



You may not know, but embroidery isn't my only addiction — I also love crocheting!

I've been making crochet blankets to give to family and friends, and I wanted a special little tag I could add to them before they were gifted. So, of course, I had to turn the idea into an embroidery design!

This **Made with Love Tag** is a lovely finishing touch for your handmade gifts. Add it to a crochet or knitted blanket, quilt, bag, sewing project or anything else you've made with love.

And there's a little extra feature on the back — a pocket for a handwritten note. Simply tuck in your own message to the recipient to make your handmade gift even more personal.

You could add a little note about when the project was made, who it was made for, washing instructions, or simply a few words from the heart.

4x4 & 5x5 hoops



FINISHED SIZE

	4X4-HM.pes 72.4x98.4 mm (2.85x3.87 ")
	5X5-HM.pes 93.6x127.6 mm (3.69x5.02 ")

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

- 2 layers of water-soluble fabric-type stabiliser
- Matching bobbin thread
- Optional ribbon: 2 pieces approximately 8 inches long

For the main tag, cut your front fabric, backing fabric and batting approximately 1 inch larger than your hoop size.

Hoop Size	Front Fabric	Backing Fabric	Batting	Optional Pocket
4x4	5 x 5"	5 x 5"	5 x 5"	Cut 1 piece 5 x 8", then fold to 5 x 4"
5x5	6 x 6"	6 x 6"	6 x 6"	Cut 1 piece 6 x 10", then fold to 6 x 5"

Optional pocket

If you would like to add the little pocket to the back of your tag, cut your pocket fabric as shown above and fold it in half, wrong sides together.

The folded edge will form the top edge of the pocket, giving you a neat finish without any additional sewing.

You can use the pocket to tuck in a handwritten note, gift message, washing instructions or any little message for the recipient.

STABILISER AND HOOPING



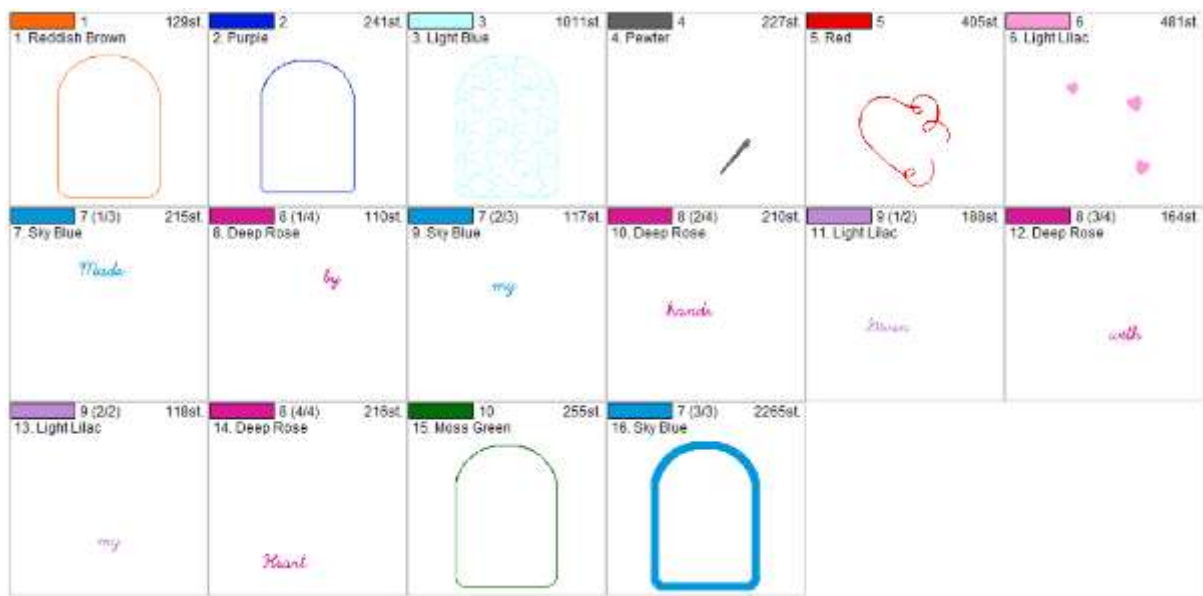
Hoop stabiliser

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](#)

