



# LOVE IS - POCKET COASTER FREEBIE

A MACHINE EMBROIDERY DESIGN FOR 4"x 4", 5"x 7", 6"x 6", 7"x 7", and 8"x 8" HOOPS

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Before you contact me, please read the trouble shooting pages and try any relevant suggestions given there first. Your problem might be a simple fix and get you underway again really quickly. [CLICK TO GO THERE](#).

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1. What is the make and model of your embroidery machine?
2. What hoop size you are using and what is it's code if there is one?
3. What is the name of the design you are doing, along with the name and size of the file you are trying to stitch out?
4. Are you opening the file or files in any software before they are loaded into your machine, if so what are you using and why?
5. Have you set the hoop size that you are using in your machines settings before you loaded it into your machine?
6. Have you checked that the size you want to stitch will fit your hoop? An 8"x 12" file wont fit in a 7.9"x 11.5" hoop, it is very easy to pick the wrong file size by mistake. Have you tried a smaller size in your machine, for instance a 6"x 9" instead of an 8"x12"?
7. Please send me a photo of your hoop and a photo of any message that you are getting on your embroidery machine. If there is a stitching problem I need a clear photo of what you have stitched and the problem.
8. Please provide any other relevant information that you think I might need to help you.

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## INSTRUCTIONS

**WARNING:** - You are strongly advised NOT to open these files in any embroidery software prior to transferring them to your machine. Doing so could prevent them from stitching out properly and could prevent your machine from stopping in the right places, giving you very unexpected results. You should simply unzip the files and transfer the one(s) you are going to stitch out directly onto a USB key or via a data cable directly into your machine. All the files are stitch ready.

## DESCRIPTION

A cute pocket coaster made entirely in the hoop with a pretty scalloped satin border. You can have a plain back and use for a coaster or a pocket to hide a note inside or you can fill it with treats, your choice entirely. There are three facial expressions to choose from. too

## HOOP SIZES

4"x 4", 5"x 7", 6"x 6", 7"x 7", and 8"x 8"

## THE FILES

Images of the files are shown on page 5

XXX-LOVE-IS-FREEBIE-A

XXX-LOVE-IS-FREEBIE-B

XXX-LOVE-IS-FREEBIE-C

## WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- 2 layers of washaway stabilizer.
- T-pins or pins with heads on to secure your stabilizer in the hoop. These are essential if you are not using a magnetic hoop.

- Your favourite batting. Vislene 295 high loft fleece batting was used for the sampler in these instructions.
- Thread colours as follows;
  - The background quilting
  - The body of the heart character
  - The satin stitch border of the heart character
  - The heart seal of the envelop
  - The love letter
  - The eyes and mouth
  - The rosy cheeks.
  - The leaves
  - The petals of the flowers
  - The centre of the flowers
  - A matching bobbin and thread colour for the satin stitch border of the pocket coaster

## IMPORTANT STITCHING TIPS

- Pin your stabilizer to prevent any movement. This is an essential step, it keeps your stabiliser taut and prevents it from pulling down between the hoop frames. Misalignment of the stitching is usually due to movement of your fabric and or stabiliser.



## THE FILES



XXX-LOVE-IS-FREEBIE-A

With XXX being your chosen hoop size



XXX-LOVE-IS-FREEBIE-B

With XXX being your chosen hoop size



XXX-LOVE-IS-FREEBIE-C

With XXX being your chosen hoop size

### FABRIC AND BATTING REQUIREMENTS

PARTS	FABRIC AND BATTING REQUIREMENTS				CHECK LIST
	WIDTH MM	HEIGHT MM	WIDTH INCHES	HEIGHT INCHES	
100 x 100 mm HOOP - 4"x 4" HOOP					
BATTING	120	120	5	5	
FRONT FABRIC	120	120	5	5	
BACK	120	120	5	5	
POCKET *	120	175	5	6-7/8	
130 x 180 mm HOOP - 5"x 7" HOOP					
BATTING	150	150	6	6	
FRONT FABRIC	150	150	6	6	
BACK	150	150	6	6	
POCKET *	150	220	6	8-3/4	
150 x 150 mm HOOP - 6"x 6" HOOP					
BATTING	180	180	7	7	
FRONT FABRIC	180	180	7	7	
BACK	180	180	7	7	
POCKET *	180	255	7	10-0	
180 x 180 mm HOOP - 7"x 7" HOOP					
BATTING	200	200	8	8	
FRONT FABRIC	200	200	8	8	
BACK	200	200	8	8	
POCKET *	200	300	8	11-3/4	
200 x 200 mm HOOP - 8"x 8" HOOP					
BATTING	230	230	9	9	
FRONT FABRIC	230	230	9	9	
BACK	230	230	9	9	
POCKET *	230	335	9	13-1/8	

