

Puff Embroidery:

Puff embroidery is where you use craft / embroidery foam when sewing to raise the satin stitches in the design to give it a 3D look. It is a simple process that has only a few more steps involved, but the end result is well worth the effort.

We recommend using the following:

- 3mm embroidery or craft foam in colors to match the thread colors for each puff area
- Craft strength heat wand
- Sharp needles 75/11 or 80/12
- Tweezers
- Small craft scissors

The craft / embroidery foam can be purchased from most craft stores or embroidery supply companies.

Hoop the fabric and stabilizer the same as you would do for regular embroidery. Then embroider the design until you see a color stop that says “Stop Lay down puff”, you will then lay down the appropriate color of foam to cover the area to be embroidered next. For the best results cut the foam to fit the inside of the hoop, but the foam should not extend outside of the hoop.

Most of our designs have the puff sewing last so you can remove the foam after the entire design has sewn. If you need to remove the foam during the sewing process you will see a color stop that reads: “Stop remove puff” that way you can remove the excess foam and then continue sewing.

When the design is completed, use a tweezers to remove any excess foam that is sticking out of the satin stitches. For smaller pieces you can gently push the foam back in between the satin stitches with the tweezers or the end of a small scissors.

You can also use a small craft heat wand to melt the little bits of foam that are hard to get at. I have also used a hair dryer, but I have noticed that it takes longer and the results are not as good as with a craft strength heat wand.

Designs embroidered using embroidery / craft foam can usually be machine washed and dried but they can not be dry-cleaned. The foam will disintegrate when it comes in contact with dry-cleaning solvents. See the form package instructions for more information.