Operation Manual

Embroidery Machine

Product Code: 882-W88



Be sure to read this document before using the machine.
We recommend that you keep this document nearby for future reference.The latest manuals are available at Brother Support website (https://s.brother/cpeah/).

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing this machine. Before using this machine, carefully read the “IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS”, and then study this manual for the correct operation of the various functions.
In addition, after you have finished reading this manual, store it where it can quickly be accessed for future reference.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Please read these safety instructions before attempting to use the machine.

⚠DANGER

- To reduce the risk of electric shock

1 Always unplug the machine from the electrical outlet immediately after using, cleaning, making any user servicing adjustments mentioned in this manual, or if you are leaving the machine unattended.

⚠WARNING

- To reduce the risk of burns, fire, electrical shock, or injury to persons.

2 Always unplug the machine from the electrical outlet, or when making any adjustments mentioned in the instruction manual.

- To unplug the machine, switch the machine to the symbol “O” position to turn it off, then grasp the plug and pull it out of the electrical outlet. Do not pull on the cord.
- Plug the machine directly into the electrical outlet. Do not use an extension cord.
- Always unplug your machine if there is a power failure.

3 Electrical Hazards:

- This machine should be connected to an AC power source within the range indicated on the rating label. Do not connect it to a DC power source or inverter. If you are not sure what kind of power source you have, contact a qualified electrician.
- This machine is approved for use in the country of purchase only.

4 Fire Hazards:

- Do not use flammable substances, any type of spray, or an organic solvent/liquid containing alcohol or ammonia to clean the inside or outside of the product. Doing so could cause a fire.

5 Never operate this machine if it has a damaged cord or plug, if it is not working properly, has been dropped or damaged, or water is spilled on the unit. Return the machine to the nearest authorized Brother dealer for examination, repair, electrical or mechanical adjustment.

- While the machine is stored or in use if you notice anything unusual, such as an odor, heat, discoloration or deformation, stop using the machine immediately and unplug the power cord.
- When transporting the machine, be sure to carry it by its handle. Lifting the machine by any other part may damage the machine or result in the machine falling, which could cause injuries.
- When lifting the machine, be careful not to make any sudden or careless movements, which may cause a personal injury.

6 Always keep your work area clear:

- Do not install or use in areas where explosive or electrically conductive dusts are generated.
- Never operate the machine with any air openings blocked. Keep ventilation openings of the machine free from the build up of lint, dust, and loose cloth.
- Never drop or insert foreign object into any opening.
- Do not operate where aerosol (spray) products are being used or where oxygen is being administered.
- Do not use the machine near a heat source, such as a stove or iron; otherwise, the machine, power cord or garment being embroidered may ignite, resulting in fire or an electric shock.
- Do not place this machine on an unstable surface, such as an unsteady or slanted table, otherwise the machine may fall, resulting in injuries.

7 Special care is required when embroidering:

- Always pay close attention to the needle. Do not use bent or damaged needles.
- Keep fingers away from all moving parts. Special care is required around the machine needle.
- Switch the machine to the symbol "O" position to turn it off when making any adjustments in the needle area.
- Do not use a damaged or incorrect needle plate, as it could cause the needle to break.
- Do not push or pull the fabric when embroidering.

8 This machine is not a toy:

- Your close attention is necessary when the machine is used by or near children.
- This product contains small parts. Keep the product out of the reach of children to prevent accidental ingestion of small parts.
- The plastic bag that this machine was supplied in should be kept out of the reach of children or disposed of. Never allow children to play with the bag due to the danger of suffocation.
- Do not use the seam ripper in any other way than how it is intended.
- Do not use outdoors.

9 For a longer service life:

- When using and storing this machine, avoid direct sunlight and high humidity locations. Do not use or store the machine near a space heater, iron, halogen lamp, or other hot objects.
- Do not use cleansers or organic solvents, such as thinner, petroleum ether or alcohol, to clean the machine. Otherwise, the finish may peel off or become scratched.
- Always consult the Operation Manual when replacing or installing any assemblies, the presser feet, needle, or other parts to assure correct installation.

10 For repair or adjustment:

- If the light unit is damaged, it must be replaced by an authorized Brother dealer.
- In the event a malfunction occurs or adjustment is required, first follow the troubleshooting table in the back of the Operation Manual to inspect and adjust the machine yourself. If the problem persists, please consult your local authorized Brother dealer.

Use this machine only for its intended use as described in the manual.

Use accessories recommended by the manufacturer as contained in this manual.

The contents of this manual and specifications of this product are subject to change without notice.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

This machine is intended for household use.

FOR USERS IN COUNTRIES EXCEPT EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety. Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.

FOR USERS IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

This appliance can be used by children aged from 8 years and above and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance in a safe way and understand the hazards involved. Children shall not play with the appliance. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.

FOR USERS IN THE UK, EIRE, MALTA AND CYPRUS ONLY

IMPORTANT

- In the event of replacing the plug fuse, use a fuse approved by ASTA to BS 1362, i.e. carrying the  mark, rating as marked on plug.
- Always replace the fuse cover. Never use plugs with the fuse cover omitted.
- If the available electrical outlet is not suitable for the plug supplied with this equipment, you should contact your authorized Brother dealer to obtain the correct lead.

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Product Name: Brother Embroidery Machine
Model Number: CX1e

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the authorized Brother dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.
- This transmitter must not be co-located or operated in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

Important

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Brother Industries, Ltd. could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

This equipment complies with FCC/IC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment and meets the FCC radio frequency (RF) Exposure Guidelines and RSS-102 of the IC radio frequency (RF) Exposure rules. This equipment should be installed and operated keeping the radiator at least 20cm or more away from person's body.

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(2) This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

This equipment complies with FCC/IC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment and meets the FCC radio frequency (RF) Exposure Guidelines and RSS-102 of the IC radio frequency (RF) Exposure rules. This equipment should be installed and operated keeping the radiator at least 20cm or more away from person's body.

For Users in Mexico

The operation of this equipment is subject to the following two conditions:
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La operación de este equipo está sujeta a las siguientes dos condiciones:
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Maximum radio-frequency power transmitted in the frequency band(s): Less than 20 dBm(e.i.r.p)

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PRECAUTION FOR WIRELESS CONNECTION

Make sure you use a router or firewall when connecting your machine to the Internet to protect it against unauthorized access from the Internet.

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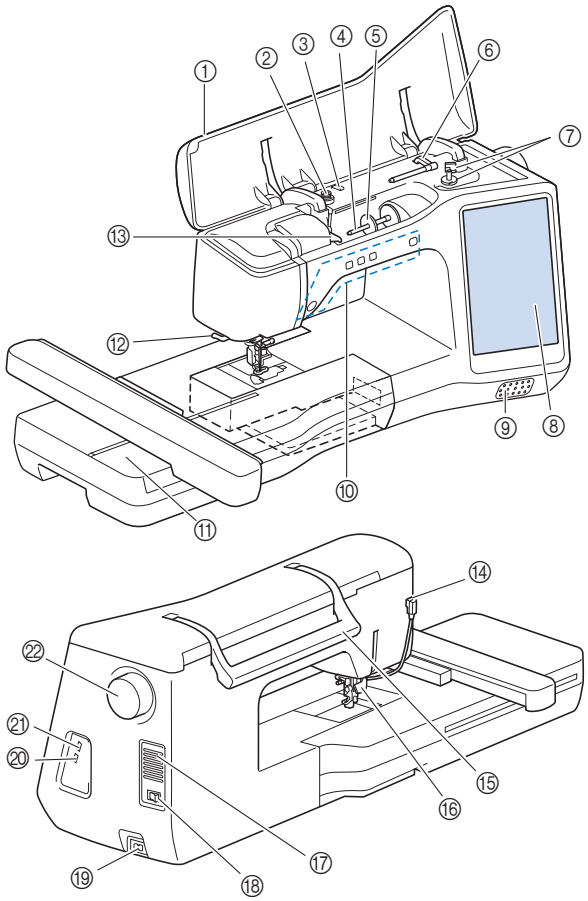
Chapter 1 GETTING READY

Note

- Be sure to install the latest software. Refer to “UPDATING YOUR MACHINE’S SOFTWARE” on page 97.

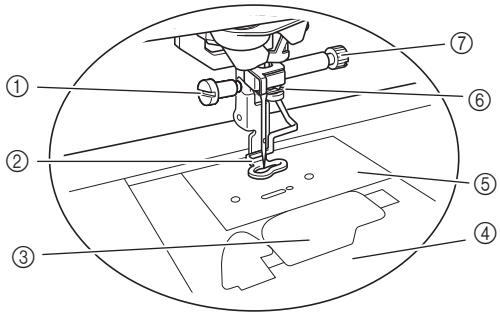
NAMES OF MACHINE PARTS

■ Main Parts



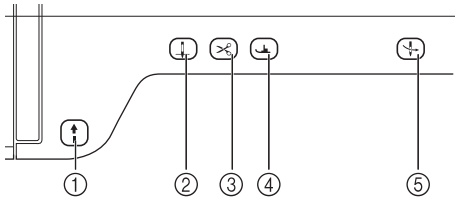
① **Top cover**
② **Pretension disk (page 20)**
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⑮ **Handle**
Carry the machine by its handle when transporting the machine.
⑯ **Presser foot lever**
You cannot use the presser foot lever after the presser foot has been raised using (Presser foot lifter button).
⑰ **Air vent**
The air vent allows the air surrounding the motor to circulate. Do not cover the air vent while the machine is being used.
⑱ **Main power switch (page 8)**
⑲ **Power cord receptacle (page 9)**
⑳ **USB port for mouse (page 19)**
㉑ **USB port**
㉒ **Handwheel**
Turn the handwheel toward you (counterclockwise) to raise and lower the needle.

■ Needle and Presser Foot Section



① **Screw for embroidery foot (page 87)**
② **Embroidery foot**
The embroidery foot helps control fabric flexibility for better stitch consistency.
③ **Bobbin cover (page 22)**
④ **Needle plate cover (page 22)**
⑤ **Needle plate (page 86)**
⑥ **Needle bar thread guide (page 25)**
⑦ **Needle clamp screw (page 27)**

■ Operation Buttons



① **"Start/Stop" button**
Press the "Start/Stop" button to start or stop embroidering. The button changes color according to the machine's operation mode.

Green:	The machine is ready to embroider or is embroidering.
Red:	The machine is not ready to start embroidering.

② **Needle position button**
Press the needle position button to raise or lower the needle position. Pressing the button twice embroiders a single stitch.

③ **Thread cutter button**
Press the thread cutter button after embroidering to trim the excess thread.

④ **Presser foot lifter button**
Press the presser foot lifter button to lower the presser foot and apply pressure to the fabric. Press this button again to raise the presser foot.

⑤ **Automatic threading button**
Use the automatic threading button to automatically thread the needle.

INCLUDED ACCESSORIES

For included accessories of your machine, refer to the additional sheet "Included Accessories".

