

Session #7

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Our three blocks today include the Pintuck feet, Pictograms and the Gathering foot.

Supplies:

- 3 Groove Pintuck w/Raised Seam Plate 412992845
- OR Raised seam Foot and Plate 412845645
- 4mm Twin Needle size 90 620105096
- OR 3mm Twin Needle size 90 620104996
- Gathering Foot 412797145
- Robison-Anton rayon embroidery thread
- Two spools Robison-Anton cotton thread
- Bobbin thread
- Gimping thread 416485501
- Pictogram Pen
- Light & Soft Fuse-on™ stabilizer 620115296
- INSPIRA® Tear Away Light Stabilizer 620112796

Square I - Pintuck feet:

The pintuck feet come in different sizes to accommodate the different weights of fabric. The 3 and 5 groove feet also have a raised seam plate to accommodate a gimping thread, so you can make corded pintucks. Their advantage is that the cord gives nice dimension on heavier fabrics where the tuck would otherwise remain rather flat.



Cut:

One square 10" x 10"

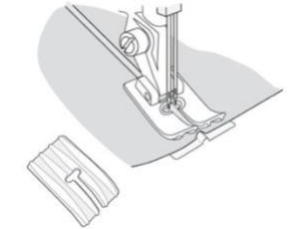
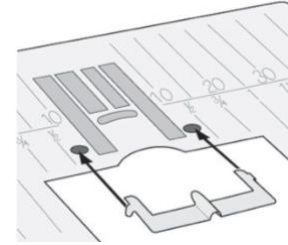
Sew:

1. Insert a 3mm or 4mm twin needle.

- Thread with two spools of Robison-Anton cotton thread. Keep the two threads together until you reach the tension. Put one on the left and one on the right of the divider. Then split them above the needle putting one in the guide and leaving one out of it.

It is important that the spools are the same kind of thread. In other words, not one poly and one cotton. Cotton and poly have different stretch factors so the stitches won't be even if different threads are used. Usually when we do pintucks, we match the thread color to the fabric so the tuck shows, not the thread. In the case of our quilt block, I used a contrast thread to bring some color to the block. Either is fine.

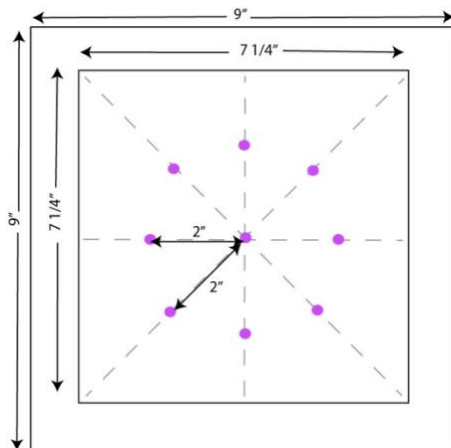
3. Snap on the Raised Seam Plate. You can cord the tucks or not, I did. To cord them place the cord in the groove of the plate before snapping it in place.
4. Snap on your Pintuck Foot.
5. Using your pictogram pen, mark lines 1" apart in each direction on your 10" x 10" square.
6. Do NOT put stabilizer underneath the fabric. It would prevent the pintucks from forming. Stitch on the marked lines.



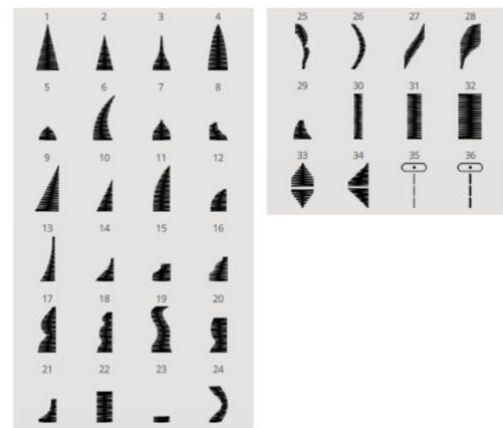
Square 2- Pictograms

The R Pictogram Menu Stitches are elements that can be combined to create fun designs.

1. Mark dots on your square following the diagram below.



R - Pictogram Stitches



2. Thread with either Robison-Anton cotton or rayon thread on top and bobbin thread in the bobbin.

3. Place INSPIRA® Tear Away Light Stabilizer underneath your fabric.

4. Touch Program

5. Touch R5

6. Touch R23

7. Touch R5

8. Touch Mirror End to End

9. Touch

10. Touch Cut

11. Touch OK

12. You now have a flower petal programmed. It will stitch the petal, stop at the end of one petal and cut the threads.

13. Stitch three petals starting at the dot, and stitching out. Do this on three of the dots as shown.

14. Choose a complimentary color of thread and stitch a second set of three petals to complete the flowers.

15. Stitch out the second set of three flowers.

16. And then, the final two.

17. Next the leaves. Thread with a light green.

18. Touch Program

19. Touch R7

20. Touch R4



21. Touch Mirror End to End 

22. Touch 

23. Touch Cut 


24. Touch OK 

25. Adjust the length to 18.6

26. Stitch the light green leaves.

27. Then fill in with darker green leaves.




28. Finally, the center of the flowers. Touch Program 

29. Touch R5 

30. Touch R5 

31. Touch Mirror End to End 

32. Touch 

33. Touch Cut 

34. Touch OK 

35. Adjust the stitch length to 10.1.

36. Stitch the flower centers.

37. Tear off the excess stabilizer.

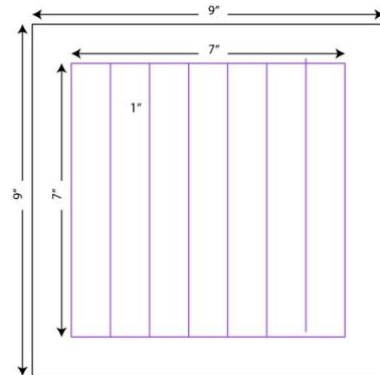



Square 3- Gathering foot

The Gathering foot is one of the ways you can gather by machine. The ruffler is the other way. For our project today, the gathering foot is better. It does a gentle gather and is totally easy to use!



1. Select a 9" x 9" square and fuse Light & Soft Fuse-on™ stabilizer onto the wrong side of it.
2. Cut about 85 running inches of 5/8" wide fabric for our gathered strips. The wrong side may show, so a solid fabric is best for this.
3. Mark a 7¼" x 7¼" square within your 9" x 9" square. Mark lines 1" apart in the square as shown.
4. Snap on your Gathering Foot.



5. Select straight stitch A2 .
6. Adjust the stitch length to 4.0. The longer the stitch length, the more your fabric will gather. I want just a gentle gather, so I found a length of 5.0 gathered too much. You can play with the different stitch lengths to see what you like.



7. Gather by sewing along the strips.
8. Place the gathered strips on the prepared square of fabric covering the center six lines. Have the ends overlap the 7¼" line so the ends will be caught in the final seam.
9. Change your stitch length to 2.5 and stitch the strips in place on the square, stitching over the previous rows of gathering stitching.
10. Now we will stitch in the opposite direction. Begin by marking lines 1" apart as you did before. Then stitch on the lines keeping the gathered fabric flat.
11. Then stitch every other line in one direction, then go back in between in the other direction.

