

Endless Embroidered Pillowcase

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Transform a simple motif into a decorative pillowcase band with the BERNINA 830's Endless Embroidery feature!

Learn step-by-step how to design and stitch an Endless Embroidery design as you create this lovely pillowcase. Once you learn Endless Embroidery techniques, your embroidery projects will have no boundaries.



Supplies

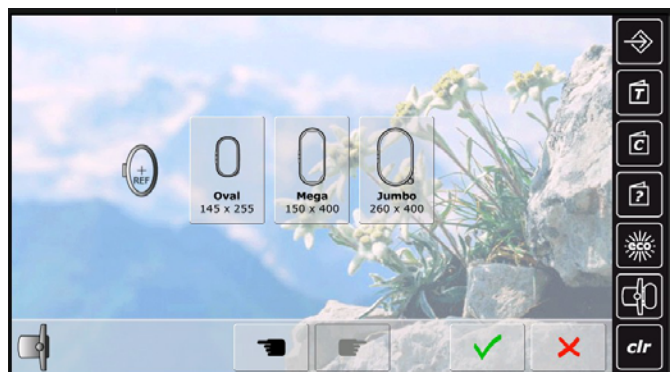
Machine & Accessories

- BERNINA 830 Sewing & Embroidery System
- Mega Hoop and Oval Hoop with templates*
- Ruffler Attachment #86
- Serger (optional)

Fabric & Notions

- *Forget Me Not Bedding Set* by Crab Apple Hill
- Fabrics according to pattern for pillowcase
- AquaTear Water-soluble Stabilizer
- Organ Embroidery Needle, size 70 Sharp
- Isacord Embroidery Thread, two colors
- Embroidery Bobbin Thread
- Sewing Thread
- Washable Fabric Marker

* Make sure the hoops have been calibrated. It is necessary to calibrate the Oval, Mega and Jumbo embroidery machines when the machine is new or after an update. This defines the hoop centers for your hoops and your 830. (To calibrate the hoops, go to Setup > Embroidery Settings > Next Page to the Calibration screen.)



Endless Embroidery Preparation

For the embroidered band, cut the fabric at least 42" long (or selvage to selvage). Cut the stabilizer the same size. Rehooping will be much easier with all layers the same thickness during the endless embroidery process.

Draw a line the length of the fabric, down the center, with a washable marker. Hoop the fabric in the Mega Hoop, aligning the drawn center line with the template center line.

Create the Endless Embroidery Pattern

Open the Motifs folder and select design #23.

Select the Mega Hoop.

Select the Rotate icon and use the multi-function knobs to rotate the design 25 degrees.

Select the Endless Embroidery icon.



Increase the motif count to 4.

Activate the reference marks for the lower left and lower right corners.

Press the green checkmark to confirm.

Use the Retrieve icon to deselect all of the motifs.



Select and Mirror Image (L/R) the second and fourth motifs.

Save the design in the My Designs folder.

Press the green checkmark to confirm.