### APPROXIMATE FINISHED SIZES

HOOP SIZE	WIDTH MM	HEIGHT MM	WIDTH INCHES	HEIGHT INCHES
4X4	100	100	4	4
5X7	130	130	5	5
6X6	150	150	6	6
7X7	180	180	7	7
8X8	200	200	8	8



XXX-LOVE-IS-FREEBIE

With XXX being your chosen hoop size

## QUICK STITCH SEQUENCE

COLOUR 1 - BATTING PLACEMENT OUTLINE

COLOUR 2 - SECURES THE BATTING TO THE HOOP

COLOUR 3 - SECURES THE FRONT FABRIC TO THE HOOP & QUILTS IT

COLOUR 4 - WORDS LOVE IS

COLOUR 5 - BODY OF THE HEART CHARACTER

COLOUR 6 - SATIN STITCH BORDER OF THE HEART CHARACTER

COLOUR 7 - THE ENVELOPPE AND SATIN BORDER

COLOUR 8 - THE SATIN BORDER OF THE ARMS OF THE HEART

COLOUR 9 - THE HEART SEAL

COLOUR 10 - THE EYES AND MOUTH

COLOUR 11 - THE ROSY CHEEKS

COLOUR 12 - THE LEAVES OF THE FLOWERS

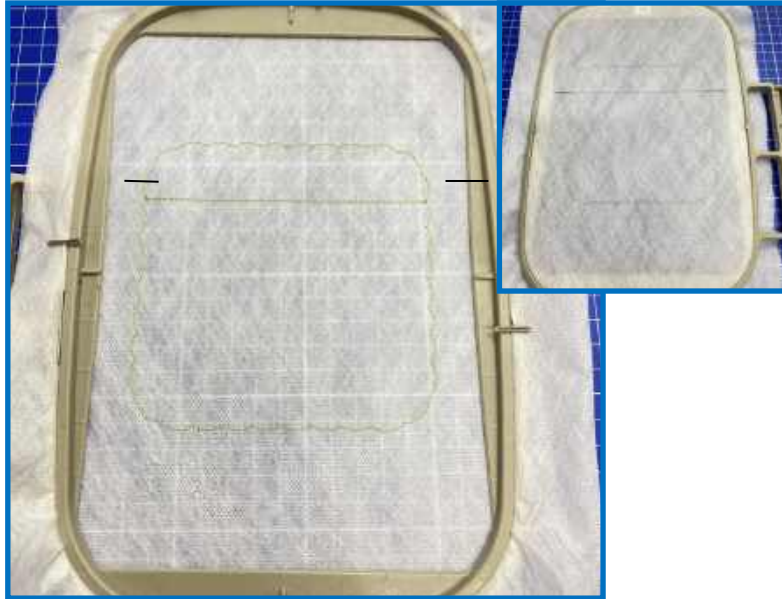
COLOUR 13 - THE PETALS OF THE FLOWERS

COLOUR 14 - THE CENTRE OF THE FLOWERS

COLOUR 15 - SECURES THE BACKING FABRIC(S) TO THE HOOP

COLOUR 16 - THE SATIN STITCH BORDER OF THE POCKET COASTER

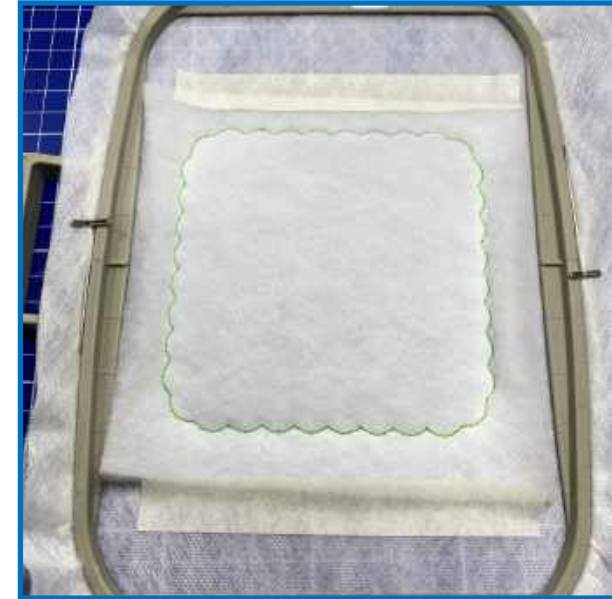




### STEP 1

#### VIEW FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOOP

- Hoop 2 layers of washaway stabilizer, and, if you are using a traditional hoop, you must pin around the top edge of your hoop to anchor the stabilizer in your hoop. If you are not sure how to pin your stabilizer, we have a [VIDEO](#) showing you how to do it. This step is crucial, as it will prevent any movement and/or misalignment of the stitching.
- Load your chosen file and your thread colour for the background quilting of the coaster into your machine.
- STITCH COLOUR 1 - The placement outline for the batting and pocket guideline.
- With a pen or pencil, extend the horizontal guideline to the edge of your hoop so you can see it later, when you add the backing.



### STEP 2

#### VIEW FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOOP

- Place your batting over the outline
- Tape in place with masking tape so it cannot move during stitching.
- STITCH COLOUR 2 - To secure the batting to the hoop.



### STEP 3

#### VIEW FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOOP

- Trim away the excess batting from around the edge of the stitch line, take care not to cut any of the stitches.



### STEP 4

#### VIEW FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOOP

- Load your matching bobbin and thread colour for the satin stitch border of the gnome into your machine.