CONSTRUCTION



If you are new to this technique – please watch the **quick video** on the product page (about halfway down the page)

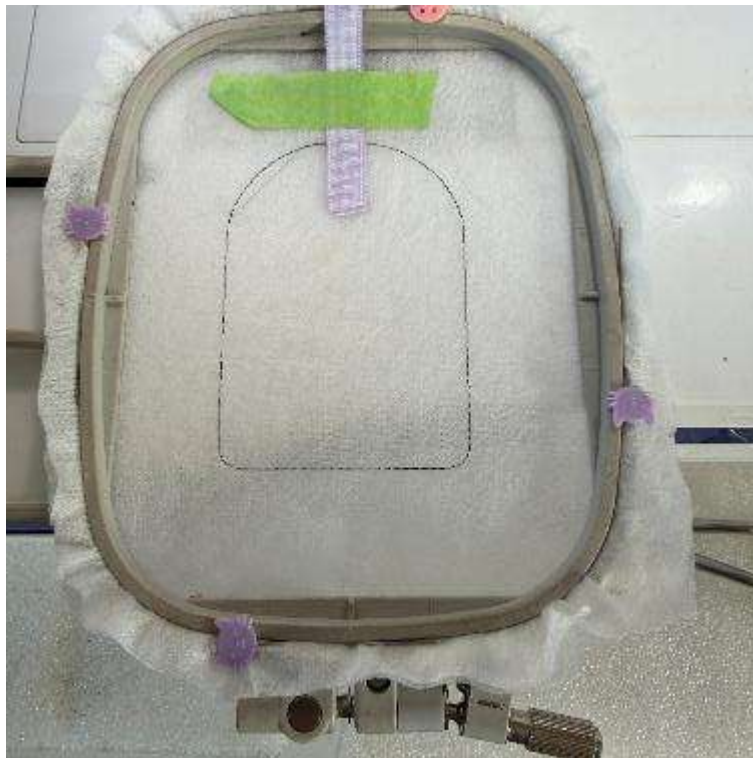
STEP ONE – THE FABRIC PLACEMENT LINE



Thread your machine with a neutral colour

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

STEP TWO – HANGING TAB

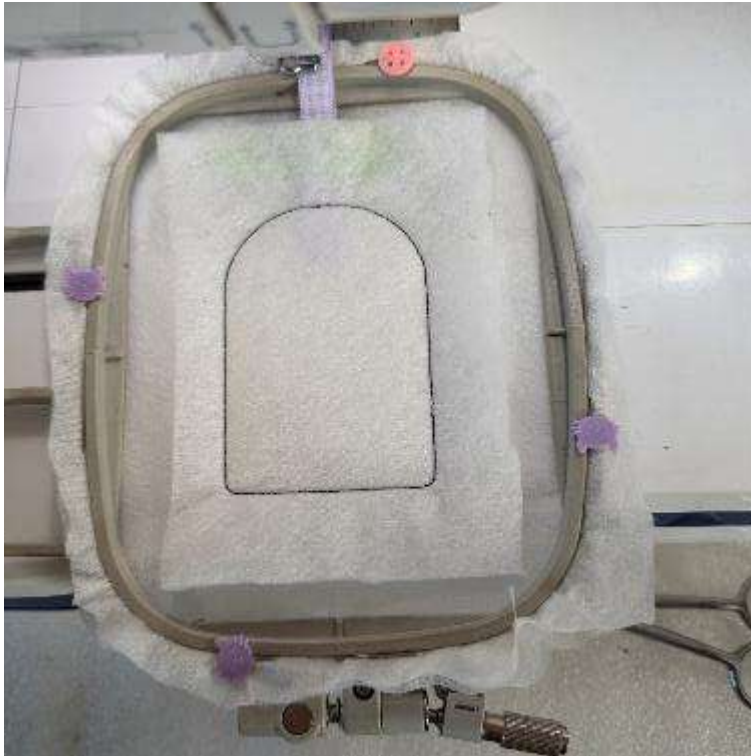


As I wanted to tie my tag to my blanket, I used two 8-inch pieces of ribbon

You could use the traditional folded piece of ribbon instead

Tape in place outside the stitch line

STEP THREE – BATTING



Place batting over the guideline

Stitch Colour 2 to attach



Cut away excess batting, taking care not to cut your ribbon

There is a gap between the outline and batting – this is correct – it keeps the batting out of the seams