TURNING THE MACHINE ON/OFF

⚠ WARNING

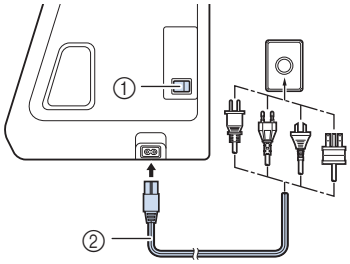
- **Use only regular household electricity for the power source. Using other power sources may result in fire, electric shock, or damage to the machine.**
- **Do not touch the plug with wet hands. Electric shock may result.**
- **Make sure that the plugs on the power cord are firmly inserted into the electrical outlet and the power cord receptacle on the machine. Otherwise, a fire or electric shock may result.**
- **Turn the main power to OFF and remove the plug in the following circumstances:**
  - **When you are away from the machine**
  - **After using the machine**
  - **When the power fails during use**
  - **When the machine does not operate correctly due to a bad connection or a disconnection**
  - **During electrical storms**

⚠ CAUTION

- **Use only the power cord included with this machine.**
- **Do not use extension cords or multi-plug adapters with many other appliances plugged in to them. Fire or electric shock may result.**
- **When unplugging the machine, always turn the main power to OFF first. Always grasp the plug to remove it from the outlet. Pulling on the cord may damage the cord, or lead to fire or electric shock.**
- **Do not allow the power cord to be cut, damaged, modified, forcefully bent, pulled, twisted, or bundled. Do not place heavy objects on the cord. Do not subject the cord to heat. These things may damage the cord, or cause fire or electric shock. If the cord or plug is damaged, take the machine to your authorized Brother dealer for repairs before continuing use.**
- **Unplug the power cord if the machine is not to be used for a long period of time. Otherwise, a fire may result.**

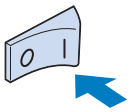
- **(For U.S.A only)**
  This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade wider than the other). To reduce the risk of electrical shock, this plug is intended to fit in a polarized electrical outlet only one way.
  If the plug does not fit fully in the electrical outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper electrical outlet. Do not modify the plug in any way.

1 Insert the power supply cord into the power cord receptacle, then insert the plug into a wall outlet.



① Main power switch
② Power supply cord

2 Turn the main power switch to "I" to turn on the machine.



Memo

- The light, LCD and the "Start/Stop" button light up when the machine is turned on.

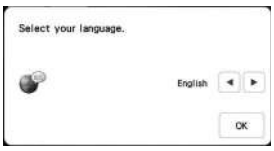
3 When the machine is turned on, the opening movie is played. Touch anywhere on the screen.

4 Turn the main power switch to "O" to turn off the machine.

■ Setting Your Machine for the First Time

When you first turn on the machine, set the language and time/date to your language and local time/date.

1 Touch ◄ and ► to set your local language and then touch OK .

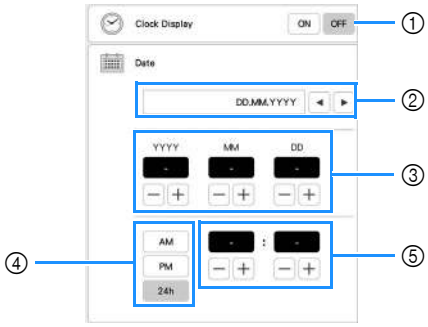


2 Touch OK to read end-user-license agreement (EULA).

* Read every page. Touch ⌄ to turn the page.

3 The message screen, confirming if you want to set time/date, appears. Touch OK .

4 Touch − or + to set time/date. And then touch OK .

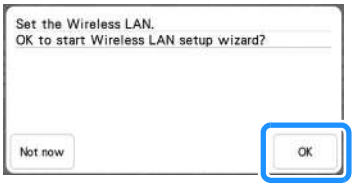


① Select [ON] to display time/date on the screen.
② Touch ◄ or ► to select the date display format.
③ Set the year (YYYY), month (MM) and date (DD).
④ Select whether 24h or 12h setting will display.
⑤ Set the current time.
→ The clock starts from 0 second of the time you set.

Memo

- The time/date you set may be cleared, if you don't turn on the machine for an extended period of time.

5 The following message about a wireless LAN connection appears. To set up a connection, touch OK , and then refer to steps 3 through 6 in "Using the Wizard to Set Up the Wireless Network Connection" on page 17 to finish setting up a wireless LAN connection.



LCD SCREEN

Touch the LCD screen or a key with your finger or the included touch pen to select a machine function.

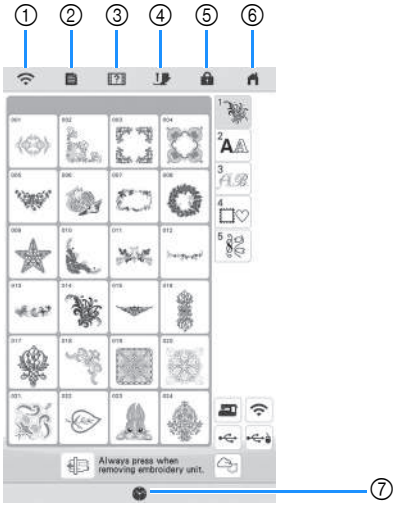
IMPORTANT

- **Only touch the screen with your finger or the touch pen (stylus) included with the machine. Do not use a mechanical pencil, screwdriver or any other hard or sharp object. In addition, do not press the screen with extreme pressure. Otherwise the screen may be damaged.**

Note

- All or part of the screen may sometimes become darker or lighter due to changes in the surrounding temperature or other changes in the environment. This is not a sign of a malfunction. If the screen is difficult to read, adjust its brightness.

■ Home Page Screen



No.	Display Name	Explanation	Page
①	 Wireless LAN key	Shows the machine's signal strength. Touch this key to specify the wireless settings. If there is a new update file, the key appears as .	12, 17
②	 Machine settings key	Change the needle stop position, adjust the pattern or screen, and change other machine settings.	11
③	 Machine help key	See explanations on how to use the machine. You can see the tutorial videos and also MP4 movie files that you have saved on USB media.	14
④	 Presser foot/ Needle exchange key	Touch this key before changing the needle, the presser foot, etc. This key locks all key and button functions to prevent operation of the machine.	22, 26
⑤	 Screen lock key	Lock the screen. When the screen is locked, you can still embroider, but cannot change any of the screen functions. Touch this key again to unlock the screen.	—
⑥	 Home page screen key	Return to the home page screen at any time.	—
⑦	 Time/Date key	Set the time/date.	9

Using the Machine Settings Key

Touch  to change the default machine settings (needle stop position, embroidery speed, opening display, etc.). To display the different settings screens, touch  for "General settings",  for "Embroidery settings" or  for "Wireless LAN settings".

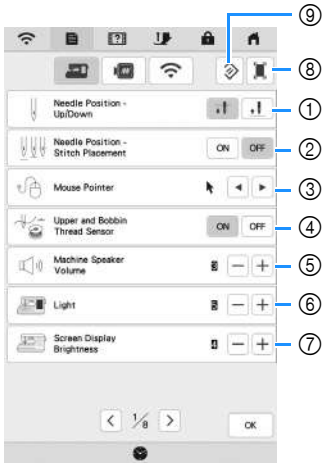
Note

- The machine default setting is highlighted.

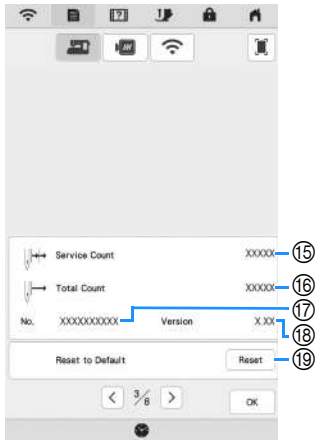
Memo

- Touch  or  to display a different settings screen.

■ General Settings







IMPORTANT

- **When [Upper and Bobbin Thread Sensor] is set to [OFF], the machine cannot detect tangled upper thread. Continuing to use the machine with tangled thread may cause damage.**

① Select the needle stop position (the needle position when the machine is not operating) to be up or down.

② Select the operation of the  (Needle position button) from the following two sequences.

Each press of the  (Needle position button):

[ON] : Switches the needle position between being raised, stopped immediately before entering the fabric, or lowered.

[OFF] : Switches the needle position between being raised or lowered.

③ Select the shape of the pointer when a USB mouse is used.

④ Turn both the upper and bobbin thread sensors [ON] or [OFF]. If it is turned [OFF], the machine can be used without thread.

⑤ Select the speaker volume. Increase the number for louder volume, decrease for softer volume.

⑥ Select the brightness of the work area lights.

⑦ Select the screen display brightness.

⑧ You can save the current settings screen image in a USB media by touching this key when the USB media is inserted into the USB port. The files are saved in a folder labeled [bPocket].

⑨ Reset settings on this page to original default. Some settings are not reset.

⑩ Set the [Eco Mode] and the [Shutoff Support Mode] to save the machine power (page 13).

⑪ Select the length of time until the screen saver appears.

⑫ Select the image of the screen saver (page 13).

⑬ Select the initial screen that is displayed when the machine is turned on.

⑭ Select the display language.

⑮ Shows the service count which is a reminder to take your machine in for regular servicing. (Contact your authorized Brother dealer for details.)

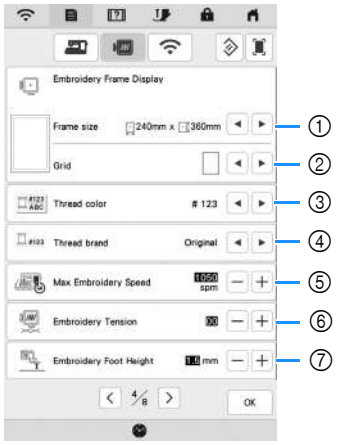
⑯ Shows the total number of stitches embroidered on this machine.

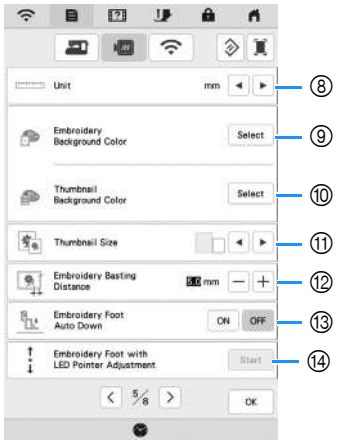
⑰ Shows the internal machine number for this machine.

⑱ Shows the program version.

⑲ Erase all saved data, customized settings and network information in the machine.