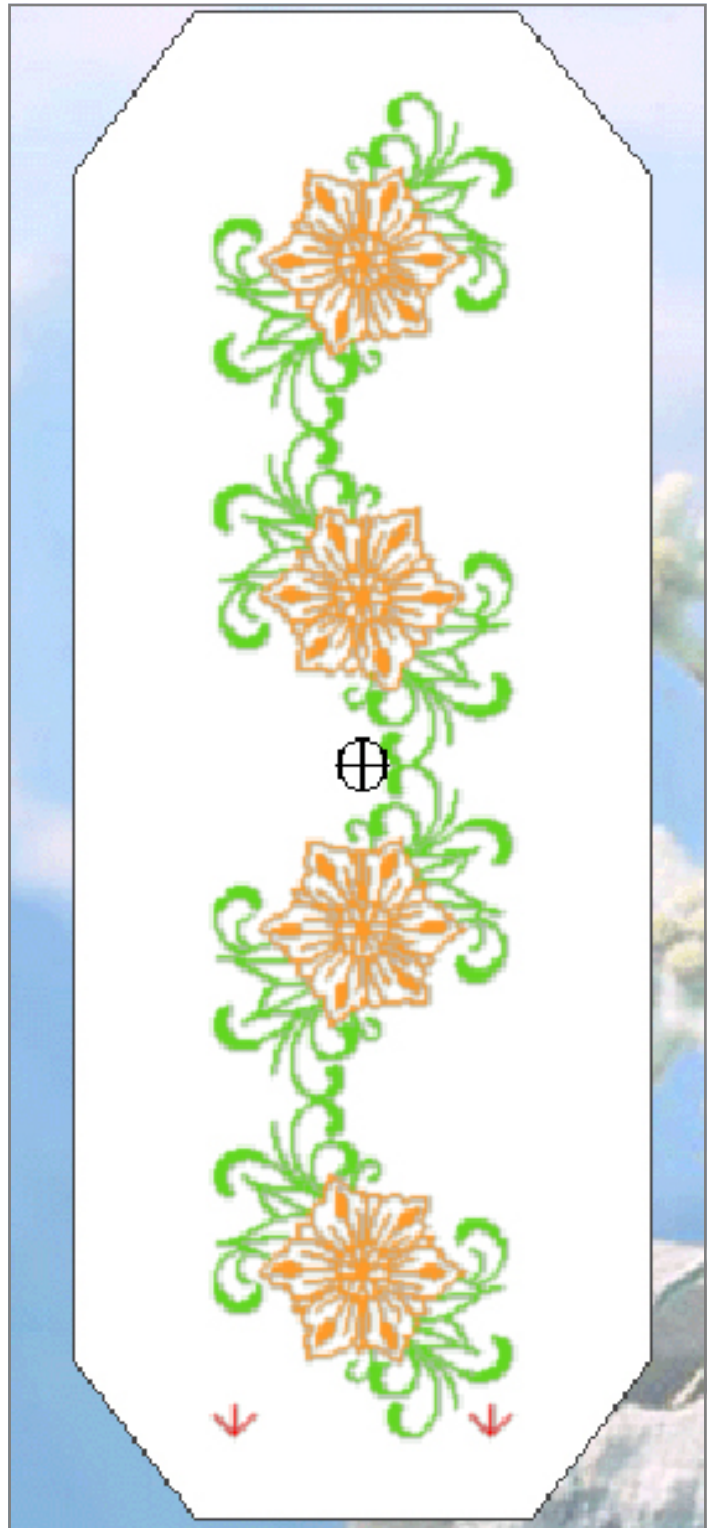
Embroider the Endless Pattern

Hoop the fabric and stabilizer in the Oval Hoop. Attach the hoop to the embroidery module.

Press the green checkmark to confirm.

On the ready screen, activate the Color Re-sequencing icon for three color changes.

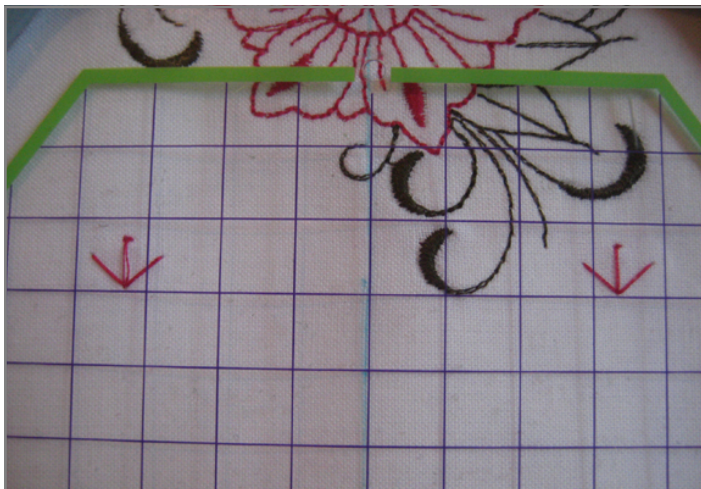
Embroider. **Don't forget to stitch the reference marks—they are a color change/stop—they do not sew out automatically.**



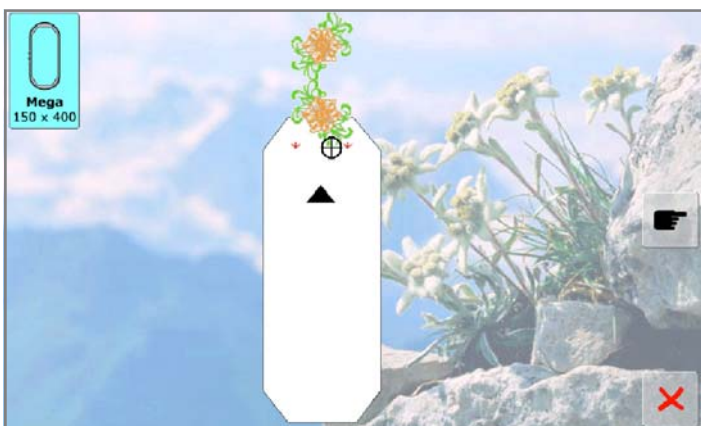
When the embroidery is finished, select the Endless Embroidery option.

Tip: Before unhooping, lay the template on the finished embroidery and note where the design begins to sew—this is approximately the space you need to have for rehooping so all of the design fits in the hoop.

