





When Holly shared her gorgeous flag using our Free Flower coasters and cute Mushroom designs, I received so many requests for a matching Flowerpot design — so of course I had to create one!

The flowerpot looked a little lonely on its own, though, so I couldn't resist adding an adorable smiling cactus too... which means this fun freebie turned into a fantastic two-for-one set!

This set includes both a standalone **Flowerpot** design and a cute **Cactus in Flowerpot** design, perfect for mixing and matching with your favourite applique projects.

The standalone flowerpot is ideal for adding your own flowers, as Holly did, while the cactus version makes a super cute, quick project all by itself.

Included Sizes:

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|  Cactus and flowerpot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5x7 hoop – one hooping • 6x10 hoop – one hooping • 4x4 hoop - 2 hoopings |  Flowerpot only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4x4 hoop • 5x5 hoop • 6x6 hoop |
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FINISHED SIZE

| | 4x4 | 5x7 | 6x10 |
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| Cactus and Pot | 12 by 17 cm's | 12 by 17 cm's | 16 by 23 cm's |
| | 4.6 by 6.7 inches | 4.6 by 6.7 inches | 6 by 9 inches |

| Flowerpot | 4x4 | 5x5 | 6x6 |
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| | 9.8 by 9 cm's | 12.7 by 11 cm's | 15.8 by 14 cm's |
| | 3.9 by 3.5 inches | 5 by 4.5 inches | 6 by 5.6 inches |

MATERIALS

- 2 layers of water-soluble fabric-type stabiliser
- Matching bobbin thread
- Optional
 - Iron-on interfacing for backing fabric

| In-the-hoop Cactus & flowerpot | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | 4x4 | 5x7 | 6x10 |
| Cactus | Cut two 5 x 5 inch | Cut two 4.5 x 5.5 inch | Cut two 7 x 6 inch |
| Pot | Cut two 5 x 5 inch | Cut two 5 x 5 inch | Cut two 6 x 6 inch |
| Batting | Cut two 5 x 5 inch | Cut one 5 x 8 inch | Cut one 7 x 10 inch |

| Flowerpot | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 4x4 | 5x5 | 6x6 |
| Pot | Cut two 5 x 5 inch | Cut two 6 x 6 inch | Cut two 6 x 6 inch |
| Batting | Cut one 5 x 5 inch | Cut one 5 x 5 inch | Cut one 7 x 7 inch |

BACKING FABRIC

While the batting on the front adds body and structure, I like the back to look just as neat. For a fully reversible finish, I press iron-on interfacing onto my backing fabric before stitching. This stabilises the fabric and gives the reverse side a clean, tidy look.



STABILISER AND HOOPING



Hoop 2 layers of water-soluble stabiliser

Use pins at the hoop edge to ensure no stabiliser movement

If you are new to this technique
[Click here to watch Kay's hooping video](#)

I've included full step-by-step photo instructions for the 4x4 "joined" cactus and pot design, which is created in 2 hoopings.

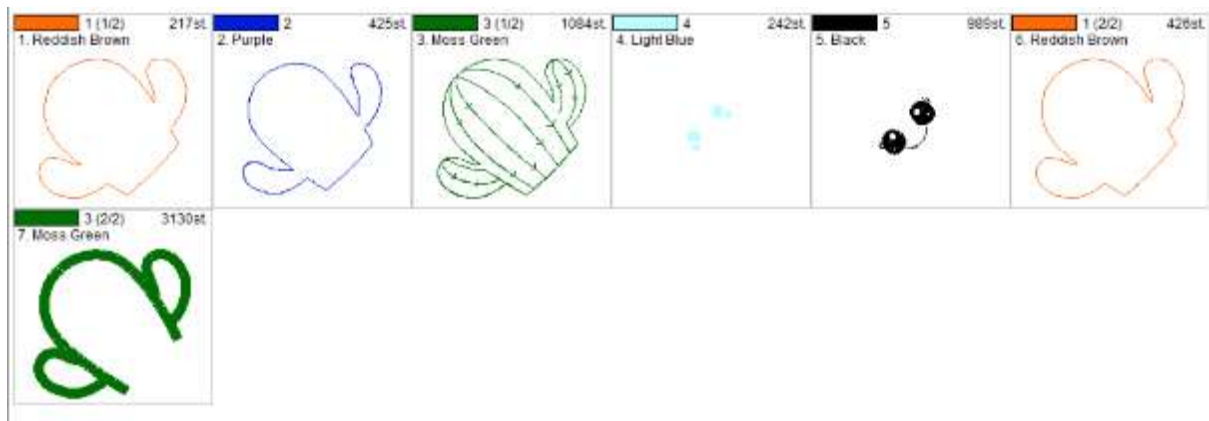
For the larger one-hooping versions of both the standalone flowerpot and the complete cactus and flowerpot designs, I've included a simplified summary, as the construction process follows the same method without the joining step.