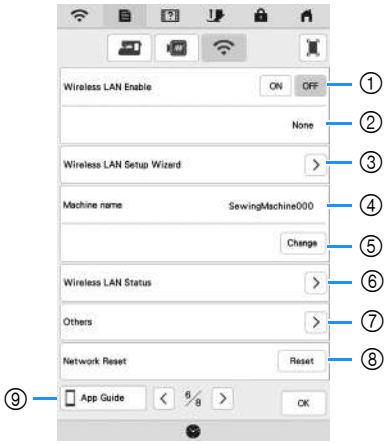
■ Embroidery Settings

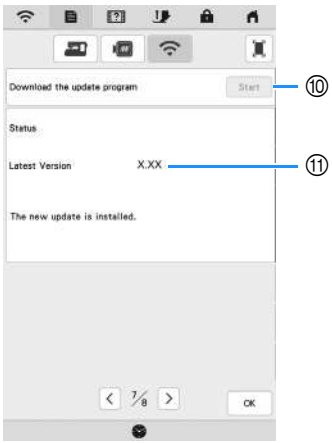




① Select the embroidery frame to be used.
② Select the center point marker or grid lines.
③ Select the thread color display on the embroidery screen; thread number, color name. (page 75)
④ Select the thread brand of the thread color display. (page 75)
⑤ Adjust the maximum embroidery speed (page 74).
⑥ Adjust the upper thread tension for embroidering (page 72).
⑦ Select the height of the embroidery foot during embroidering (page 51).
⑧ Select the display units for embroidering (mm/inch).
⑨ Select the color of the background for the embroidery display area.
⑩ Select the color of the background for the thumbnail area.
⑪ Select the size of pattern thumbnails.
⑫ Adjust the distance between the pattern and the basting stitching. (page 67)
⑬ When set to [ON], pressing the “Start/Stop” button when the embroidery foot is raised automatically lowers the embroidery foot before starting embroidering.
⑭ Adjust the position and brightness of the embroidery foot “W+” with LED pointer (this setting is available if embroidery foot “W+” with LED pointer has been attached.) (page 55)

■ Wireless LAN Settings







① Enable/Disable the wireless LAN function (page 17).
② Shows the connected SSID.
③ Set the machine to connect wireless LAN function.
④ Shows the machine name used on the wireless network.
⑤ Change the machine name used on the wireless network.
⑥ Check the wireless LAN status.
⑦ Display other menus.
⑧ Reset network operations.
⑨ Display the introduction to the applications. Touch the key of the app whose information you want to display. On smart devices with a QR reader app installed, scan the QR code to display a screen that shows how to install the app.



My Stitch Monitor: The machine's embroidering status can be monitored from your smart device. For details, refer to "MY STITCH MONITOR APP" on page 82.

Artspira: You can transfer content published on the app to the embroidery machine and enjoy creating original works using the functions on the app.

⑩ If there is a new update program, download the update file. (page 97)

⑪ Display update program information. (page 97)

⑫ Register the Artspira app. (page 83)

■ Setting the [Eco Mode] and the [Shutoff Support Mode]

You can save the machine power by setting the [Eco Mode] and the [Shutoff Support Mode].
If you leave the machine turned on without using it for the set period of time, the machine enters in each mode.

Touch  to display [Eco Mode] and [Shutoff Support Mode]. (page 11)

[Eco Mode];
Machine will enter a sleep mode after the set period of time. Touch the screen or press the "Start/Stop" button to continue operating.

[Shutoff Support Mode];
Machine will enter the lower power mode after the set period of time. Turn the machine off and then back on to restart operating.

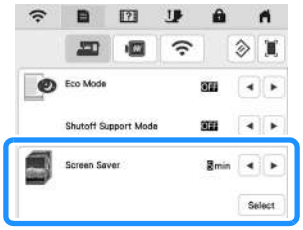
Memo

- If you turn off the machine while the machine is in the [Eco Mode] or the [Shutoff Support Mode], wait for about 5 seconds before turning on the machine again.
- For details on condition of the [Eco Mode] and [Shutoff Support Mode], refer to "SPECIFICATIONS" on page 95.

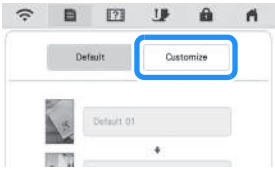
■ Changing the Screen Saver Image

Instead of the default image, you can select your own personal images for the screen saver of your machine. Before changing the screen saver image, prepare the image on USB media. For details on compatible image files, refer to "SPECIFICATIONS" on page 95.

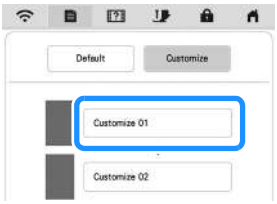
1. **Touch**  **.**
   → The settings screen appears.
2. **Touch**  **.**
   → The general settings screen appears.
3. **Display [Screen Saver] in the general settings screen.**



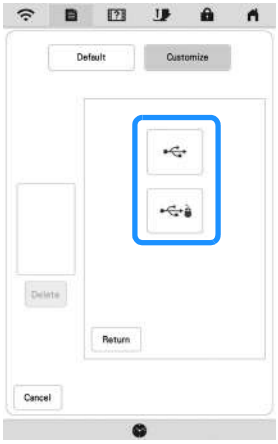
4. **Touch** **.**
5. **Touch** **.**



6. **Connect the USB media that contains your personal image to the USB port of the machine.**
7. **Touch**  **to select the first image.**



8 Select the device that is connected.



→ A list of your personal images appears on the screen.

* Delete : Delete the selected image.

* Return : Return to the previous page.

9 Select a file name and then touch Set .



→ The selected image is stored on your machine.

* Return : Return to the previous page.

10 Repeat steps 7 through 9 to set the remaining images.

11 Touch OK to return to the original screen.

Memo

- Touch [Default] to select default images for the screen saver.



Using the Machine Help

Touch to display the machine help screen. Functions are available from the screen shown below.



① Explanation for upper threading, winding the bobbin, preparing to embroider a pattern, and how to use the machine (page 14)

② Tutorial videos or MPEG-4 (MP4) videos (page 15, page 15)

③ Display the introduction to the application. Touch the key of the app. On smart devices with a QR reader app installed, scan the QR code to display a screen that shows how to install the app.



My Stitch Monitor: The machine's embroidering status can be monitored from your smart device. For details, refer to "MY STITCH MONITOR APP" on page 82.

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④ End-user license agreements (EULA)

■ Using the Operation Guide Function

Touch Operation Guide to display the screen shown below. Categories are displayed at the top of the screen. Touch a key to see more information about that category. Some of the functions are described in the movies. Watch these movies for a better understanding of the functions.



① Information about the main parts of the machine and their functions

② Information about the operation buttons

③ Information about threading the machine, changing needles, etc.

④ Information about attaching the embroidery unit, preparing fabric for embroidering, etc.

⑤ Information about troubleshooting

⑥ Information about cleaning the machine, etc.

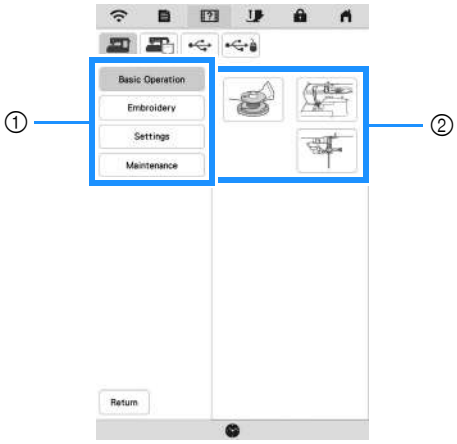
■ Playing a Tutorial Video

This machine provides tutorial videos on how to use the machine.

1. Touch .

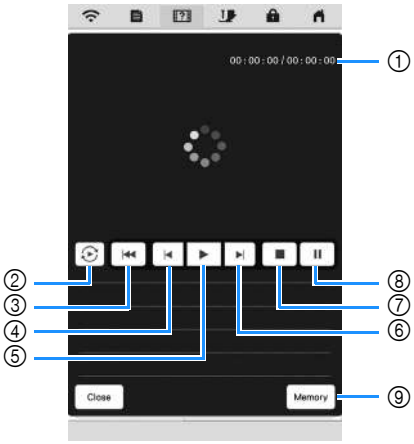
2. Touch Video.

3. **Select the category and the tutorial video.**



① Category
② Tutorial video

4. **Play the tutorial video.**



① Number of seconds elapsed/Total number of seconds
② Repeat
③ Return to beginning
④ Skip back 10 seconds
⑤ Play
⑥ Skip forward 10 seconds
⑦ Stop
⑧ Pause
⑨ Save to machine (when playing from USB media).

A video can be saved to (favorites) of the machine, from where it can be played.

When playing from the machine's memory, Memory changes to Delete. Touch Delete to delete the video.

Note

- The specifications shown in the movie may differ from the ones on the actual product, in details.
- The movie includes optional parts not included with this product.

5. **After you are finished playing the video, touch Close.**

■ Playing MPEG-4 (MP4) Videos

Your MP4 videos can be played from USB media. In addition, the MP4 video can be saved to the machine so that a tutorial video on creating a project, for example, can be viewed at any time. For details on supported file extensions, refer to "SPECIFICATIONS" on page 95.

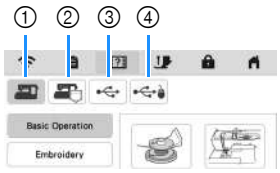
Memo

- Some types of MP4 file cannot be played with the machine.

1. Touch .

2. Touch Video.

3. **Select the device where the video is saved.**



① Tutorial videos
② Videos saved on the machine (favorites)
③ Videos from USB media plugged into the USB port
④ Videos from USB media plugged into the USB port for mouse

4. **Select the video that you want to play.**



Note

- Long file names may be shortened when they are displayed.

5. **Play the video.**

* Use the operation keys as described in "Playing a Tutorial Video" on page 15.

6. **After you are finished playing the video, touch Close.**

WIRELESS NETWORK CONNECTION FUNCTIONS

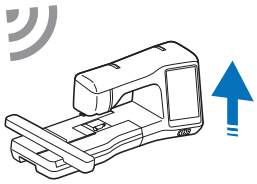
Operations Available with a Wireless Network Connection

This machine supports a wireless network connection. The following useful operations will be available if the machine is connected to a wireless network.

■ For updating

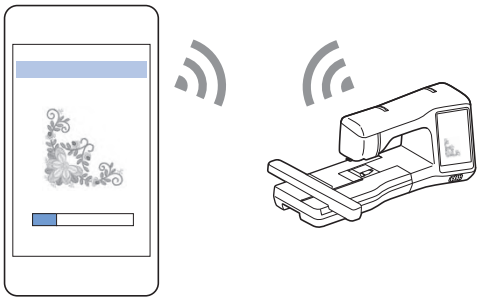
Directly download the update file to the machine. (page 97)

- When an updated version of the software is available on our website, the wireless LAN key appears as . (page 97)



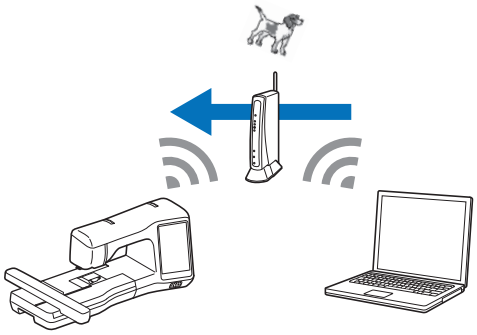
■ For embroidering

- Conveniently check the operating status of the machine from your smart device by using the dedicated mobile application (My Stitch Monitor).



