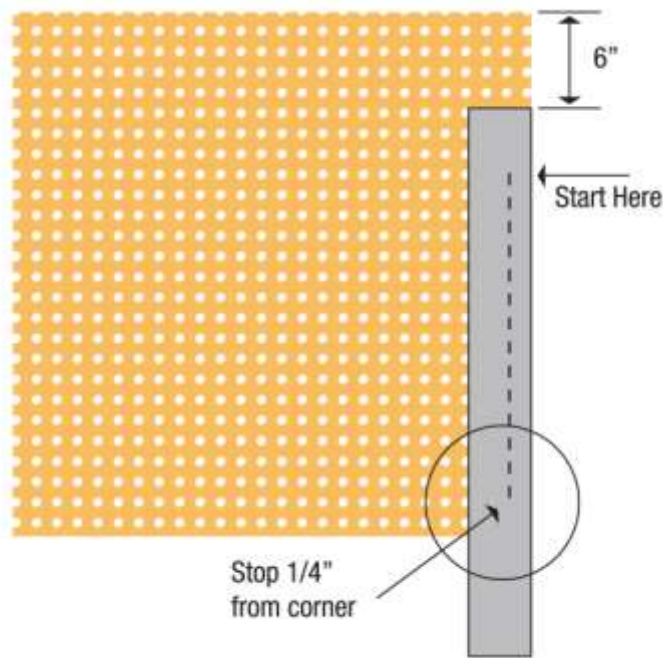
At the Embroidery Machine:

1. Hoop the tear-away stabilizer and spray with a temporary spray adhesive.

2. Mark the center of the pockets using a Chalko Liner.
3. Center the pocket in the middle of the hoop and finger press to secure.
4. Embroider the pocket design. Repeat for the other pockets.
5. Hoop the tear-away stabilizer and spray with a temporary spray adhesive.
6. Place the assembled denim square in the middle of the hoop using the seam lines for centering in the hoop.
7. Place the Floral Center Circle design on the machine's workspace and merge in the Small Floral Center 7 times. Place one in the dead center and arrange the remaining six designs in a circle.
Option: Merge the designs together using Studio III or CustomWorks and save the entire design as one. Embroider the design.

Final Assembly:

1. Using the striped print stripes, sew one strip to the top and the bottom of the embroidered denim center section using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Using a straight edge ruler, square up the edges. Sew the remaining strips to the sides. Square up the edges.
2. Sandwich the batting between the pink and green floral print and the embroidered top on a flat surface.
3. Using the Baby Lock walking foot, stitch in the ditch around the seam line to hold the layers together. Quilt the picnic topper as desired.
4. Using a straight edge ruler, trim away the excess fabric around the edges.
8. To add the bias binding, sew the bias strips together to create one strip that measures the distance around the topper. With wrong sides together, fold the bias strip in half. Place the raw edges together on the front of the topper 6" from any corner. Starting 4" from the end of the bias strip, sew the bias to the topper using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Stop $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the corner and cut the thread. Fold the bias up so that the raw edge is even with the edge of the topper and fold down over the edge lining up the raw edges and continue to sew in place starting at the corner. Repeat for the remaining corners. (*See the illustration below.*)



9. Fold the binding to the back and hand-stitch in place.
10. Place and sew the pockets to each of the corners on the diagonal (*as shown below*).



11. Hem the napkins and place one in each of the pockets.
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