- Place your fabric over the outline
- Tape in place with masking tape so it cannot move during stitching.
- STITCH COLOUR 3 - Secures the front fabric to the hoop and quilts the background of the coaster



#### STEP 5

##### VIEW FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOOP

- Load your thread colour for the words Love is... into your machine.
- STITCH COLOUR 4 - The words



#### STEP 6

##### VIEW FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOOP

- Load your thread colour for the body of the heart character into your machine.
- STITCH COLOUR 5 - The heart



#### STEP 7

##### VIEW FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOOP

- Load your thread colour for the satin border of the heart character into your machine.
- STITCH COLOUR 6 - The satin stitch border of the heart



#### STEP 8

##### VIEW FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOOP

- Load your thread colour for the envelope into your machine.
- STITCH COLOUR 7 - The envelope and satin stitch border





#### STEP 9

##### VIEW FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOOP

- Load your thread colour for the satin stitch border of the arms into your machine.
- STITCH COLOUR 8 - The arms.



#### STEP 10

##### VIEW FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOOP

- Load your thread colour for the heart seal on the envelope into your machine.
- STITCH COLOUR 9 - The heart seal.



#### STEP 11

##### VIEW FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOOP

- Load your thread colour for the eyes and mouth into your machine.
- STITCH COLOUR 10 - The eyes and mouth



#### STEP 12

##### VIEW FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOOP

- Load your thread colour for the rosy cheeks into your machine.
- STITCH COLOUR 11 - The cheeks



### STEP 13

#### VIEW FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOOP

- Load your thread colour for the leaves of the flowers into your machine.
- STITCH COLOUR 12 - The leaves



### STEP 14

#### VIEW FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOOP

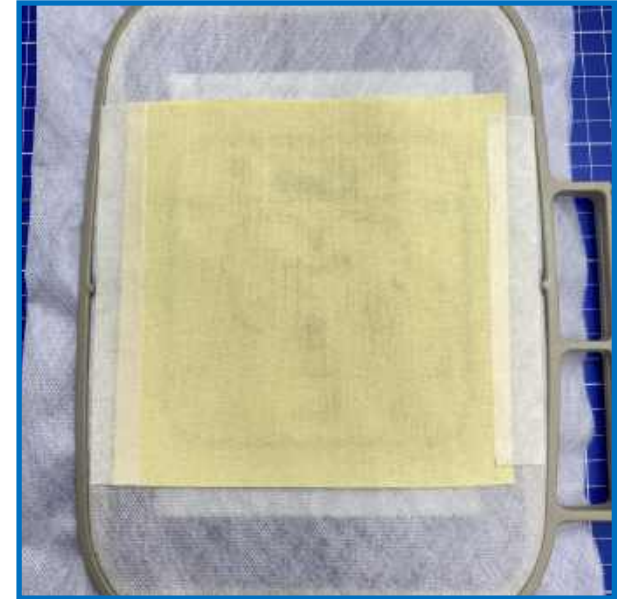
- Load your thread colour for the petals of the flowers into your machine.
- STITCH COLOUR 13 - The petals of the flowers