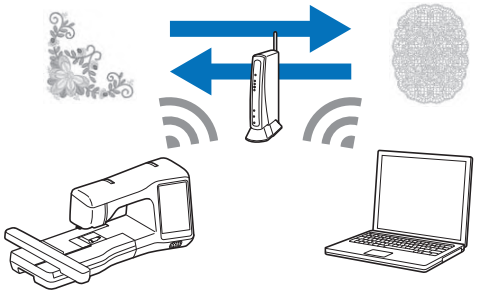
- Wirelessly transfer an embroidery pattern from your computer to the machine by using the dedicated Windows application (Design Database Transfer). The application can be downloaded from the following URL.
  https://s.brother/caekb/

* Settings must be specified in Design Database Transfer. For more information, refer to the manual for Design Database Transfer.



- Wirelessly transfer to the machine an embroidery pattern edited with embroidery editing software (PE-DESIGN version 11 or later) on a computer. Also, transfer to PE-DESIGN an embroidery pattern edited on the machine.

* Settings must be specified in PE-DESIGN. For more information, refer to the manual for PE-DESIGN.



- With Artspira App, you can transfer content published on the app to the embroidery machine and enjoy creating original works using the functions on the app.

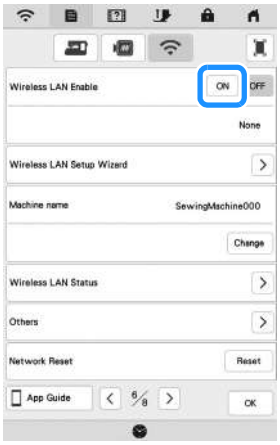
Enabling a Wireless Network Connection

The machine can be connected to your wireless network.

Refer to “SPECIFICATIONS” on page 95 for requirements for a wireless network connection.

1 Touch .

2 Set [Wireless LAN Enable] to [ON].



→ The machine begins to emit the wireless network signal.

Using the Wizard to Set Up the Wireless Network Connection

There are multiple ways to set up the wireless network connection. We recommend the method that uses the wizard on this machine.

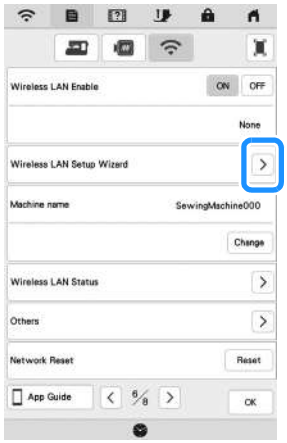
1 In order to connect your machine to a wireless network, the security information (SSID and network key) for your home network will be required. The network key may also be called a password, security key or encryption key. First, find your security information and note it.

SSID	Network Key (Password)

Memo

- The wireless network connection cannot be set up if you do not have the security information.
- How to find the security information
  - ① Check the manual provided with your home network.
  - ② The default SSID may be the manufacturer's name or the model name.
  - ③ If you cannot find the security information, contact the manufacturer of the router, your network administrator or your Internet provider.
  - ④ Some SSIDs and network keys (passwords) are case (upper case and lower case) sensitive. Please properly record your information.

2 Touch beside [Wireless LAN Setup Wizard].



→ A list of available SSIDs appears.

3 Touch beside the SSID that was noted.

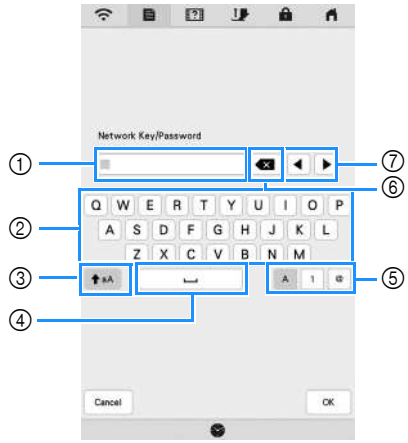


→ The screen for entering the network key (password) appears.

Memo

- If the SSID that was noted does not appear in the list, touch Refresh.
- If the desired network SSID is not displayed, specify it as described below.
  - ① Select New SSID.
  - ② Enter the desired network SSID, and then touch OK.
  - ③ Select the authentication method and encryption mode.
- If the machine had already been connected to the home network, touch Saved SSID, and then select the saved SSID.

4 **Enter the network key (password) that was noted, and then touch** OK **.**

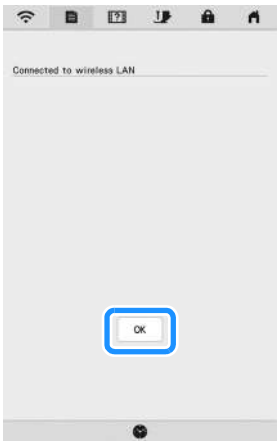


① Text input area
② Character keys
③ Caps key
④ Space key
⑤ Letters/numbers/symbols key
⑥ Backspace key (Deletes the character at the cursor's position.)
⑦ Cursor keys (Move the cursor to the left or right.)

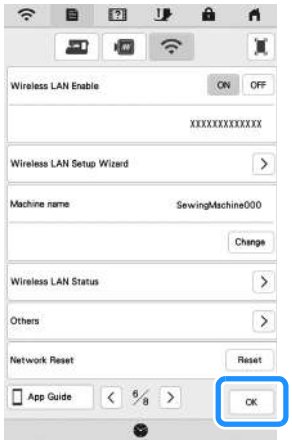
5 **When the following message appears, touch** OK **.**



→ When a connection is established, the following message appears.



6 **Touch** OK **to exit the setup.**



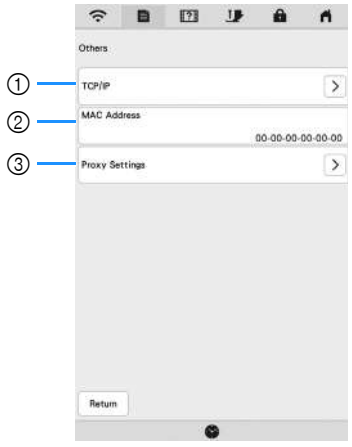
→ The name beside [Machine name] is the name that will be used when registering the machine with embroidery editing software (PE-DESIGN version 11 or later) or Design Database Transfer in order to transfer files.

Memo

- While connected, the signal strength is indicated by the icon in the upper-left corner of the display.
- Once a wireless network connection has been set up, a connection will be established each time the machine is turned on. However, [Wireless LAN Enable] in the network settings screen must remain set to [ON].
- The name in the [Machine name] field will be used with the Artspira App (limited to certain sales region) and My Stitch Monitor App.

■ Using the [Others] Menu to Set Up the Wireless Network Connection

The [Others] menu contains the following items.



① TCP/IP settings can be manually entered.
② Shows the MAC address.
③ Use when proxy settings are required.

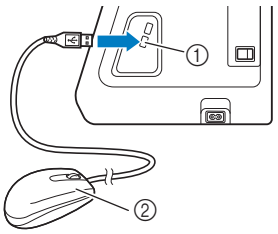
CONNECTING THE ACCESSORY TO THE MACHINE

Using a USB Mouse

A USB mouse, connected to the machine, can be used to perform a variety of operations in the screens.
Connect a USB mouse to the USB port.

Memo

- Use a basic computer mouse to operate the machine functions. Some USB mouse devices may not be compatible with this machine.



① USB port
② USB mouse

Note

- The left mouse button can be used to perform operations such as choosing a design and choosing menu keys.
- The mouse pointer does not appear in the screen saver or opening screen.

■ Clicking a Key

When the mouse is connected, the pointer appears on the screen. Move the mouse to position the pointer over the desired key, and then click the left mouse button.

Memo

- Double-clicking has no effect.



① Pointer

WINDING/INSTALLING THE BOBBIN

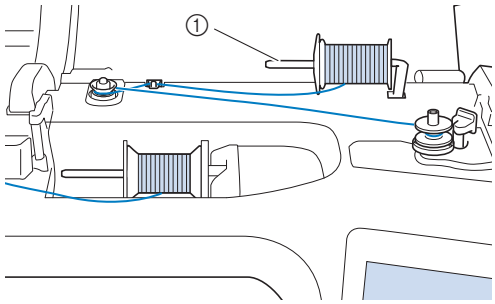
Winding the Bobbin

IMPORTANT

- **Use the plastic bobbins that came with this machine or bobbins of the same type: 11.5 mm (approx. 7/16 inch) plastic Class 15 (A style) bobbins, which are available from your Brother dealer.**

■ Using the Supplemental Spool Pin

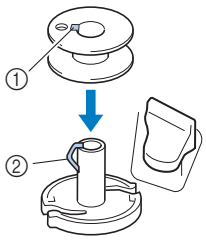
With this machine, you can wind the bobbin during embroidering. While using the main spool pin for embroidery, you can conveniently wind the bobbin using the supplemental spool pin.



① Supplemental spool pin

1 Turn the main power to ON and open the top cover.

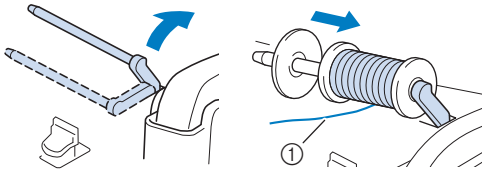
2 Align the groove in the bobbin with the spring on the bobbin winder shaft, and set the bobbin on the shaft.



① Groove in the bobbin
② Spring on the bobbin winder shaft

3 Place the spool of thread for the bobbin and the spool cap onto the supplemental spool pin.

Slide the spool onto the supplemental spool pin so that the thread unwinds to the front from the bottom. Otherwise the thread may become tangled around the supplemental spool pin.



① The thread unwinds to the front from the bottom.

4 **Slide the spool cap onto the spool pin as far as possible to the right, with the rounded side on the left.**

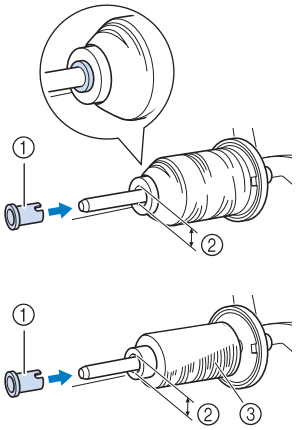
IMPORTANT

- **If the spool or the spool cap is not installed correctly, the thread may become tangled around the spool pin, and the machine may be damaged.**
- **Three spool cap sizes are available, allowing you to choose a spool cap that best fits the size of spool being used. If the spool cap is too small for the spool being used, the thread may catch on the slit in the spool or the machine may be damaged. When using mini king thread spool, use the thread spool insert.**
  For details on thread spool insert (mini king thread spool), refer to "Note" on page 20.



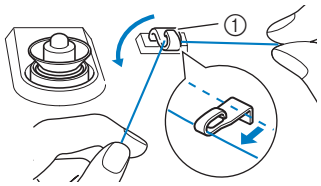
Note

- When using the spool as shown below, use the thread spool insert (mini king thread spool). Make sure that the thread spool insert is firmly inserted. After installing it, pull out some thread, and check that the thread unwinds without getting caught.