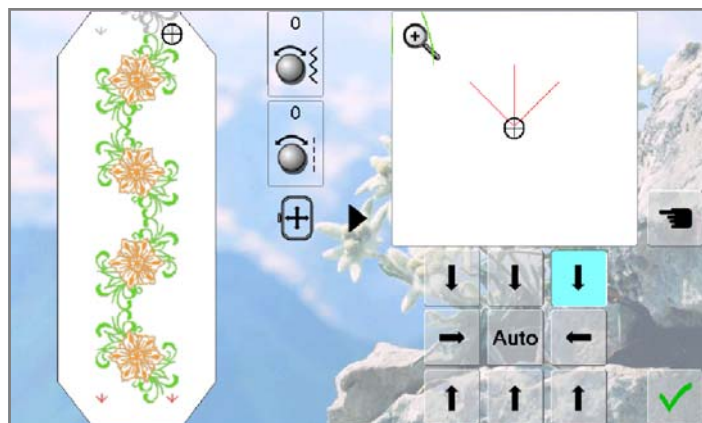
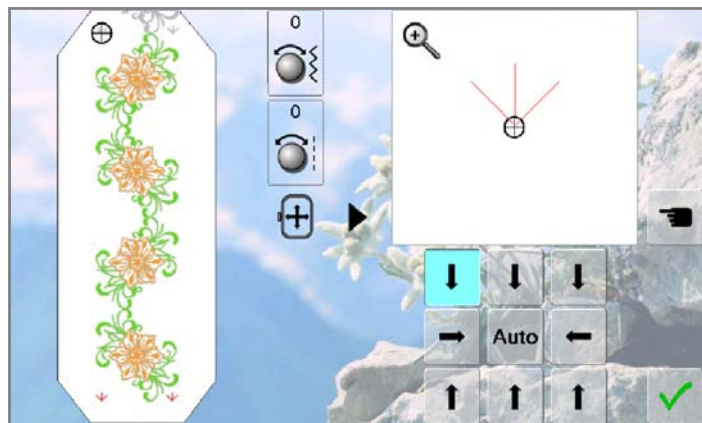
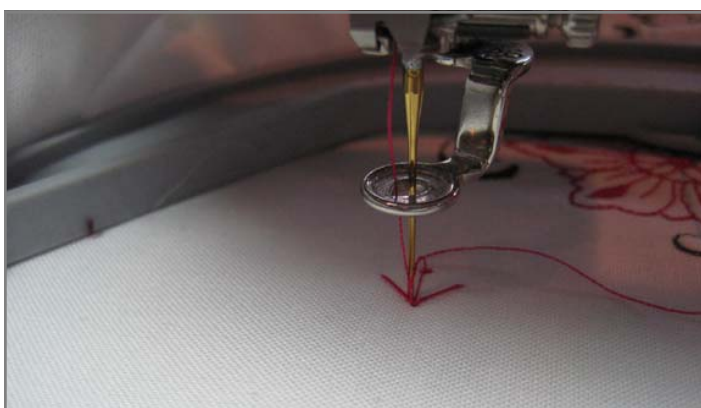
Rehoop the fabric with the reference marks on the third grid of the template.



Press the Next Page icon, and attach the hoop.



Press the reference mark in the upper left corner and the needle moves to the left reference mark. Press the upper right corner icon to align the sewn reference mark on the right. Use the multi-function knobs to align the needle over the reference marks. Rock the handwheel to move the needle into the tip of the sewn reference mark (as pictured on screen).

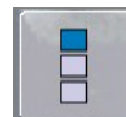


Be sure to move the needle back to the highest position before using the multi-function knobs or selecting the other reference mark.

Note: Rehooping will only be necessary if it is not straight or there is not enough room in the hoop to sew the entire set.

Press the green checkmark and embroider the four motifs a second time.

Select the Endless Embroidery icon.



Changing Hoop Sizes

Rehoop the fabric with the Oval Hoop using the template to center the fabric in the hoop.

Tip: If you lay the oval template on two of the sewn embroideries, you can gauge how to hoop for the last embroidery.

Attach the hoop to the machine; the Oval Hoop is detected.

Press X to leave the endless embroidery screen; X again to leave the sewing screen and go to the edit screen.

Touch the Retrieve icon to deselect all the motifs.



Delete the first two motifs.

Use the Retrieve icon to select all the motifs; center them by pressing the Move icon.

Press the checkmark to confirm.

On the sewing ready screen, select the Endless Embroidery icon and press the hand leading to the next page.



Align the reference marks as before.

Sew the last two motifs using the Oval Hoop. It is not necessary to sew the reference marks for this last set.

Note: We deleted the first two motifs, however, it is possible to delete the last two motifs and still sew the design. The 830 does embroider with things outside the hoop, where the reference marks will be. Centering the design will still be necessary. To embroider, sew everything except the reference marks (which will be outside the hoop) – and there will be a caution symbol flashing on the screen.

Constructing the Pillowcase

Assemble the pillowcase following the instructions in the pattern envelope.

The embroidered band will join to form an uninterrupted design.

Use Ruffler #86 to create the ruffled pillowcase edging.

Use BERNINA Dual Feed or your serger to assemble the pillowcase.



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