

# Threads n Scissors

## In The Hoop Tissue Box Covers

### Method

The design pieces must be stitched in this sequence, Design 1a, Design 1b, Design 1c and then Design 1d

### Starting with Design 1a

Hoop 2 layers of water soluble stabilizer. Stitch the first color. This is a marking line for the fabric. Cut a piece of cotton fabric 6" x 8" and place it over the marking lines. Stitch the next color. This holds the fabric in place. Remove the hoop from the machine and trim away the fabric from around the design as shown in the photo. Cut closely to the stitches, but do not cut the stitching. Also, leave about 1/2 an inch of fabric along the "open" sides.

### Materials

**Water soluble stabilizer**

**Cotton fabric**

**1 inch wide elastic**

**Embroidery thread in colors of your choice**



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Stitch the next 4 colors. The 4th color outlines the area you will be cutting out. Cut out inside the white outline as shown in the photo graph.



Stitch out the rest of the design.



This completes design 1a.

Stitch design 1b using the above method but not stitching the last color. Now having completed Design 1a, cut out around the design and place Design 1a on top of Design 1b, right sides together. Match the lace edgings.

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Tape the pieces in place. The “short” side will be stitched. Stitch the last color. When you open the two pieces, you should have the same as in the photo.



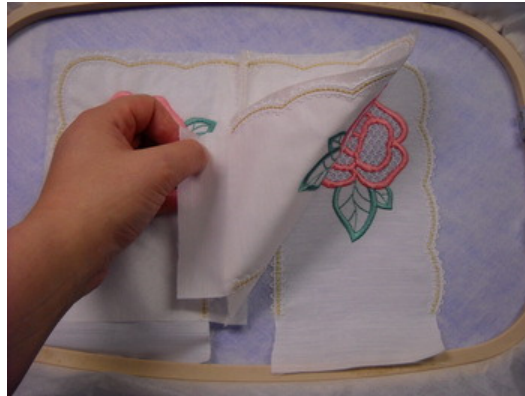
Cut Design 1b out of the stabilizer and trim away the excess fabric from the stitched seam using pinking shears (scissors with a zig zag edged blade) This neatens the seam and prevents the edges from unravelling.



Now stitch out Design 1c following the method used for Design 1a not stitching the last color. Again the last color is used to stitch this piece to the 2 pieces already made.

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Place the already stitched pieces onto Design 1c, matching Design 1b to Design 1c, right sides together.



This time, the design will be stitched along the “longer” side. Match the lace edges and tape in place. Stitch the last color. Cut the design out of the stabilizer like you did with the Design 1b and trim the seam using pinking shears.



.Now to stitch Design 1d. Stitch Design 1d the same way as you did Design 1a but this time do not stitch the last two colors. Place the 3 stitched pieces onto Design 1d matching Design 1c to Design 1d along the “short” side matching the lace. Tape into place and stitch the second to last color. Remove the tape and open the design.





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Now to complete Design 1d. Match Design 1a to Design 1d along the “longer” side. Match the lace edgings and tape into place. Stitch the last color.



Cut design 1d out of the stabilizer. Trim the seams with pinking shears. Rinse out the stabilizer and allow the tissue box cover to dry. Cut a 7 inch piece of 1 inch wide elastic and using your sewing machine, stitch zig-zag the edges to prevent it from unravelling. Using a running stitch, stitch the elastic to the tissue box cover at the middle seam on the longer sides of the cover.

