

How To Make A Classic Antique Pillowcase

By Faye Graham, Baby Lock USA



Two of the traditional elements in heirloom sewing — lace and subtle coloring — lend an air of sophistication to bedroom linens. Baby Lock makes it easy to create splendid pillowcases using the popular Tone-on-Tone embroidery card and the Lace embroidery card. In a matter of hours, you can add this touch of elegance to any bedroom. It's certainly an excellent choice for gift giving. It's classic heirloom sewing at its best.

Supplies:

- ◆ Esanté ESe
- ◆ Embroidery Card #29
- ◆ Embroidery Card #23
- ◆ Open toe appliqué foot
- ◆ Invisible zipper foot
- ◆ 1 yd. pima cotton
- ◆ ½ yd. organza
- ◆ 1 ¼ yd. narrow cording
- ◆ 1 yd. Sulky™ Solvy stabilizer
- ◆ 1 spool YLI™ 60 wt. cotton thread
- ◆ Appliqué scissors (optional)

Cutting Directions:

- Pima cotton: one 35" x 41 ½"
 one 1" x 41 ½"
- Organza: one 9" x 12"
- Stabilizer: one 9" x 12"

Appliqué Directions:

Embroidery Machine Settings:

Embroidery unit attached
Needle and Bobbin Thread: 60 wt. cotton thread

1. To create appliqués, place one 9" x 12" piece of organza between two pieces of 9" x 12" water soluble stabilizer in the hoop. Insert Embroidery Card #29. Select EMBROIDERY EDIT. Select the card symbol, then select design #31 and touch SET.

Using the arrows, move the design to the top of the screen and touch END. Select the same design again and mirror image it. Move the design up, placing it under the previous design, and touch END. Select design #5 and touch SET. Touch the 90° symbol until the arrow points to the right. Move the design to the bottom of the screen and touch END.

2. Remove Card #29 and insert Card #23. Select the card symbol, then touch the flower on the left. Page forward to the alphabet, selecting your initial, and touch SET. Using the arrows, position the letter so it is centered in the oval, touch END and then END EDIT, press MEMORY to save. Embroider the first two designs.

3. Before embroidering the oval design, touch HELP. Press FORWARD SEARCH one time. This will bypass the rose so it will not be stitched. Embroider the rest of the design. Remove the design from the hoop and remove the stabilizer. Carefully trim away the fabric from around the outside edges of the designs and set the embroidered designs aside.

Pillowcase Construction:

Sewing Machine Settings:

Stitch: Straight stitch, left needle position
Stitch Width: 0.0mm
Stitch Length: 2.5mm
Presser Foot: Invisible zipper foot
Needle and Bobbin Thread: 60 wt. cotton thread

4. Wrap the 1" x 41 1/2" strip lengthwise around the cording, wrong sides together. Place the piping under the foot so that the cording rides in the groove on the bottom of the foot.

5. Place the raw edges of the covered piping on one of the 41 1/2" edges of the pillowcase and sew. Press the seam allowance under, then trim away half of the seam allowance.

6. Turn the fabric right side up. Turn the piped edge hem up 4" and pin in place.

Sewing Machine Settings:

Stitch: Straight stitch, left needle position

Stitch Width: 1.0mm

Stitch Length: 2.5mm

Presser Foot: Invisible zipper foot

Needle and Bobbin Thread: 60 wt. cotton thread

7. Stitch the hem in place. Fold the hemmed side of the fabric lengthwise into fourths to find the center front of the pillowcase. Place a mark at this point 2" above the fold of the hem (See Diagram). Place the oval on the center mark on the hem allowance and pin in place. Pin the other two designs on each side of the oval.

Attaching Appliqués

Sewing Machine Settings:

Stitch: Zigzag stitch

Stitch Width: 2.0mm

Stitch Length: 1.6mm

Presser Foot: Open toe foot

8. Sew the oval to the pillowcase, sewing over the inside satin stitch of the embroidered oval. Sew around the outside edge of the other two pieces.

9. With a pair of appliqué scissors, carefully trim away the fabric from behind the appliqué.

Pillowcase Seam:

Sewing Machine Settings:

Stitch: Overcasting stitch

Stitch Width: 7.0mm

Stitch Length: 2.5mm

Presser Foot: Open toe foot

10. Place right sides of pillowcase together and sew the seam. Turn pillowcase right side out and press. ❖

This project, courtesy of Baby Lock USA, can be photocopied and shared with your customers.

