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Tool Tip – Adhesive backed stabilizer* and the DiME [PAL-Perfect Alignment Laser](#) are great tools for hard to hoop garments. This example shows how I used this combination for embroidery alignment on the yoke area of a denim jacket.

Note: Jacket was originally featured in [Volume 100 of Designs in Machine Embroidery](#). These front and back yoke designs are combined with a Print and Stitch Embroidery design, built into several Brother machine models. However, this method will work with any hoop and any design.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more about this jacket.



The [PAL-Perfect Alignment Laser](#) can be used with any size hoop. Small and portable, it's easy to move around. You can use it for help with alignment on any flat surface.

I usually use one of the following adhesive backed stabilizers:

- [Adhesive backed tear-away](#) when I don't mind having bits of the stabilizer left on the wrong side.
- [Adhesive backed wash-away stabilizer](#) when I need the stabilizer to *completely* disappear.

Follow the steps outlined here to hoop similar tricky, bulky, or awkward items. To begin you'll want to hoop stabilizer slightly larger than your hoop size.

Hoop adhesive stabilizer with "shiny" side of paper facing up.

Score paper with a pin, making an X from corner to corner. Peel away paper to expose sticky side.



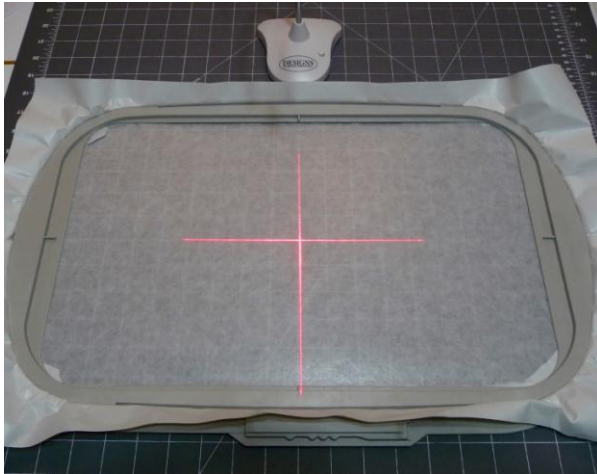
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Step 1: Create design. I created a combined embroidery design measuring approximately 8" wide X 3"high for the back yoke.

Step 2: Choose hoop to fit design and hoop [adhesive backed tear away stabilizer](#). The 9.5" x 14" hoop is featured here.

Step 3: Place hoop over a gridded cutting mat. Since the stabilizer is translucent you can line up the center markings on the hoop with vertical and horizontal grid lines on the mat underneath.

Step 4: Turn on PAL and match vertical and horizontal grid lines on mat with vertical and horizontal laser beams.



Step 5: Mark center back of yoke for center point of design placement. I used [Target Markers](#) in place of chalk or a marking pen.

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Step 6: Hoop garment by placing the jacket over the "sticky" stabilizer, aligning the center markings on the yoke with the crosshairs from the laser. Place fabric down lightly at first so you can re-position if necessary. Take care that you do not move the hoop or you will need to get it back into position following step #4.



Step 7: Place hoop on the machine, move position of design up or down if necessary and stitch.

Tear away the bulk of the stabilizer when you are finished.



Design is complete and perfectly aligned on the back of the yoke!

To learn more about the PAL and Target Makers visit
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