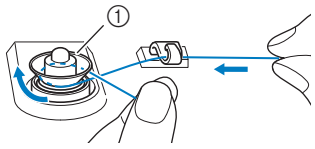
① Thread spool insert (mini king thread spool)
② Hole diameter 8.0 mm to 10.5 mm (approx. 5/16 inch to 13/32 inch)
③ Spool (cross-wound thread)

5 **With your right hand, hold the thread near the thread spool. With your left hand, hold the end of the thread, and use both hands to pass the thread through the thread guide.**

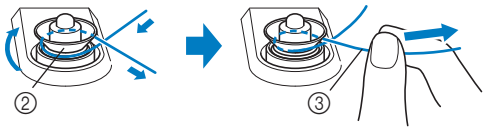


① Thread guide

6 **Pass the thread around the pretension disk making sure that the thread is under the pretension disk.**

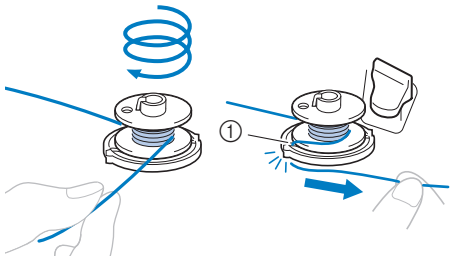


① Pretension disk
→ Make sure that the thread passes under the pretension disk.



② Pretension disk
③ Pull it in as far as possible.
→ Check to make sure thread is securely set between pretension disks.

7 **Wind the thread clockwise around the bobbin 5 or 6 times, pass the thread through the guide slit in the bobbin winder seat, and then pull the thread to cut it.**



① Guide slit in bobbin winder seat (with built-in cutter)

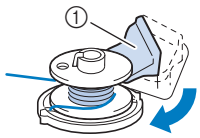
Note

- Be sure to wind the thread clockwise around the bobbin, otherwise the thread may become wrapped around the bobbin winder shaft.

⚠ CAUTION

- **Be sure to cut the thread as described. If the bobbin is wound without cutting the thread using the cutter built into the guide slit in the bobbin winder seat, the thread may become tangled in the bobbin or the needle may break and cause injury when the bobbin thread starts to run out.**

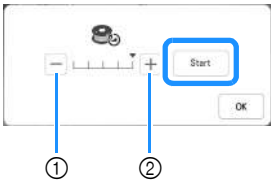
8 **Set the bobbin winding switch to the left, until it clicks into place.**



① Bobbin winding switch

→ The bobbin winding window appears.

9 **Touch** Start .



① Touch to decrease the winding speed.
② Touch to increase the winding speed.

→ Bobbin winding starts. Start changes to Stop while the bobbin is winding. The bobbin stops rotating when bobbin winding is completed. The bobbin winding switch will automatically return to its original position.

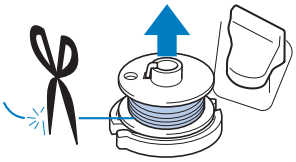
Memo

- Touch OK to minimize the bobbin winding window. Then, you can perform other operations, such as selecting a pattern or adjusting the thread tension, while the bobbin is being wound.
- Touch (in top right of the LCD screen) to display the bobbin winding window again.



- The sound of winding the bobbin with stiff thread, such as metallic thread for quilting, may be different from the one produced when winding normal thread; however, this is not a sign of a malfunction.

10 **After bobbin winding is finished, cut the thread with scissors and remove the bobbin.**

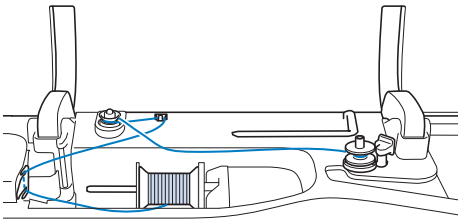


IMPORTANT

- **When removing the bobbin, do not pull on the bobbin winder seat. Doing so could loosen or remove the bobbin winder seat, and could result in damage to the machine.**

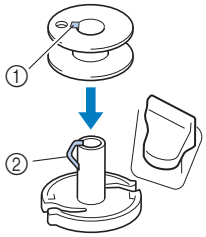
■ Using the Spool Pin

You can use the main spool pin to wind the bobbin before embroidering. You cannot use this spool pin to wind the bobbin while embroidering.



1 **Turn the main power to ON and open the top cover.**

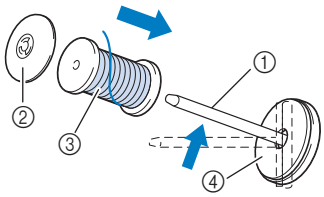
2 **Align the groove in the bobbin with the spring on the bobbin winder shaft, and set the bobbin on the shaft.**



① Groove in the bobbin
② Spring on the bobbin winder shaft

3 **Remove the spool cap and place the spool of thread for the bobbin onto the spool pin.**

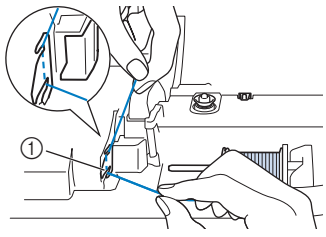
Slide the spool onto the spool pin so that the thread unwinds to the front from the bottom.



① Spool pin
② Spool cap
③ Spool of thread
④ Spool felt

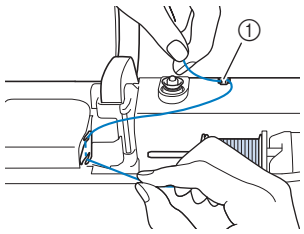
4 **Slide the spool cap onto the spool pin as far as possible to the right, with the rounded side on the left.**

5 **While holding the thread with both hands, pass the thread through grooves of the thread guide plate.**



① Thread guide plate

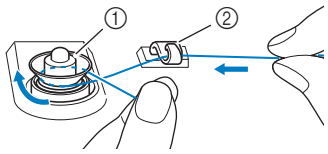
6 **Pass the thread through the thread guide.**



① Thread guide

7 **Pass the thread around the pretension disk making sure that the thread is under the pretension disk.**

Pull the thread as far as possible.



① Pretension disk
② Thread guide

8 **Follow steps 7 through 10 on page 20 through page 21.**

Setting the Bobbin

⚠ CAUTION

- **Use a bobbin that has been correctly wound with thread, otherwise the thread tension may be incorrect and the needle may break, causing injuries.**

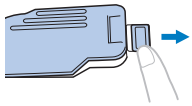


- **Before inserting or changing the bobbin, be sure to touch in the LCD to lock all keys and buttons. Otherwise injuries may occur if the "Start/Stop" button or any other button is pressed and the machine starts embroidering.**

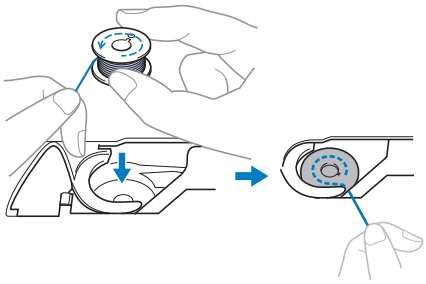
1 **Touch to lock all keys and buttons and raise the presser foot.**

* If the message [OK to automatically lower the presser foot?] appears on the LCD screen, touch OK to continue.

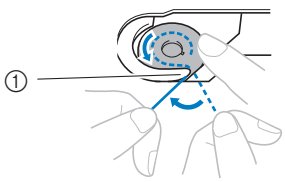
2 **Slide the bobbin cover latch to the right and remove the bobbin cover.**



3 **Insert the bobbin into the bobbin case so that the thread unwinds to the left.**



4 **Lightly hold down the bobbin with your right hand, and then guide the end of the thread around the tab of the needle plate cover with your left hand.**

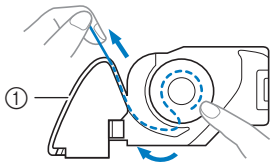


① Tab

Note

- Be sure to hold down the bobbin with your finger and unwind the bobbin thread correctly, otherwise the thread may break or the thread tension will be incorrect.

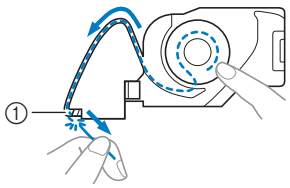
5 **While lightly holding down the bobbin with your right hand, guide the thread through the slit in the needle plate cover and lightly pull it with your left hand.**



Memo

- By pulling the thread in this way, the thread will enter the tension spring of the bobbin case to apply the appropriate tension to the bobbin thread during embroidery.

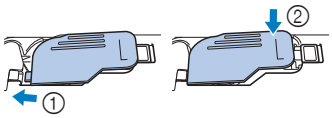
6 **While lightly holding down the bobbin with your right hand, continue guiding the thread through the slit with your left hand. Then, cut the thread with the cutter.**



→ The cutter cuts the thread.

7 **Reattach the bobbin cover.**

Insert the tab of the bobbin cover into the notch of the needle plate cover, and then lightly press down on the right side.



8 **Touch**  **to unlock all keys and buttons.**

UPPER THREADING

Upper Threading

⚠ CAUTION

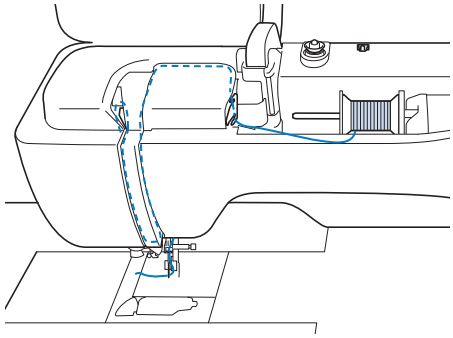
- **Be sure to thread the machine properly. Improper threading can cause the thread to tangle and break the needle, leading to injury.**

IMPORTANT

- **When using 65/09 needle, manually thread the needle. If the automatic needle threading function is used, the unit may be damaged.**

Memo

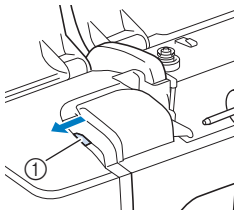
- The automatic threading function can be used with home sewing machine needle size 75/11.
- When threads such as metallic thread or specialty threads are used, it is not recommended to use the needle threader.
- For most embroidery applications, the upper thread should be 40-weight rayon or polyester embroidery thread.



1 **Turn the main power to ON.**

2 **Press**  **(Presser foot lifter button) to raise the presser foot.**

→ The upper thread shutter opens so the machine can be threaded.



① Upper thread shutter

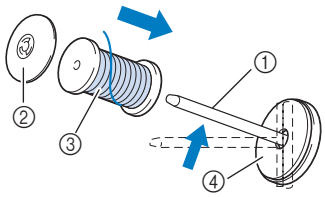
3 **Press (Needle position button) to raise the needle.**

IMPORTANT

- **Be sure to raise the needle before using the automatic needle threader. Otherwise, the needle may not thread correctly and the needle threader may be damaged.**

4 **Remove the spool cap and place the spool of thread onto the spool pin.**

Slide the spool onto the spool pin so that the thread unwinds to the front from the bottom.