#### STEP 15

##### VIEW FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOOP

- Load your thread colour for the centre of the flowers into your machine.
- STITCH COLOUR 14 - The centres of the flowers



#### STEP 16

##### VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE HOOP

##### BOTH VERSIONS

- Load a matching bobbin and thread colour for the scalloped satin border of the coaster into your machine.
- Place your backing fabric over the outline.
- Tape in place with masking tape so it cannot move during stitching.
- For a pocket back go to step 16 A.
- For a plain back go to STEP 17.



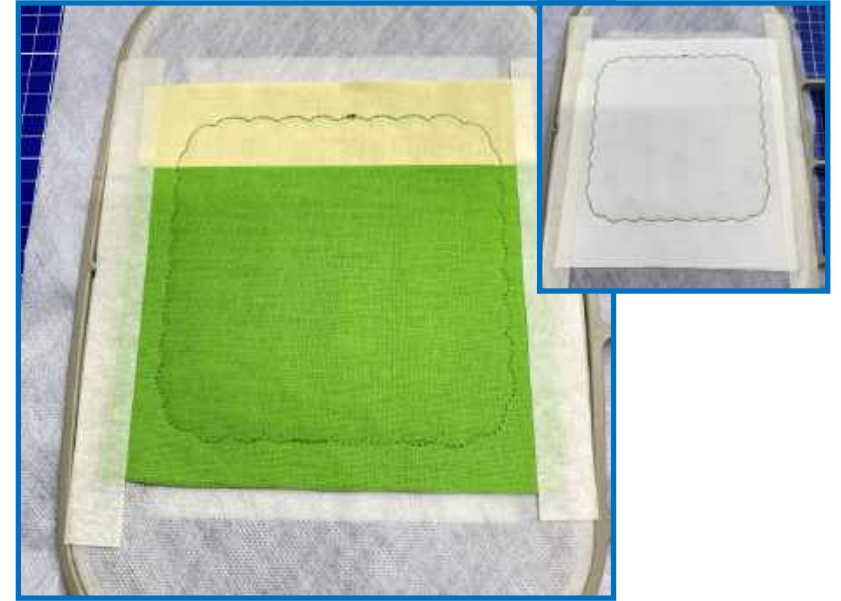


#### STEP 16 A

##### VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE HOOP

##### FOR A POCKET BACK

- Turn your hoop over so the back of the hoop is facing up.
- As in Step 16, place your pocket fabric over the top of the backing fabric with the fold facing towards the top of the hoop, it should sit just above the markers that you drew on earlier. The bottom and side edges of the fabric should overlap the bottom and sides of the outline by 12 mm or 1/2"
- Tape the fabrics in place so they cannot move during stitching.



#### STEP 17

##### VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE HOOP

##### BOTH VERSIONS

- Load a matching bobbin and thread colour for the scalloped satin border of the coaster into your machine.
- STITCH COLOUR 15 - Secures the backing fabric(s) in place.
- Remove the hoop from your machine.

##### PHOTOS ABOVE

LEFT—Pocket back

Right — Plain back



### STEP 18

#### VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE HOOP

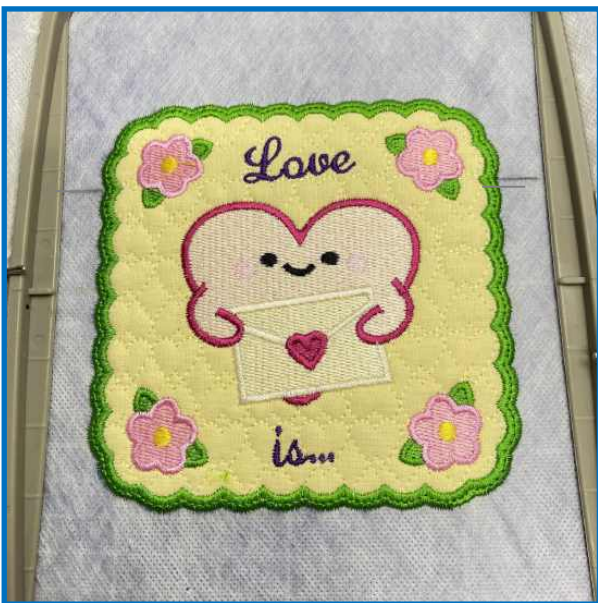
- Turn your hoop over so the back of the hoop is facing up.
- Trim away the excess fabric(s) from around the edges of the stitch line. Take care not to cut any stitches.



