

Embroidered Umbrellas

Personalized Gifts to Give for Moms, Dads & Grads

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Yes, you can embroider umbrellas! Learn how to hoop umbrella fabric and add custom embroidery designs without puckering. Plus, keep the embroidered area waterproof with a specialty Sulky stabilizer: Stitch 'n Seal™.



These aren't just any umbrellas. They are inverted umbrellas. That means when you close it, the umbrella folds in on itself. These umbrellas help to keep the rain and moisture in the umbrella and off of your clothes and floor. These fun, innovative umbrellas make great gifts any time of year, especially in the spring when rain is prevalent.

These umbrellas are built differently than traditional umbrellas, so they take a bit more time to set up for machine embroidery. But it is actually a simple hooping process once you know how to separate the umbrella fabrics.

The following directions are for two different types of embroidery: a monogram and a traditional machine embroidery design. The supplies differ, but the technique is the same.

Read all instructions before beginning the project.



Supply List

- [Inverted umbrella](#)
- [Stitch 'n Seal™](#) (8" x 1 yd. roll)
- [Sticky Fabri-Solvy™](#) stabilizer (8" x 6 yd. roll)
- Monogram Design:
 - [40 wt. Poly Deco™](#) thread - Dk. Orchid - 900 yd. spool
 - [40 wt. Poly Deco™](#) thread - Med. Purple - 900 yd. spool
 - [60 wt. PolyLite™](#) thread - Lt. Purple - 440 yd. spool
- [Tee-rific Dad Machine Embroidery Design:](#)
 - [60 wt. PolyLite™](#) thread - Christmas Green - 440 yd. spool
 - [40 wt. Poly Deco™](#) thread - True Green - 900 yd. spool
 - [60 wt. PolyLite™](#) thread - Tangerine - 440 yd. spool
 - [40 wt. Poly Deco™](#) thread - Goldenrod - 900 yd. spool
 - [40 wt. Poly Deco™](#) thread - Yellow Orange - 900 yd. spool

Prepare

Step 1

Download the [Tee-rific Dad embroidery design](#) or create a monogram file using a built-in or purchased font. Load the design onto the machine.

Step 2

On the ends of the inverted umbrella are knobs. Carefully separate the knobs from the stem. Do this around the entire umbrella.



Step 3

Separate the two layers of the umbrella, the black from the color. The black is the top of the umbrella, which will receive the embroidery.



Step 4

Hoop a rectangle of Sticky Fabri-Solvay with the paper side facing up. Pin-prick the paper along the inner hoop perimeter. Peel away the paper backing to reveal the adhesive.



Step 5

Determine the embroidery design placement. It's easier to place the design near the lower edge because there's easier access to the fabric. Center the design between two umbrella spokes or where desired, leaving ample border along the lower edge.

Stick the black umbrella layer onto the hoop. Peel and stick another layer of Sticky Fabri-Solvvy on the umbrella right side to sandwich the umbrella fabric between. Pin the layers together beyond the stitching field for extra security, if desired.



Step 6

Carefully place the hoop onto the machine. Make sure the design is oriented in the right direction. Embroider the design, switching thread colors as indicated by the design and trimming jump threads with each color change. Don't leave the umbrella unattended; you may have to keep the umbrella steady during the stitchout.





Tip:

Utilize a small table or chair next to the machine to hold the umbrella handle steady and keep everything balanced during the stitchout.

Step 7

When embroidery is complete, remove the hoop from the machine. Trim the excess Sticky Fabri-Solvly beyond the design on the umbrella right and wrong side, being careful to not pierce the umbrella fabric.

Place the design under running water and lightly rub to remove. Allow umbrella to dry in the sun completely.



Step 8

Place the two layers of umbrella back together as originally secured.

Step 9

Cut a piece of Stitch 'n Seal™ 1" larger than the embroidery.

Place the right side, the glossy side, of the Stitch n' Seal against the embroidery wrong side. Use an iron to press the Stitch n' Seal to the embroidery design for 10-15 seconds.



Tip:

Begin pressing in the center of the design and work your way out. This way the umbrella doesn't wrinkle under the Stitch n' Seal.

Allow umbrella to rest for 48 hours before using in the rain.



Gift the umbrella to a mom, dad or grad, or yourself!
You'll always know which umbrella is yours at the
office or department store.



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