QUICKLINK

- [Cactus - 4X4 – 2 hooping method](#)
- [Cactus – 5x7 6x10 – 1 hooping](#)
- [Flowerpot – all sizes](#)

CONSTRUCTION - 4X4 2 HOOPING -1ST HOOPING

As the joining is completed as you stitch, it is important you stitch the designs in order – 4X4-1-CP the cactus, then 4x4-2-CP the pot.



STEP ONE – THE FABRIC PLACEMENT LINE



Thread your machine with a neutral colour

Stitch Colour 1, which is the outline of the cactus and shows you where to place your fabric

STEP TWO – BATTING



Set your batting over the guideline and tape in place

Stitch Colour 2 to attach



Cut away excess batting

There are gaps between the batting and the original outline – this keeps the batting out of the edges

STEP THREE – FABRICS



On the front of the hoop, place fabric over the guideline

Thread machine with the colour you want for the cactus detail (black)

Stitch Colour 3 to attach the fabric and quilt the background

STEP FOUR – STITCH INNER DESIGN



Complete face details

Colour 4 – white of eyes

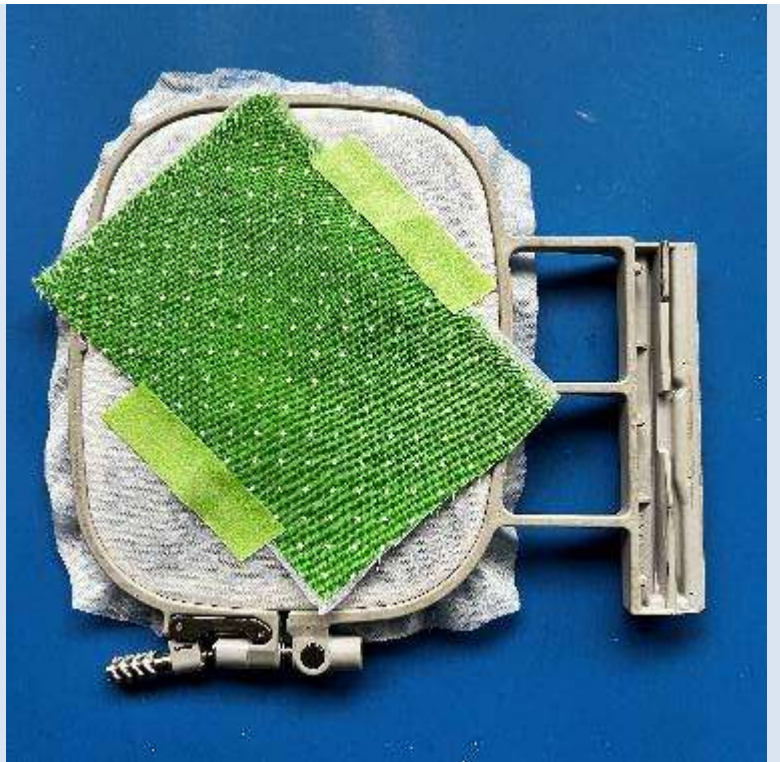
Colour 5 – black eyes and mouth

STEP FIVE – ADD BACKING FABRIC

BACK OF HOOP:

As shown, place the backing fabric over the guideline area, with the wrong side of the fabric facing the hoop

Use small pieces of tape to hold the fabric in place, making sure the tape sits outside the stitch area



Stitch Colour 6 to
attach backing fabric

Remove hoop from the machine
Cut away all excess fabric on the front and back of hoop



STEP SIX – COMPLETE EMBROIDERY



Change bobbin
thread to match

Stitch Colour 7 to
zigzag, then complete
satin stitch edge

(green)

STEP SEVEN – FINISH PART 1

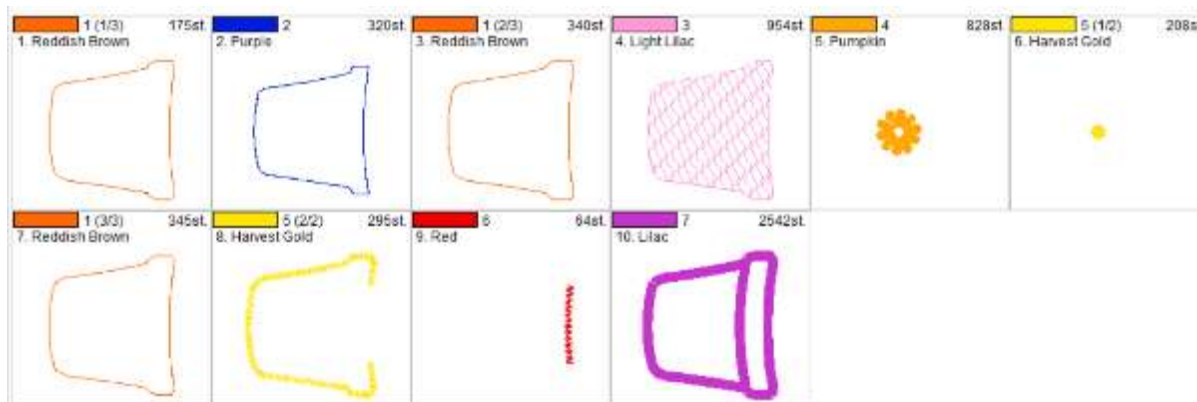


Remove the design from the hoop and trim away the excess stabiliser

For the raw edge, carefully cut as close as possible to the stitch line — this will make it easier to join the pieces in the next hooping

Set the piece aside until needed

CONSTRUCTION - 4X4 2ND HOOPING



I have rotated the pot for this 'joined' design, so the join is along the side of the hoop

Load 4x4-2-CP

STEP ONE – DESIGN OUTLINE AND ATTACH BATTING

- Thread your machine with a neutral colour
- Hoop 2 layers of fabric-type water-soluble stabiliser

- [Stitch Colour 1](#), which is the outline of the design and shows you where to place your fabric
- Place pella/batting over the guideline and [stitch Colour 2](#) to attach
- Cut away the excess batting



STEP TWO – FABRICS



On the front of the hoop, place fabric over the guideline

[Stitch Colour 3](#) to attach the fabric

STEP THREE – STITCH INNER DESIGN



Complete inner details

Colour 4 – background quilting (orange)

Colour 5 – flower petals (purple)

Colour 6 – flower inner (green)

STEP FOUR – ADD BACKING FABRIC

BACK OF HOOP:

As shown, place the backing fabric over the guideline area, with the wrong side of the fabric facing the hoop

Use small pieces of tape to hold the fabric in place, making sure the tape sits outside the stitch area





Stitch Colour 7 to
attach backing fabric

Remove hoop from the machine
Cut away all excess fabric on the front and back of hoop



STEP FIVE – ZIGZAG BEFORE JOIN



Stitch Colour 8, which zigzags the raw edges, leaving a gap where you will join the first part of the design

(orange)

STEP SIX – JOIN

You'll see where to join the cactus by the gaps in the zigzag stitching — these mark the raw edges to align. Like fitting a jigsaw puzzle, match your completed pieces to the stitch lines of the design currently in the hoop.