### STEP 19

#### VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE HOOP

- Turn your hoop over so the front of the hoop is facing up.
- Trim away the excess fabric from around the edges of the stitch line. Take care not to cut any stitches.



#### STEP 20

##### VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE HOOP

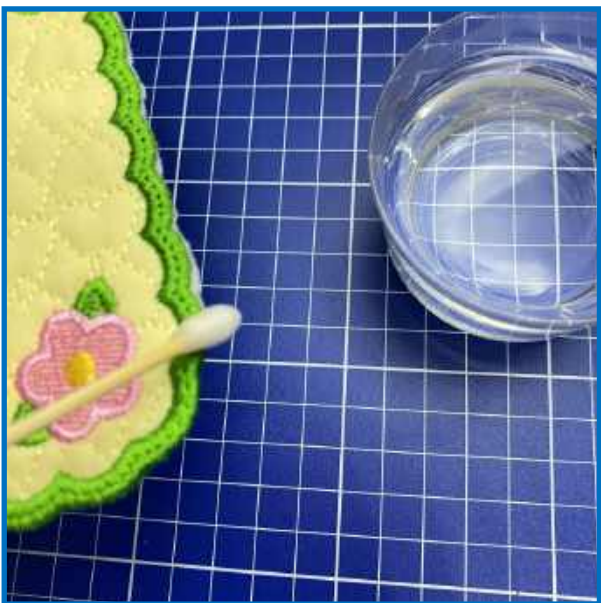
- STITCH COLOUR 16 - The scalloped satin border of the coaster.
- Remove the hoop from your machine.



#### STEP 21

##### VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE HOOP

- Turn your hoop over so the back of the hoop is facing up.
- Carefully cut around the edge of the coaster to free it from the hoop. Take care not to cut any stitches.



## STEP 22

### DISSOLVING THE EXCESS STABILISER

- Using a cotton bud dipped in warm water dissolve any excess washaway stabilizer from around the edges of the border.

### TO REMOVE THE WASHAWAY STABILISER COMPLETELY

Wash out the stabiliser completely in your washing machine

- Wash out the stabiliser completely either by hand or by washing it out in your washing machine
- Let your coaster dry flat
- Press, using a pressing cloth or towel to protect the stitching



- Congratulations, your Love is... pocket coaster is now complete.





#### ANOTHER DESIGN THAT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO MAKE

Cute Kissing Kitties large applique. Easy to make and joined entirely in the hoop. This fully reversible design is a must for cat lovers everywhere.

For 5X7, 6X10 7X12 and 8X12 hoops.

There is a stitch along video for this design at the bottom of the product page.

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#### ANOTHER DESIGN THAT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO MAKE

Suitable for births, marriages, Valentines or to memorialize a loved one who has passed. Provision has been made for adding a photo in the top heart. A handy printable template for each hoop size is also included to help you cut your photo to size.

The top heart can be stitched out and used on it's own if you wanted to announce a birth or make wedding favours, place markers, or even funeral memory keepsakes. You can skip the letter and use the built in fonts of your machine to add your own text instead. The possibilities are endless. There is a stitch along video for this design too.

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4X4 - STITCHED BY NANCY

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5X7 - STITCHED BY .NANCY

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6X6 - STITCHED BY FLO

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## USEFUL LINKS

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Kreative Kiwi Embroidery stitch along videos.

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Kreative Kiwi Embroidery's inspirational blog.

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Kay's Cutz YouTube channel, dedicated to teaching machine embroidery step by step.

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How to hoop your stabilizer properly.

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How to personalise a design with names, letters and dates using your embroidery machine's fonts.

