

**BERNINA**  
**8 Series**

# Art Collage Cushion

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With the BERNINA 880 as your design partner, create an embroidered and painted collage for an artful cushion. Use built-in embroidery designs mixed with BERNINA DesignWorks and OESD embroidery collections; cut an appliqué on the machine; paint your own fabric and more.

It's just creatively fun on the BERNINA 880.

Finished Pillow Size: 14" x 14"



## Supplies

### **Machine & Accessories**

- BERNINA 880 Sewing & Embroidery Machine
- BERNINA Jumbo Hoop
- BERNINA Large Oval Hoop
- Automatic Buttonhole Foot #3A
- Bulky Overlock Foot #12C
- Button Sew On Foot #18
- Teardrop Embroidery Foot #26
- Echo Quilting/Cutwork Foot #44C
- PaintWork Tool
- CutWork Tool & CutWork Stitch Plate

### **Embroidery Collections**

- BERNINA Exclusive DesignWorks Collection - Mod Petals #21011DW
- OESD Embroidery Design Studio - Damask Alphabet #12452

### **Fabric & Notions**

- Bull Denim, 1/2 yd, Gray (60" wide)
- Appliquéd Fabric, FQ, such as Bull Denim Turquoise
- 2 yds, 6/32" Filler Cord to cover for pillow trim
- PaintWork Edding Pen
- OESD Fuse & Fix Adhesive, 1 sheet
- OESD HydroStick TearAway Stabilizer, 15"
- OESD Stabil-Stick TearAway Stabilizer, 10"
- OESD Heavy-weight TearAway Stabilizer, 15"
- Organ Titanium Needles - Size 90
- Universal Size 90 Needle for construction
- 14" Pillow Form

### **Threads**

- Isacord Thread for embroidery (black, turquoise)
- Embroidery Bobbin thread
- Construction Thread

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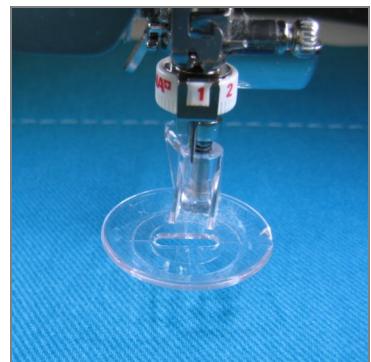
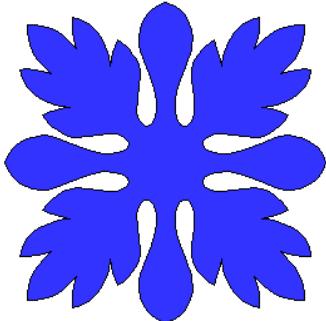
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## Cut the Appliqué

*Tip: View the CutWork tutorial on bernina.com to see this tool in action and the steps required. The video is in the Embroidery Accessories section.*



- Select Home > Embroidery > Motifs Folder.
- Select the DesignWorks Folder #7 and Design #10.
- Hoop Hydro-Stick stabilizer in the Jumbo Hoop.
- Adhere Fuse & Fix Adhesive to the wrong side of appliqué fabric.
- Lay the prepared appliqué fabric onto the hooped stabilizer fabric side up; add a layer of Hydro-Stick on top if cutting only one appliqué. A better cut will be achieved with more layers in the hoop; supplement with extra stabilizer if needed.
- Select the needle tab and activate the built in motif basting box.
- Stitch the basting box.
- Remove the needle and thread. Attach the CutWork Stitch Plate, CutWork Tool and CutWork Foot #44C to the machine.
- Follow the prompts on the color bar to rotate the cutting tool blade and cut each section until the design is finished.
- Remove cut pieces from hoop and set aside. Unhoop stabilizer.



## Paint the Fabric

*Tip: View the PaintWork tutorial on bernina.com to see this tool in action and the steps required. The video is in the Embroidery Accessories section.*

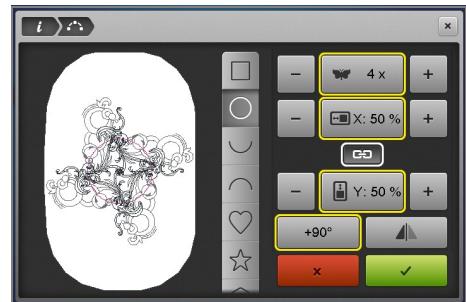
- Cut the pillow front (gray denim) fabric 16 ½" x 16 ½". Use the cut appliqué shape as a guide when planning the painted elements. The painted flower is next to the appliqué, while the vine is below the appliqué.
- Select Mod Petals Design #8.
- Hoop Stabil-stick stabilizer paper side up in the large oval hoop.
- Score the paper and remove to expose the sticky side. Lay the upper right corner of the pillow front fabric onto the Stabil-stick and smooth out.
- Attach the PaintWork Tool to the machine and insert pen with the pen guard engaged.