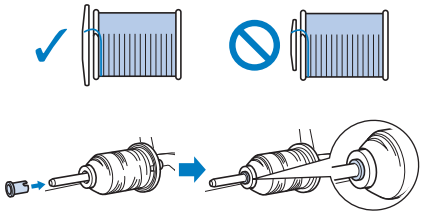


① Spool pin
② Spool cap
③ Spool of thread
④ Spool felt

5 **Slide the spool cap onto the spool pin as far as possible to the right, with the rounded side on the left.**

⚠ CAUTION

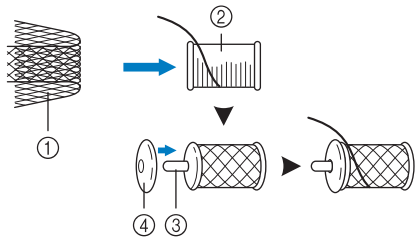
- **Choose a spool cap that best fits the size of spool being used. For more information, refer to "Note" on page 20.**



- **If the spool or the spool cap is not positioned correctly, the thread may become tangled around the spool pin, possibly causing the needle to break, resulting in injuries.**

Note

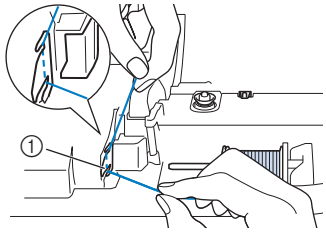
- When using thread that winds off quickly, such as metallic thread, place the spool net over the spool before placing the spool of thread onto the spool pin.
  If the spool net is too long, fold it to fit the size of the spool.



① Spool net
② Thread spool
③ Spool pin
④ Spool cap

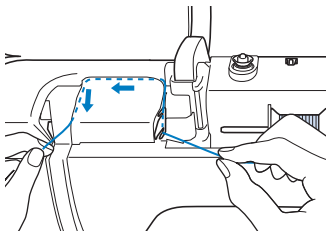
* When threading the spool with the spool net on, make sure that 5-6cm (approx. 2 - 2-1/2 inches) of thread is pulled out.
* It may be necessary to adjust the thread tension when using the spool net.

6 **While holding the thread with both hands, pass the thread through grooves of the thread guide plate.**

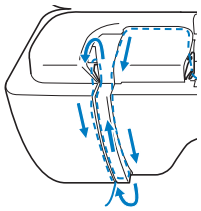


① Thread guide plate

7 **While holding the thread in your right hand, pass the thread through the thread guide in the direction indicated.**

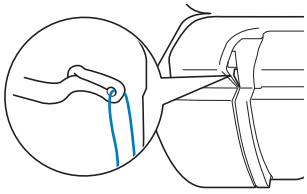


8 **Guide the thread down, up, then down through the groove, as shown in the illustration.**

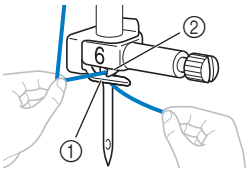


Memo

- Look in the upper groove area to check if the thread catches on the thread take-up lever visible inside the upper groove area.

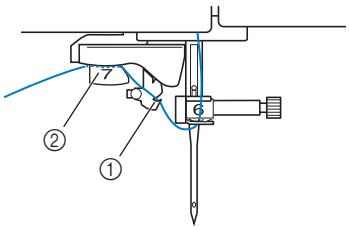


9 **Pass the thread through the needle bar thread guide (marked "6") by holding the thread with both hands and guiding it as shown in the illustration.**



① Needle bar thread guide
② Tab

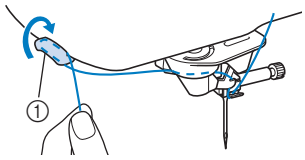
10 **Pass the thread through the notch in the thread guide. Then firmly pull the thread from front to back into the slit of the thread guide disk (marked "7").**



① Notch in thread guide
② Thread guide disk

11 **Press (Presser foot lifter button) to lower presser foot.**

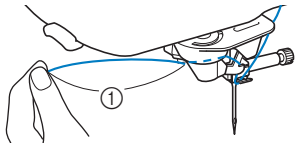
12 **Pull the thread up through the thread cutter to cut the thread, as shown in the illustration.**



① Thread cutter

Note

- When using thread that quickly winds off the spool, such as metallic thread, it may be difficult to thread the needle if the thread is cut.
  Therefore, instead of using the thread cutter, pull out about 8 cm (approx. 3 inches) of thread after passing it through the thread guide disks (marked "7").



① About 8 cm (approx. 3 inches) or more

13 **Press (Automatic threading button) to have the machine automatically thread the needle.**

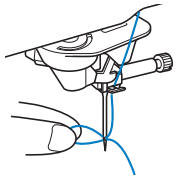
→ The thread passes through the eye of the needle.

Memo

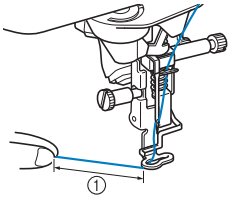
- When (Automatic threading button) is pressed, the presser foot will be automatically lowered. After threading is finished, the presser foot moves back to the position before (Automatic threading button) was pressed.

14 **Carefully pull the end of the thread that was passed through the eye of the needle.**

* If a loop was formed in the thread passed through the eye of the needle, carefully pull on the loop of thread through to the back of the needle.



15 **Raise the presser foot lever and pull out about 10 cm (approx. 4 inches) of the thread, and then pass it under the presser foot toward the rear of the machine.**



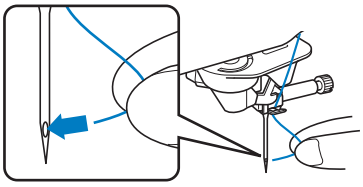
① About 10 cm (approx. 4 inches)

Memo

- If the needle could not be threaded or the thread was not passed through the needle bar thread guides, perform the procedure again starting from step 3.

Note

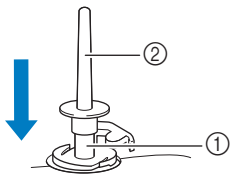
- Some needles and threads cannot be threaded with the needle threader. In this case, instead of using the needle threader after passing the thread through the needle bar thread guide (marked "6"), manually pass the thread through the eye of the needle from the front.



■ Using the Vertical Spool Pin

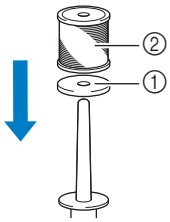
Use the vertical spool pin when using an irregularly shaped thread spool, and when embroidering with metallic thread.

1 Insert the vertical spool pin onto the bobbin winder shaft.



① Bobbin winder shaft
② Vertical spool pin

2 Install the spool felt and the thread spool in that order, and then thread the upper thread.



① Spool felt
② Thread spool

Memo

- When setting the thread spool, set it so that the thread winds off from the front of the spool.
- This method keeps the thread from twisting as it comes off the spool pin.

CHANGING THE NEEDLE

⚠ CAUTION

- **Always touch on the screen to lock all keys and buttons before changing the needle.**
  If is not touched and the "Start/Stop" button or another operation button is pressed accidentally, the machine will start and injury may result.
- **Use only home sewing machine needles. Other needles may break and may cause injury.**
- **Never use a bent needle. This may cause injury.**

■ Thread and Needle Number

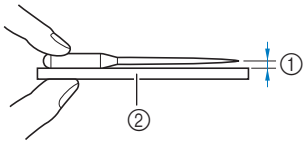
The lower the thread number is, the heavier the thread; the higher the needle number, the larger the needle.

■ Embroidery Needles

Use a ball point needle 75/11.

Memo

- To check the needle correctly, place the flat side of the needle on a flat surface. Check the needle from the top and the sides. Throw away any bent needles.



① Parallel space
② Flat surface (bobbin cover, glass, etc.)

- The machine needles are consumables. Replace the needle in cases such as those described below.
  - If an unusual sound is produced when the needle enters the fabric. (The tip of the needle may be broken or dull.)
  - If stitches are skipped. (The needle may be bent.)

1 Press (Needle position button) to raise the needle.

2 Touch to lock all keys and buttons.

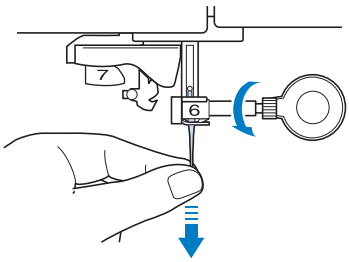
* If the message [OK to automatically lower the presser foot?] appears on the LCD screen, touch OK to continue.

Note

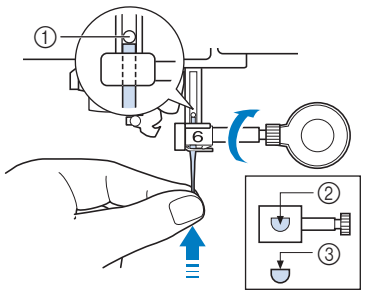
- Before replacing the needle, cover the hole in the needle plate with fabric or paper to prevent the needle from falling into the machine.

3 Remove the presser foot. (page 87)

4 **Use the disc-shaped screwdriver to turn the needle clamp screw toward you (counterclockwise) to loosen the screw. Remove the needle.**



5 **With the flat side of the needle facing the back, insert the new needle all the way to the top of the needle stopper (viewing window) in the needle clamp. Use the disc-shaped screwdriver to securely tighten the needle clamp screw.**



① Needle stopper
② Hole for inserting the needle
③ Flat side of the needle

⚠ CAUTION

- **Be sure to push in the needle until it touches the stopper, and securely tighten the needle clamp screw with the disc-shaped screwdriver. If the needle is not completely inserted or the needle clamp screw is loose, the needle may break and cause injury.**

6 **Attach the presser foot. (page 87)**

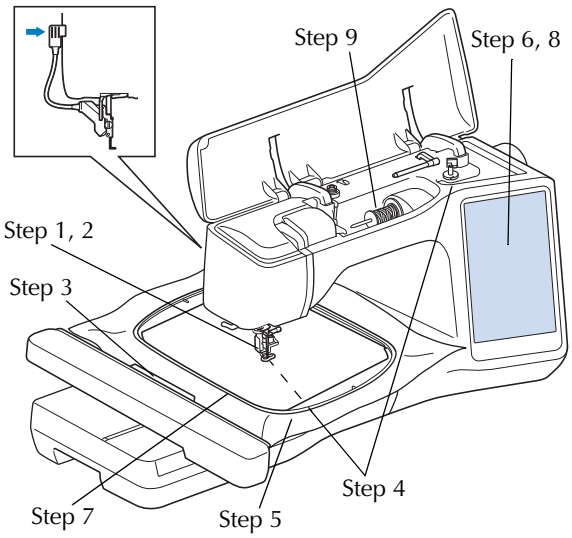
7 **Touch**  **to unlock all keys and buttons.**

Chapter 2 BASIC EMBROIDERY

BEFORE EMBROIDERING

Embroidery Step by Step

Follow the steps below to prepare the machine for embroidery.



