

# Pillowcase Cuff Border

## Hoop Layout and the Splitting Guide

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### Open a New File

- Select *File > Open*.
- Select *File > Save As*.
- Navigate to the file where the design will be saved. Name the File **Pillow Case 1** and Save.



### Select a Hoop

- Right click on the *Show Hoop* icon.
  - Make sure Display Hoop is checked.
  - Select artista 400 X 150 MEGA—Auto Split Machines from the choices of hoops.
- Note: Only one hoop style may be used per design.*
- Click on the Grid tab and make sure *Snap to Grid* is checked.
  - Make sure *Show Grid* is checked.

### Create a Placement Line for the Edge of the Pillow Cuff



- Select the *Open Object Tool*.
  - Left click on a horizontal grid line intersection.
  - Move the cursor straight down and left click on another horizontal grid space. The line can be any length.
  - Select enter to activate the stitches.
  - Select Esc to deactivate the tool.
  - Select *Arrange/Start and End*.
- Note: When the cursor is placed at a grid intersection, the horizontal and the vertical line turn red.*
- Set the Start Needle Position at the First Stitch of the Design.
  - Set the End Needle Position at the Last Stitch of the Design.
  - Select OK.
  - Select the placement line > *Open Object Properties*.
  - Select the General tab.
  - Change the height of the line to 1066 mm, the length of the pillow case cuff > Click on Apply.
  - Deselect the line.



### Insert a Design File

- Select *File > Insert Design*
- Navigate to My Computer/C: My Designs Embroidery Software 6: Borders.
- Scroll to NX 986.ART60 > Click on Open.
- Right Click on Rotate 45° CCW / CW two times.
- Select the Zoom Box and scroll or draw a bounding box around the design.
- Right click on the *Show Hoop* icon > Uncheck *Show Grid*.

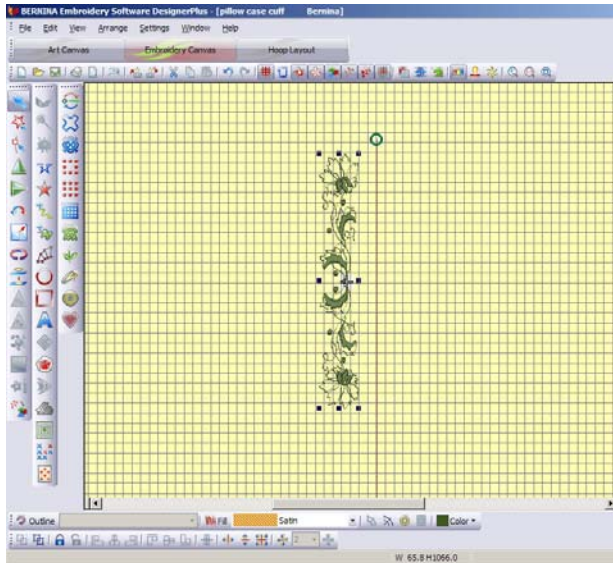


### Enlarge the Design



- Select the Border design > *Open Object Properties*.
- Select the General tab.
- Place a check mark by Proportional Scaling and change the width to 250%.
- Click OK.
- Select the design and move to the top of the placement line and position 2 grids squares to the left of the placement line.
- Select *File/Save As > Pillow Case 2* and Save.
- Select the *Zoom tool* and right click on the screen two times to zoom out. Hit Esc.





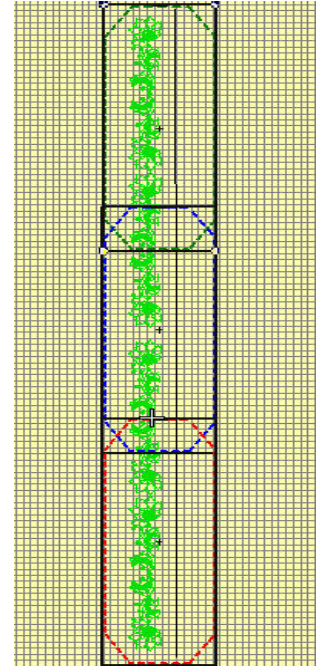
### Create the Border Design

- Select the design.
- Select Mirror-Merge Vertical from the Arrange Tool Bar.
- Use the Zoom Box to view placement.
- Left click to place the new design into position.
- With designs still selected > Select the Mirror-Merge Vertical.
- Use the Zoom Box to view placement.
- Left click to place the new design into position.
- From Color Film > Right Click on the second Color block and from the popup menu > Select Group.
- Select Edit > Select All > From the Arrange Tool Bar select Align Centers (Horizontal).
- Click on the screen away from the design.
- Show All > Use the scroll on the mouse to view up close.
- Select *File/Save As* > **Pillow Case 3** > Save > Export everything.