- Test the pen (pressure) by drawing on a scrap piece of Stabil-stick on top of the prepared fabric. The more pressure, the thicker the drawn line. Adjust the PaintWork Tool dial if necessary.
- Draw the design.
- When complete, engage the pen guard and reposition the fabric on the re-useable Stabil-stick stabilizer.
- Select Mod Petal Design #9 and draw the design in the lower left corner.
- When finished, remove the fabric and unhoop the stabilizer.
- Reset the machine for embroidery and install the needle.
- Peel the paper from the Fuse & Fix and 'stick' the appliqu  shape in the upper left of the pillow front.

## Create Shaped Design for Appliqu 

- Navigate to the Embroidery menu and select the Motifs Folder > Folder 8 > Folder 1 > Design 11.
- Use the hoop icon to set the hoop to the Jumbo Hoop and close.
- Select the information icon.
- Select Shaping.
- Select the Circle.
- Set the number of motifs to 4.
- Set the size (proportional) to 50%.
- Select the +90° icon 3 times.
- Check to confirm.
- Change the size to 86%. (*Tip: use the Add function to add the cutwork design to the screen to gauge the size the embroidery, then delete before embroidering*).
- Rotate the design until it resembles a cross (19°).
- Hoop Heavy Weight Tear Away stabilizer in the Jumbo Hoop and attach to machine.
- Use Absolute Check to plan the design placement within the Appliqu  shape; Drag & Drop or move the design as needed.



- Embroider.
- Engage Single Color.
- Remove from hoop when finished.



## Add Letter

*Tip: Use BERNINA ArtLink or BERNINA Embroidery Software 7 to resize the letter. The letter will be resized beyond the recommended guidelines on the machine, but the software will add the stitches needed to maintain a pretty design.*

- Download ArtLink from bernina.com or open BERNINA Embroidery Software 7.
- Open the desired letter from Damask Alphabet #12542.
- Resize the letter proportionally until the height is 7".
- Send the letter to the machine or USB stick.
- Select the letter from Select Home > Embroidery > USB stick > letter.
- Hoop Heavy Weight Tear Away stabilizer in the Jumbo Hoop and attach to machine.
- Use Absolute Check to set placement of the letter in the collage. Use the Move function if needed.
- Embroider.



## Add Shaped Daisy



- From the embroidery Stitches Folder, Select Decorative Stitches > Folder 401 > Stitch #40.
- Select the information icon.
- Select Shaping.
- Select the Circle.
- Set the number of motifs to 6.
- Set the size (proportional) to 20% (with the Jumbo Hoop on).
- Check to confirm.
- Use Absolute Check to place the daisy in the collage. Drag & drop or move the desired arrangement is achieved.



- Embroider.

## Add Mod Petals Leaves

- Select Mod Petals Design #6.
- Select the information icon.
- Resize to 91%.
- Navigate back to the information menu.



- Scroll to find the Stitch Properties Icon and select.



- Change the density to 90%.



- Close the information menu.



- Rotate the design if necessary.
- Hoop Heavy Weight Tear Away stabilizer in the Jumbo Hoop and attach to machine—if rehooping is necessary, use the Large Oval Hoop for these last 2 small areas.
- Use Absolute Check to set the embroidery placement between the painted vine and the appliqué.



- Activate motif basting and Embroider.
- Using the same motif and Absolute Check, set the embroidery placement between the painted flower and the appliqué. Re-hoop if necessary and embroider.



## Create Button Closure Pillow Back



- Cut 2 pieces of fabric approximately 12" x 14½". On one of the 14 ½" sides, double fold and press a 1" hem. A total of 2 inches will be used for the hem. Repeat for the second panel.



- Select Home > Sewing > Buttonholes > #69.



- Select the information icon.



- Set the length of the buttonhole using the on-screen button measuring function and holding the button to the screen.



- Use the breadcrumb 'I' to go back one layer without closing the information screen.

- Set the Button Slit Width function to 1.1 to accommodate the thickness of the double folded denim. Close.

- Widen the beads of the buttonhole using the stitch width knob to 8.6.
- Plan the placement of the buttonholes and stitch 3 buttonholes on the placket using the Automatic Buttonhole Foot #3A.
- Sew 3 buttons on the corresponding placket using Button Sew On Foot #18 and the Button Sew On Program, stitch #60.
- Adjust the shank on the foot to accommodate the placket thickness.
- Button the back panels together, and trim the embroidered front and back to 14 ½" x 14 ½".



## Cover Cord and Finish

- Cut bias strips 2" wide and approximately 65" long; piece if necessary.
- Attach Bulky Overlock Foot #12C to the machine.
- Select the straight Stitch and move the needle position 3 to the right.
- Wrap the cord with the bias fabric and stitch.
- Trim the seam allowance to ½".
- Round the corners of the pillow front and back.
- Sew the cord to the front panel using Bulky Overlock Foot #12C. Overlap the beginning and end parts of the cord. Remove the excess cord from the overlap to reduce bulk.
- Layer the partially-buttoned back panel right sides together with the front and stitch using Bulky Overlock Foot #12C. Move the needle position 1 toward to the cord to hide the previous stitching.
- Turn right sides out through the unbuttoned opening.



*Enjoy! These collage techniques would also be fun on a T-shirt.*