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## TROUBLESHOOTING

- The design isn't stitching in it same order as the instructions, or the stitching has gaps in it or the stitches are really dense.

Are you opening the file(s) in any software before you load the files in your machine? Doing so could prevent them from stitching out properly and could prevent your machine from stopping in the right places, giving you very unexpected results.

If this happens you should delete the files you have already unzipped, unzip the downloaded file again and transfer the file(s) you are going to stitch out directly onto a USB key or via data cable directly onto your machine. All the files are stitch ready, you do not need to put them through software first.

Have you enlarged the file? This can cause gaps in the stitches, in which case restitch it at the original size.

Have you reduced the file? This can cause the stitches to become very dense and distorted, this can cause thread and needle breakages, in which case restitch it as the original size.

- My machine can't see the files.

Have you checked that the size you want to stitch out will actually fit in your machine? It is very easy to pick the wrong file size by mistake. A 10"x 16" design won't fit in an 8" x 12" hoop and an 8"x 12" design won't fit a 7.9"x 11.5" hoop. The size of a design is always determined by the segment with the largest dimensions. Even if smaller parts of the design might fit in a smaller hoop, the largest one will not, that file is the one that determines the hoop size for a design. The hoop sizes are given in these instructions, please check them before choosing the size you are going to make. If they are too big your machine will not see them or will tell you to use a larger hoop.

Have you emptied your USB key, too many files can be a problem.

- Janome owners - Have you set the hoop size that you are using in your machines settings before loading your hoop into your machine?

If you don't, your machine might not be able to see them or it will tell you that you need a larger hoop, you cannot rely on your machine to automatically choose the correct size hoop for you. If you are not sure how to do this please refer to the user manual for your machine.

## TROUBLESHOOTING CONTINUED

- Your thread keeps breaking

Are you using the correct size needle? Most machines use a 75/11 embroidery needle for regular thread.

Has your thread caught on anything and caused it to break?

- Your thread shredding when you use metallic threads?

Metallic threads need a 90/14 needle or they will shred just for the fun of it. Slow your machine down to its slowest setting, no faster than 350 stitches per minute, loosen your top thread tension by three, use a thread stand so the thread can pull off the spool without twisting, if it twists it can jam in the eye of your needle and shred or it might even break your needle.

- My needle keeps breaking.

Have you checked to see if the thread is catching on anything in the vicinity of your machine?

Are you stitching through several layers of fabric that together are quite thick or through layers of denser fabric such as vinyl? If so your upper thread tension may be too tight, try loosening it off a bit. You can put it back to where it was after you have finished.

Is your needle bent or has it hit the throat plate? If so change it.

- I am getting a birds nest under my fabric.

Have you put your bobbin in the right way? On most machines the thread comes off the bobbin anti-clockwise, if you are not sure which way it has to be for your machine, look it up in your user manual.

Is your foot too high for the thickness of the fabrics you are stitching? If so lower it.

- My machine is skipping stitches.

Slow your machine down so it gives the bobbin thread a chance to catch the top thread. Change your needle.

## INCHES TO METRIC CONVERSION CHART

INCHES	CM
1/4	0.6
1/2	1.2
3/4	1.9

INCHES	CM
1-0	2.5
1 1/4	3.2
1 1/2	3.8
1 3/4	4.5
2	5.1
2 1/4	5.7
2 1/2	6.4
2 3/4	7
3	7.6
3 1/4	8.3
3 1/2	8.9
3 3/4	9.5
4	10.2
4 1/4	10.8

INCHES	CM
4.5	11.4
4.75	12
5	12.7
5.25	13.3
5.5	14
5.75	14.6
6	15.3
6.25	15.8
6.5	16.5
6.75	17.2
7	17.8
7.25	18.4
7.5	19.1
7.75	19.7

INCHES	CM
8	20.3
8.25	21
8.5	21.6
8.75	22.3
9	22.8
9.25	23.5
9.5	24.1
9.75	24.8
10	25.4
10.25	26
10.5	26.7
10.75	27.3
11	28
11.25	28.6

INCHES	CM
11.5	29.3
11.75	29.8
12	30.5
12.25	31.1
12.5	31.8
12.75	32.4
13	33
13.25	33.7
13.5	34.3
13.75	34.9
14	35.5
14.25	36.2
14.5	36.8
14.75	37.4