Align the raw edge stitch lines of both pieces

There will be a slight overlap

Secure with tape, keeping the tape outside the stitching area



Stitch Colour 9 to join the body to the centre portion

You want the zigzag to catch both sides

STEP SEVEN – COMPLETE EMBROIDERY



Change bobbin thread to match

Stitch Colour 10 to complete satin stitch edge

STEP EIGHT – FINISH

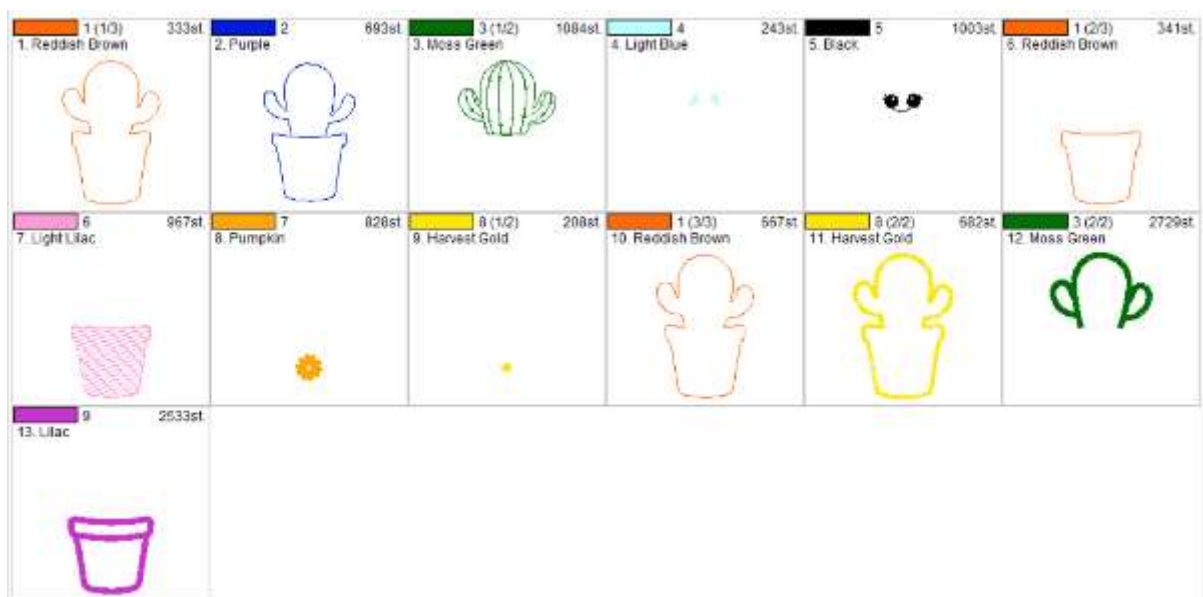


Remove the design from the hoop and trim away the excess stabiliser from the edges

To remove the remaining water-soluble stabiliser along the edges, use a Q-tip (cotton bud) dipped in hot water

For a completely clean finish, you can either soak the entire design or wash it in the machine. Once dry and pressed, it will look as good as new!