STEP FOUR – FABRIC PLACEMENT



Thread your machine with the colour you want for the background quilting

Place fabric over the guideline

Stitch Colour 3 to attach and stitch the background quilting (white)



Stitch inner design

Colour 4 – Needle (gray)

Colour 5 – Heart 'sewing' (pink)

Colour 6 – three solid hearts (pink)

For maximum versatility, I've created each word in a separate colour, giving you the option of using a different colour for each word

Colour 7 – Made

Colour 8 – by

Colour 9 – my

Colour 10 - hands

Colour 11 – Given

Colour 12 – with

Colour 13 – my

Colour 14 - heart

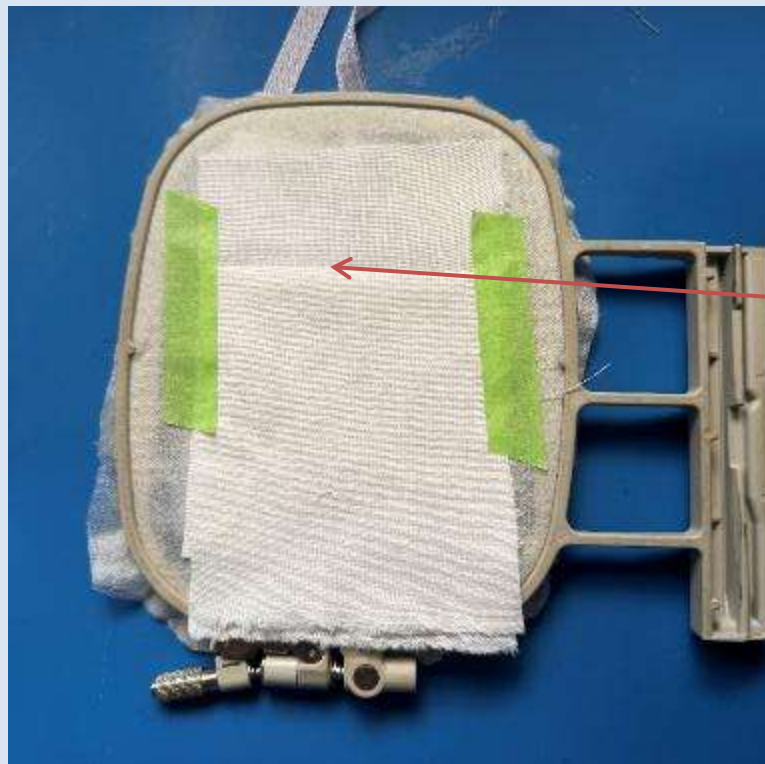
STEP FIVE- ADD BACKING FABRIC AND POCKET



BACK OF HOOP

Place a full piece of fabric over the entire guideline

WRONG SIDE of fabric facing the hoop



Place your folded pocket piece at least 1 cm down from the top edge of the guideline

Folded edge of pocket

Tape in place

STEP SIX – ATTACH FABRICS



Stitch Colour 15 to attach the backing fabrics

STEP SEVEN – CUT AWAY EXCESS FABRIC

Remove hoop from machine

Cut away excess fabric on the front and back of the hoop

Return hoop to machine



STEP EIGHT – COMPLETE EMBROIDERY



Change to matching top and bobbin thread

Stitch Colour 16 to complete the satin stitch edge (pink)

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 machine wash it. Once dry and pressed, it will look like new!

Add your handwritten note, and tie your ribbon into a pretty bow (or attach to your blanket as I have)



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