

Monogrammed Hair Bow

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Make a fashion statement with this tailored hair bow, complete with a 1-letter monogram. Some simple ribbon folding, quick monogram stitching and easy assembly will let you create one for every outfit in your little girl's closet!

Supplies

Machine & Accessories

- Deco 340 embroidery machine
- Small Hoop (A)
- Any BERNINA sewing machine
- Open Embroidery Foot #20/20C/20D

Fabric & Notions

- 13" of ribbon, 1½" wide
- 20" of ribbon, 7/8" wide
- Medium weight woven fabric, 9" X 9"
- Fusible interfacing (optional)
- Tear-Away stabilizer
- 505 Temporary spray adhesive
- Chalk or fabric marker
- Seam Sealant such as Fray Check (optional)
- Ponytail rubber band
- 1½" covered button form
- Clip or spring-type barrette
- Hand sewing needle/thread

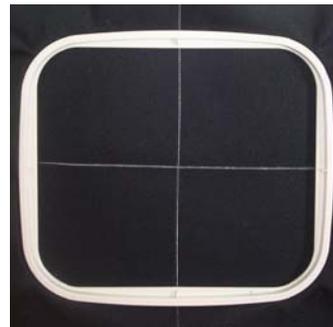


Hooping the Fabric

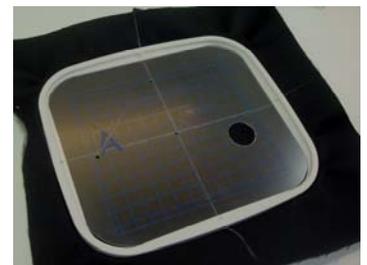
Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of the fabric square if desired.

Using temporary spray adhesive, bond the tear-away stabilizer to the wrong side of the fabric.

Mark the horizontal and vertical centers of the fabric square using chalk or a fabric marker.



Hoop the stabilized fabric, aligning the marked center of the fabric to the center of the hoop.



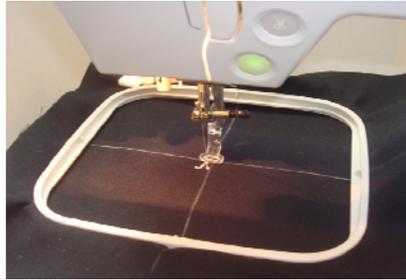
Use the plastic template that fits into the hoop to check the alignment.

Tighten the set screw to complete the hooping. *Note: The fabric should be taut and smooth in the hoop but it should not be pulled or stretched tightly. You do not need to "bounce a quarter" off the hooped fabric as that will cause it to pucker around the stitched design once it is released from the hoop.*

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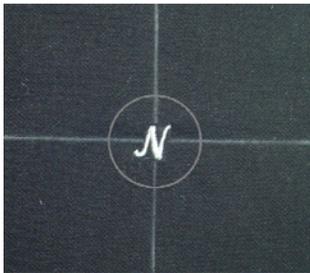
Creating the Monogrammed Button

Select the desired letter for your monogram and stitch it, aligning the center of the letter with the center of the hoop. *Note: the letter can be placed anywhere in the hoop as long as you can draw a 3" circle around it once the fabric is un-hooped. You can also stitch multiple letters in one hooping if you have room to draw a 3" circle around each one.*



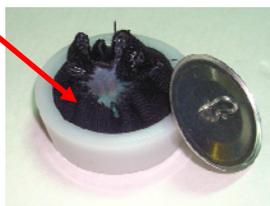
Resize the letter if needed so it will fit on the front of the button (1 1/8" circle).

Stitch the letter(s), then un-hoop the fabric and remove any excess stabilizer.



Cut a 3" circle from the fabric (size needed to cover the button), placing the letter in the center of it.

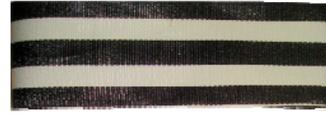
Cut out the circle and use it to cover the button form, following the directions provided with the button form.



Set the button aside until the hair bow is created.

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Optional: Seal the cut ends of the ribbons with seam sealant to eliminate fraying.



Folded ribbon is about 5"

Measure 4" from each end and fold those portions to the back; pin to hold the ribbon together temporarily.



Cut 10" of 7/8" wide ribbon and tie it into a knot: Fold the ribbon like an awareness ribbon and put the end that's on top through the opening from the back; pull to tighten.



Folded ribbon is about 4"

Measure 3" from each end and fold those portions to the back; pin to hold the ribbon together temporarily.



Stack the ribbons in the order shown above and in the photo, centering them from side to side and top to bottom. Sew across the middle to secure, stitching through



Pinch stacked ribbons in the center to form a bow. Use the ponytail holder to hold it securely, carefully twisting it around the center.



When bow is complete, "fluff" the bow and trim the ends of the tied ribbons if needed.

Using a hand sewing needle & thread, attach the monogrammed covered button to the center of the bow, covering the ponytail holder. Turn the bow over and hand-sew the clip or barrette to the ribbon, centering it over the ponytail holder.