Step #	Aim	Action	Page
1	Presser foot attachment	Attach embroidery foot “W+” with LED pointer.	87
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3	Embroidery unit attachment	Attach the embroidery unit.	29
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5	Fabric preparation	Attach a stabilizer material to the fabric, and hoop it in the embroidery frame.	51
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7	Embroidery frame attachment	Attach the embroidery frame to the embroidery unit.	54
8	Checking the layout	Check and adjust the size and position of the embroidery.	55
9	Embroidery upper thread setup	Set up embroidery upper thread according to the pattern.	23

About the Embroidery Unit

⚠ CAUTION

- **Do not move the machine with the embroidery unit attached. The embroidery unit could fall off and cause injury.**

IMPORTANT

- **Keep your hands and foreign objects away from the embroidery carriage and frame when the machine is embroidering. Damage or malfunction may result.**
- **Be sure to turn off the power before attaching or removing the embroidery unit. Otherwise, the machine may be damaged.**
- **Do not touch the inner connector of the embroidery unit. The pins on the embroidery unit connection may be damaged.**
- **Do not apply strong force to the embroidery unit carriage or pick up the unit by the carriage. Otherwise, the embroidery unit may be damaged.**
- **Do not push on the carriage when attaching the embroidery unit onto the machine. Moving the carriage may damage the embroidery unit.**
- **Make sure that there is enough space for the carriage of the embroidery unit to move. If the embroidery frame comes into contact with an object, the pattern may not be embroidered correctly, or damage may result.**
- **Do not touch the embroidery carriage until the initialization finishes.**

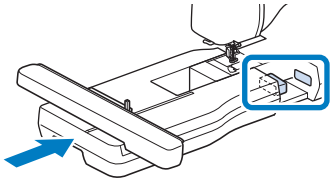
Note

- To avoid distorting your embroidery design, do not touch the embroidery carriage and frame when the machine is embroidering.
- Store the embroidery unit in a safe place to prevent damage to the unit.

■ Attaching the Embroidery Unit

1. **Turn the main power to OFF.**

2. **Insert the embroidery unit connection into the connection port of the machine until it snaps into place.**

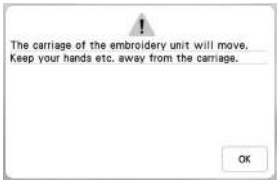


Note

- Be sure there is no gap between the embroidery unit and the machine. If there is a gap, the embroidery patterns will not embroider with the correct registration.

3. **Turn the main power to ON.**

→ The following message will appear.



4. **Touch** OK **.**

→ The carriage will move to the initialization position.

■ Removing the Embroidery Unit

1. **Remove the embroidery frame.**

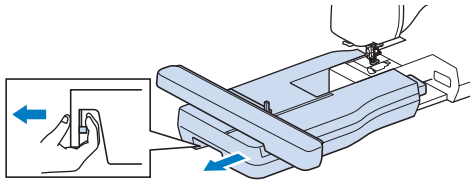
- For details on removing the embroidery frame, refer to “Removing the Embroidery Frame” on page 54.

2. **Touch** **.**

→ The carriage will move to the removal position.

3. **Turn the main power to OFF.**

4. **Press the release button, and pull the embroidery unit away from the machine.**



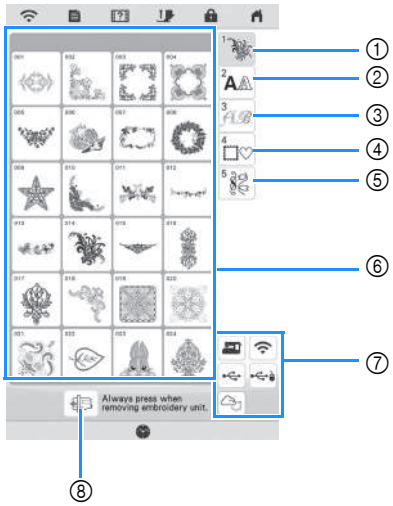
SELECTING PATTERNS

■ Copyright Information

The patterns stored in the machine and patterns sold separately are intended for private use only. Any public or commercial use of copyrighted patterns is an infringement of copyright law and is strictly prohibited.

■ About Embroidery Patterns

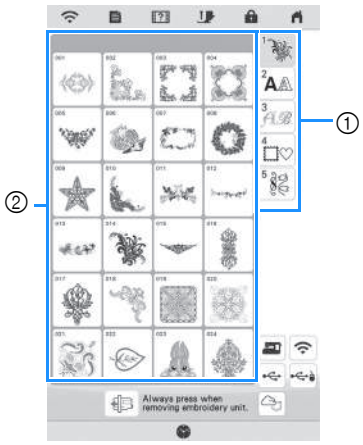
There are character and decorative embroidery built-in patterns (visit our website https://s.brother/cmekc/ to see the “Embroidery Design Guide” for a full summary of built-in patterns in the machine).
You can also use patterns sold separately.



① Embroidery patterns
② Character patterns
③ Decorative alphabet patterns
④ Frame patterns
⑤ Utility embroidery patterns
⑥ Pattern selection keys
⑦ Patterns saved in the machine’s memory, USB media, etc. (page 78)
⑧ Touch this key to position the embroidery unit for storage.

Selecting Embroidery Patterns

1 Touch the category tab and then touch the pattern key you want to embroider.



① Pattern category tab
② Pattern selection keys

2 Select a pattern.



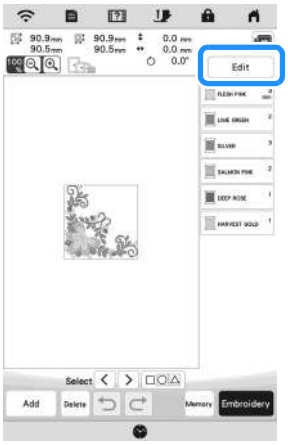
3 **Touch** Set **to set the pattern.**



* Touch to darken the background color for the pattern image with bright thread colors, to get a clearer image.

→ The pattern is designated with a red box around it on the edit screen.

4 **Touch** Edit **to edit the selected pattern. (page 37)**



5 **Touch** Embroidey **.**

→ The embroidery screen appears.

6 **Touch** Layout **to edit the pattern before embroidering. (page 49)**

* To return to the edit screen, touch Return .

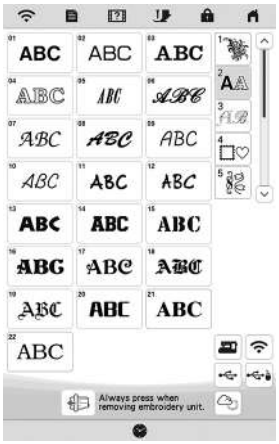


7 **Start embroidering. (page 61)**

Selecting Character Patterns

1 **Touch** .

2 **Touch the key of the font you want to embroider.**



* : View the next page.

: View the previous page.

3 **Select the character category and then type in the text. (page 33)**



4 **Touch** Set.

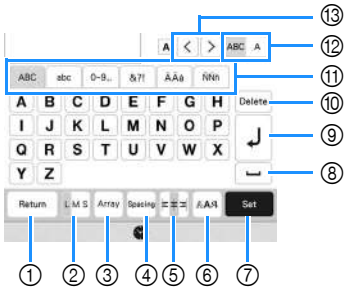
→ The edit screen appears.

5 **Follow the steps from 4 to 7 of "Selecting Embroidery Patterns" on page 31.**

■ Character Pattern Input Keys

Memo

- If a key display is grayed out, you cannot use that function with the selected pattern.



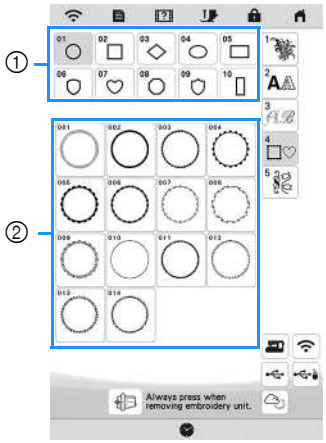
No.	Display Name	Explanation
①	Return Return key	Return to the previous screen.
②	L M S Size key	Change the size of the character patterns. To change the size of one character, touch ABC A to display ABC A and then select the character. The size of the selected character is changed.
③	Array Array key	Change the configuration of the character patterns. • To arrange the character patterns on an arc, touch , , or . : Make the arc flatter. : Make the arc rounder. • To arrange the character patterns on an incline, touch . : Change the incline counterclockwise. : Change the incline clockwise. • : Reset the layout.
④	Spacing Character spacing key	Change the spacing of the character patterns. • : Increase the character spacing. • : Decrease the character spacing. • To change the spacing after one character, touch ABC A to display ABC A and then select the character. The spacing between the selected character and the next character is changed. ABCDE ⇔ ABCDE ABCDE ⇔ ABCDE • : Move the one selected character up. • : Move the one selected character down. • : Reset the spacing.

No.	Display Name	Explanation
⑤	 Alignment key	Switch alignment. This function is available when multiple lines of characters are input. •  : Right alignment ABCDE FGH IJKLMN •  : Left alignment ABCDE FGH IJKLMN •  : Center alignment ABCDE FGH IJKLMN
⑥	 Font Type key	Change the font of the characters. Depending on the font that was selected, it may not be possible to change the font. • To change the font of one character, touch  to display  and then select the character. The font of the selected character is changed.
⑦	 Set key	Apply the character pattern editing.
⑧	 Space key	Enter a space.
⑨	 Line feed key	Make a new line.
⑩	 Delete key	Delete the character.
⑪	- Category keys	Select the category of character.
⑫	 Select one/all key	Select to edit all characters or one character. •  : Edit all characters. •  : Edit one character.
⑬	 Character selection keys	Move the cursor and select a character.

Selecting Frame Patterns

1 **Touch .**

2 **Touch the key of the frame shape you want to embroider in the top part of the screen.**



① Frame shapes
② Frame patterns

→ Various frame patterns are displayed at the bottom part of the screen.

3 **Touch the key of the frame pattern you want to embroider.**

→ The selected pattern is displayed on the screen.

4 **Touch .**

→ The edit screen appears.

5 **Follow the steps from 4 to 7 of "Selecting Embroidery Patterns" on page 31.**

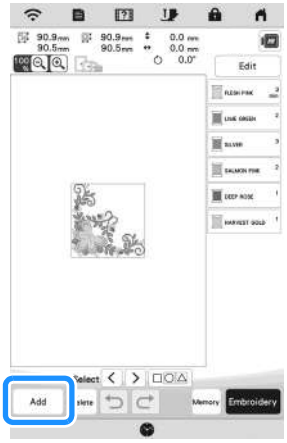
Combining Patterns

Example:



1 **Select a pattern and then touch** Set **.**

2 **Touch** Add **.**



3 **Touch** **.**

4 **Select** **and enter "ABCD".**

→ The characters you enter will be displayed in the center of the embroidery pattern area.

5 **Touch** Set **.**

6 **Touch** Edit **and then touch** Move **.**

7 **Use** **to move the characters.**

* Characters can also be moved by directly dragging them with your finger or the touch pen.

8 **Touch** OK **.**

9 **Touch** **to change the color of the characters.** **(page 46)**



10 **Touch** OK **.**

11 **When all editing is finished, touch** Embroidery **.**

Memo

- Combined patterns will be embroidered in the order they were entered.