### Multi-Hoop the Border Design

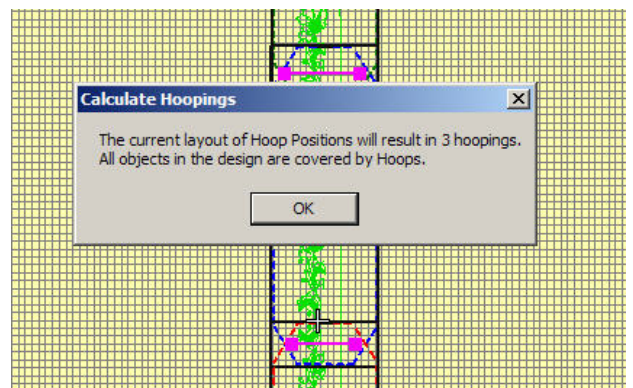
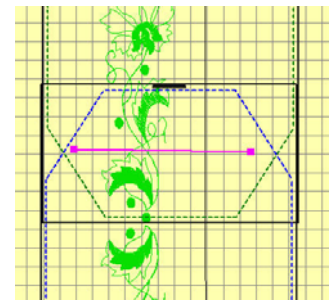
- Click on *Show All*.
- Select *Hoop Layout mode*.
- Move the first hoop to the top the design – this will be the first section of the design to stitch out.
- Click on *Add a Hoop* > move the hoop directly below the first hoop and allow the hoops to overlap.

- Click on *Add a Hoop* > move the third hoop into position below
- the second hoop and allow hoops to overlap.
- Notice that the vertical line is black because it is one object. This object must be split.



### Split the Object

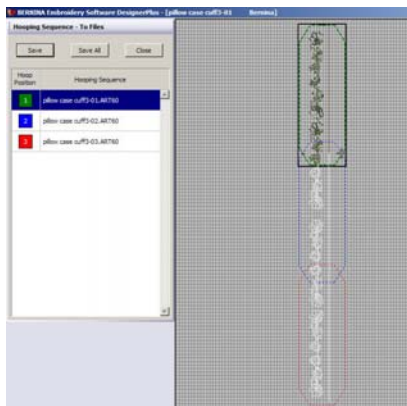
- Select the *Splitting Guide Tool* and digitize a line across the vertical line with two left clicks in one of the hoop overlap areas.
- Enter to activate the split.
- Repeat in the second overlap area. The line should turn green.
- Once the splitting guides are drawn, calculate the number of hoopings.
- Select *Calculate Hoopings*.
- The software calculates 3 hoopings for this design.





**Send the Design to the Machine**

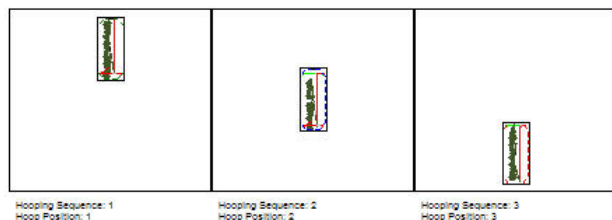
- Return to *Embroidery Canvas mode*.
- Save the design.
- Select No to Export everything in one file.
- Click on the *Write to Machine* icon. The design will be split automatically into separate files.



- You may preview the stitching sequence by clicking on each file to see what part of the design stitches with each hooping.
- Click on Send Now and choose the machine of your choice.

**Print Templates**

- Select *File/Print Preview*.
- Select *Options* and make sure *Hooping Sequence* is checked.
- Notice that the hoops are printed and color coded for stitch sequence.



- Click Close.

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