CONSTRUCTION – CACTUS FLOWERPOT – 1 HOOPING



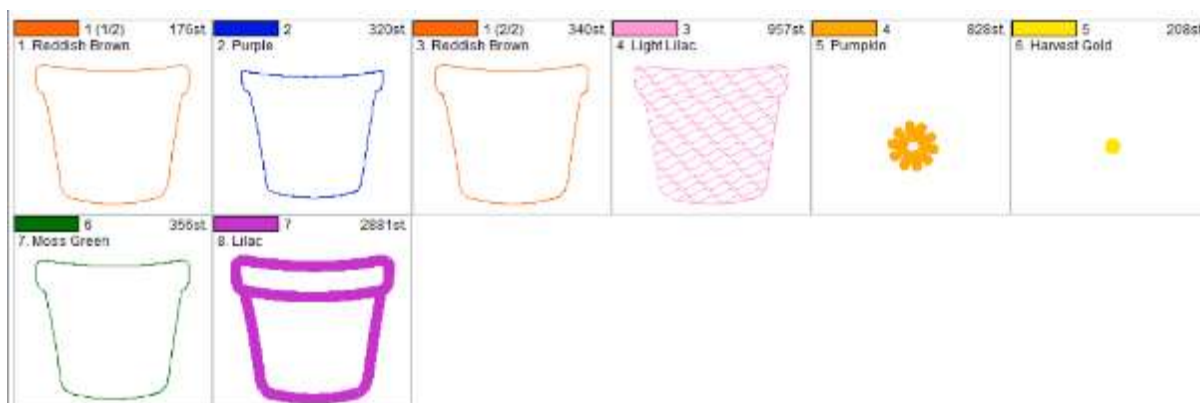
I have summarised the instructions for the one-hooping version, as it follows general applique techniques.

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| Colour 1 | Placement line on stabiliser | neutral |
| Place batting over the guideline | | |
| Colour 2 | Attaches batting | neutral |
| Cut away excess batting | | |
| Place cactus fabric over guideline | | |
| Colour 3 | Attaches fabric and stitches inner detail | black/green |
| Colour 4 | White of eyes | white |
| Colour 5 | Black eyes, mouth | black |
| Trim away excess cactus fabric | | |
| Place pot fabric over guideline | | |
| Colour 6 | Attaches fabric | neutral |
| Colour 7 | Stitches inner quilting | orange |
| Colour 8 | Flower petals | purple |
| Colour 9 | Flower inner | green |

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| Tape backing fabric on back of hoop – wrong side of fabric facing the hoop | | |
| Colour 10 | Attaches backing fabric | neutral |
| Trim away excess backing fabric | | |

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| Complete embroidery | | |
| Colour 11 | Zigzags raw edges | neutral |
| Colour 12 | Cactus satin stitch edge | green |
| Colour 13 | Pot satin stitch edge | orange |

CONSTRUCTION – FLOWERPOT ONLY



Again, I have summarised the instructions for the one-hooping version, as it follows general applique techniques.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| Colour 1 | Placement line on stabiliser | neutral |
| Place batting over the guideline | | |
| Colour 2 | Attaches batting | neutral |
| Cut away excess batting | | |
| Place pot fabric over guideline | | |
| Colour 3 | Attaches fabric | neutral |
| Colour 4 | Stitches inner quilting | orange |
| Colour 5 | Flower petals | purple |
| Colour 6 | Flower inner | green |

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| Tape backing fabric on back of hoop – wrong side of fabric facing the hoop | | |
| Colour 10 | Attaches backing fabric | neutral |
| Trim away excess backing fabric | | |

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|---------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Complete embroidery | | |
| Colour 7 | Zigzags raw edges | neutral |
| Colour 8 | Pot satin stitch edge | orange |



Want to make your own flag like Holly

Here are the designs she used:

The beauty of these designs is you stitch them all individually, then you can place them anyway you like on your background.


Top Red Flower
Mid Left yellow Flower
Mid Right pink Flower
Left bottom pink Flower
Left Middle White Flower
Right bottom purple Flower
Leaf

Mushroom

[Free Swirly Rose](#)
[Free In the hoop Dresden Coaster](#)
[Free in the hoop Flower coaster](#)
[Free Hibiscus Flower](#)
[Free In the hoop 8 petal flower](#)
[Free In the hoop Flower Coaster 2](#)
[Free In the hoop Ornate Leaf Coasters](#)
[Free Mushroom](#)

ATTACHING APPLIQUE DESIGNS TO A PROJECT

I use clear monofilament thread and stitch through the middle of the satin stitch edges. Watch this in detail on our [How to attach Large Applique Designs blog](#) (includes videos)

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