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Snowflake Coasters



Make a set of sparkling snowflake coasters, embroidered using an in-the hoop style technique for a perfect finished project. Quick, easy, and fun to make, these stunning coasters make a great gift! Finished size measures 4.76-inches high X 4.76-inches wide.

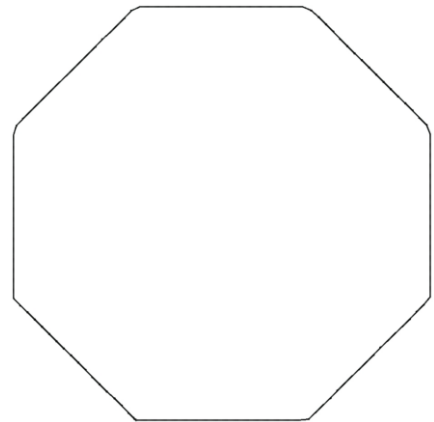
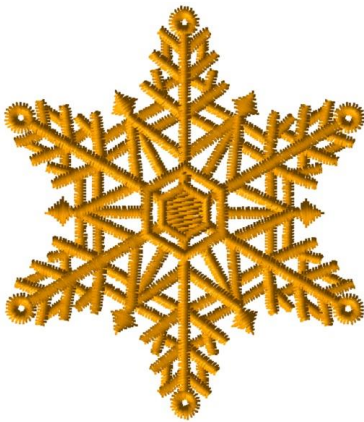
Supplies for each set of two coasters:

- Embroidery threads.
- Low tack tape to secure pieces in the hoop.
- **White tone-on-tone quilter's cotton for top side of each set of coasters:** Cut two oversized pieces to fit hoop as described below. I used a piece measuring 12-inches long x 16-inches wide for the 8-inch square hoop used in this example.
- **White tone-on-tone quilter's cotton for back side of each set of coasters:** Cut four pieces with each piece measuring 8-inches square. Fold each piece in half with wrong sides facing, press, and set aside for the last embroidery step. **Note:** Tone on tone fabric has a subtle print. It works well as a nice background, without competing with the embroidery design.
- **For filler inside coasters:** Two pieces of thin, white or off-white batting such as Warm and Natural, each piece measuring 12-inches x 16-inches or sized to fit the hoop.

Note: Images featured in these instructions are from the Brother Persona PRS-100 machine, using the 8-inch square hoop.

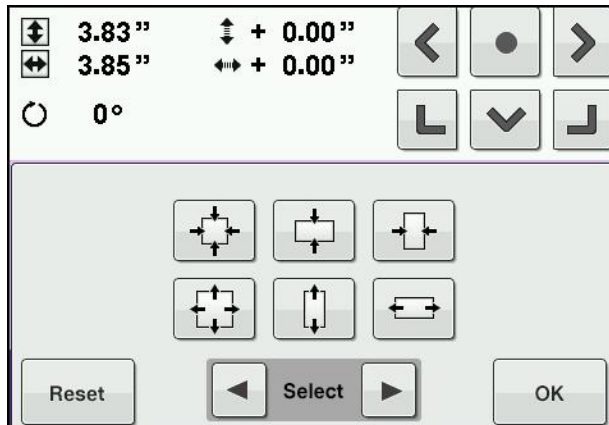
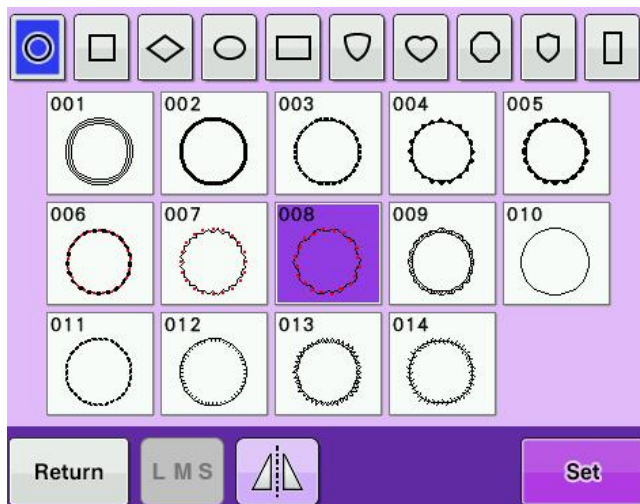
Steps to create Coasters:

- Download free designs using the links found [HERE](#) on the Let's Go Sew website. See downloaded designs below:

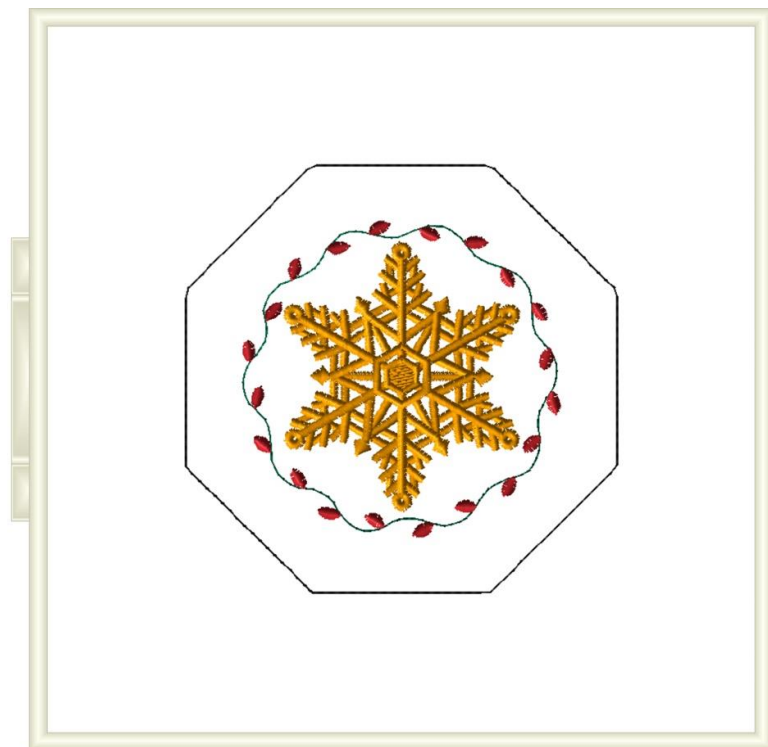


- Set up machine for embroidering with 5-inch X 7-inch hoop or 8-inch square hoop. Hoop white fabric piece cut for top side with the batting, having fabric right side up in the hoop.
- Create a combination design using the center snowflake and outer frame, then add the octagon coaster shape last. See above photo for correct stitching order for designs.

As an alternative, use a built-in frame shape in place of the Snowflake Frame to add to your design. A circular frame shape with stitch pattern No. 008, re-sized to equal 3.83 X 3.85 is shown in the steps below.



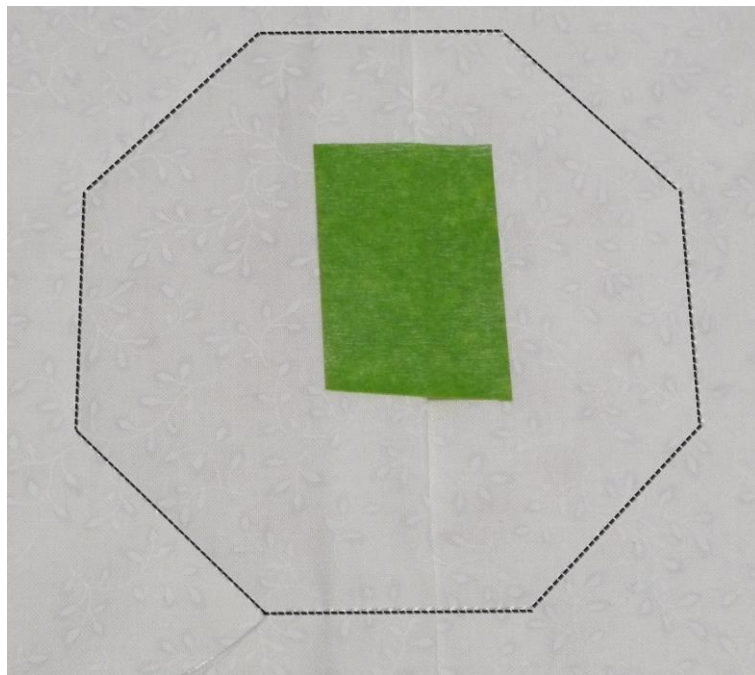
See examples of combined designs below:



- Embroider center snowflake and frame and stop the machine. Layer the two folded back pieces over embroidery, with folded edges overlapping the center by one half inch. Tape down edges.



- Stitch octagon using thread to match fabric. (Watch carefully as you stitch to see if you need to move or add tape to keep edges flat). See stitched lines shown in black below:



- Remove from hoop and set aside. Repeat all steps for second coaster. To finish, cut away excess outside of the octagon, trimming batting very close and leaving approximately 1/8-inch seam allowance for the coaster fabric. Carefully trim each corner at an angle to reduce bulk. Turn right side out and press flat. You are finished! Enjoy!