■ Selecting a Pattern

If multiple patterns have been combined, use Select < > to select the pattern to be edited. Patterns can also be selected by directly touching the screen with your finger or touch pen.



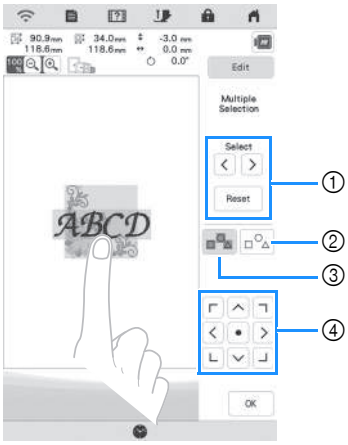
■ Selecting Multiple Patterns at the Same Time

Multiple patterns can easily be edited, for example, when moving patterns, if they are all selected together.

1 **Touch** □○△ **.**



2 **Touch each pattern to be selected.**



① Touch < or > to check the patterns to be selected, and then touch Set. The selected patterns are highlighted with a red box. To deselect the selected patterns, touch Reset.
② Touch this key to deselect all selected patterns.
③ Touch this key to select all patterns in the pattern display area.
④ Patterns can be moved with this key.

Memo

- You can also select multiple patterns by dragging your finger to specify the area of selection.

3 **Touch** OK **to return to the edit screen.**

→ Each selected pattern is surrounded with a red box.

Memo

- The following functions are available while multiple patterns are selected.
  - Moving
  - Copying
  - Grouping
  - Stippling

■ Grouping Patterns

If the multiple patterns are grouped, they can be edited as a single pattern.

1 **Select patterns you want to group. (page 36)**

2 **Touch** **.**

→ The selected patterns are grouped.



* To ungroup a grouped pattern, select the grouped pattern, and then touch . At this time, multiple patterns are selected. To cancel the multiple selection, touch any other pattern or the blank area.

Memo

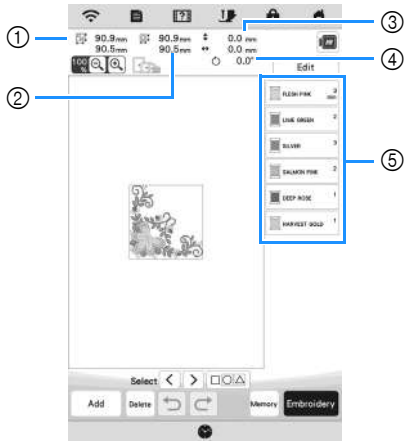
- The following functions are applied to all patterns in the grouped pattern.
  - Moving
  - Rotating
  - Appliqué
  - Border
  - Simple stippling
  - Thread color changing

EDITING PATTERNS

Using these keys, you can edit the pattern as you like.

Memo

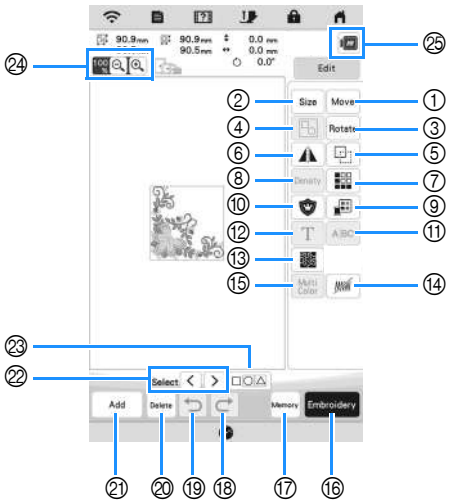
- If a key display is grayed out, you cannot use that function with the selected pattern.



① Size of the entire combined pattern
② Size of the pattern currently selected
③ Distance from the center of the frame to the center of the pattern currently selected
④ Degree of rotation for the pattern currently selected
⑤ Color sequence and stitching times of each step of the pattern

■ Key Functions

Touch Edit to display the editing window.



No.	Display Name	Explanation	Page
①	Move Move key	Display the pattern moving window. • : Move the pattern in the direction shown by the arrow. • : Center the pattern.	35
②	Size Size key	Display the pattern sizing window. • : Decrease the pattern proportionately. • : Decrease the pattern vertically. • : Decrease the pattern horizontally. • : Enlarge the pattern proportionately. • : Stretch the pattern vertically. • : Stretch the pattern horizontally. • L M S : Change the size of the character patterns. • : Reset the size. (except for character patterns.) • : Move the pattern in the direction shown by the arrow.	40
③	Rotate Rotate key	Display the pattern rotating window. • Reset : Reset the position. • : Move the pattern in the direction shown by the arrow. You can also rotate the pattern by dragging the red point at the corners of the pattern.	—
④	Group key	Group selected multiple patterns.	36
⑤	Duplicate key	Duplicate the pattern.	—
⑥	Horizontal mirror image key	Change the pattern to a horizontal mirror image.	—
⑦	Border key	Make and edit the repeated pattern.	40
⑧	Density Density key	Allows the thread density to change for some Alphabet characters and frame patterns. Other patterns density can be modified after the pattern size is changed.	39
⑨	Thread palette key	Change the thread color.	47
⑩	Appliqué key	Create an appliqué outline of the pattern.	68

No.	Display Name	Explanation	Page
⑪	Separate key	Separate the continuous character patterns to adjust the spacing or edit separately afterwards. • : Select where the patterns is to be separated. • : Separate the patten. A separated character pattern cannot be combined again.	—
⑫	Letter Edit key	Edit character patterns.	33, 38
⑬	Stippling key	Touch this key to create stippling, echo quilting, or decorative fill around a pattern.	80
⑭	Deselect region setting (no sew setting) key	Touch this key to specify not to embroider the selected thread color.	44
⑮	Multi color key	Touch this key when you want to change the thread color, character by character in character embroidery. Since the machine stops at the end of each character, the upper thread can be changed as you embroider.	—
⑯	Embroidery key	Proceed to the embroidery screen.	—
⑰	Memory key	Save a pattern in the machine's memory or USB media. The pattern can also be transferred to a computer via a wireless network connection.	77
⑱	Redo key	Redo the last operation that was undone.	—
⑲	Undo key	Undo the last operation.	—
⑳	Delete key	Delete the selected pattern (the pattern outlined by the red box).	—
㉑	Add key	Add another pattern to the editing pattern.	35
㉒	Pattern select key	Select the pattern to edit when there are multiple patterns.	35
㉓	Multiple selection key	Make multiple patterns to be selected at the same time.	36
㉔	Magnify keys	• : Magnify the image. Use / / / to scroll through the display in any direction. • : Demagnify the image (minimum: 100%). • : Select the percent of magnification.	—
㉕	Image key	Preview the embroidered image.	39

■ Editing Letters



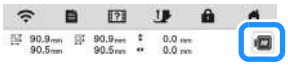
For details on input keys, refer to "Character Pattern Input Keys" on page 33.

Memo

- To edit character patterns with multiple lines in the edit screen, ungroup the pattern. (page 36)

Previewing the Pattern

1 **Touch** .



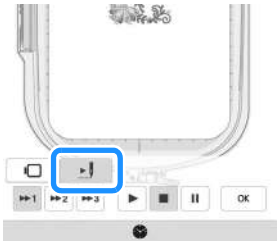
→ An image of the pattern as it will be embroidered appears.

2 **Touch to select the frame used in the preview.**

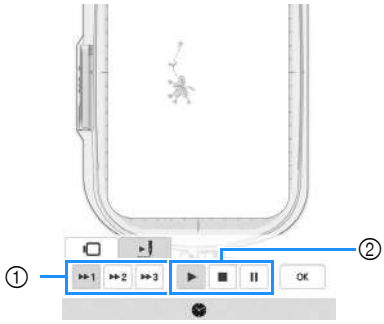
* Frames displayed in gray cannot be selected.
* Touch to enlarge the image of the pattern.
* The pattern can be embroidered as it appears in the display.



3 **Touch to check the embroidering order.**



→ The stitch simulator screen appears.



① Simulation speed keys
② Operation keys

: Start the simulation at the set speed.

: Pause the simulation.

: Stop the simulation.

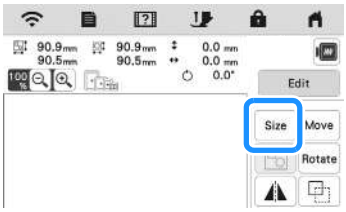
* Touch to return to the embroidery frame selection screen.

4 **Touch** OK .

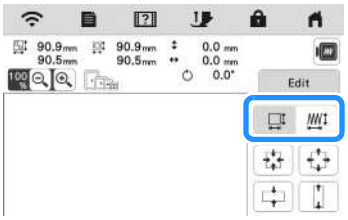
Changing the Size and the Density of the Pattern

If is selected, you can change the pattern size while maintaining the thread density. The machine recalculates the stitch density automatically. With this function, the pattern will be enlarged or reduced at a larger ratio than with normal pattern resizing.

1 **Touch** Edit **, and then touch** Size .



2 **Select in the size window.**

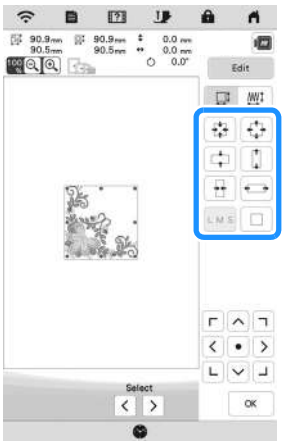


* : Change the pattern size while maintaining the number of stitches. Enlarged patterns will be less dense, and reduced patterns will be more dense. In order to maintain embroidering quality, there is a limit to how much the embroidery pattern can be enlarged or reduced.
* : Change the pattern size while maintaining the thread density. After the pattern size is changed, the thread density can be changed in the edit screen. The number of stitches is recalculated depending on the pattern size.

Memo

- This function cannot be used with alphabet character patterns, frame patterns, repeated patterns or buttonhole patterns.
- Patterns with a large number of stitches (100,001 or more) cannot be resized while maintaining a thread density.
- You can also change the size by dragging the red point at the sides and corners of the pattern.

3 **Select the direction in which to change the pattern size.**



4 **When you select in step 2, touch OK, and then touch Density to change the thread density.**

* — : Make the pattern less dense.

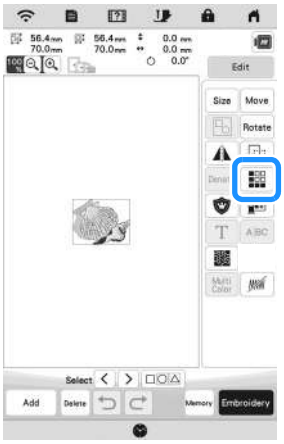
* + : Make the pattern more dense.

5 **Touch OK.**

Creating Repeated Patterns

Using the border function, you can create repeated patterns. You can also adjust the spacing of the patterns.

1 **Touch Edit, and then touch .**



2 **Select the direction in which the pattern will be repeated.**

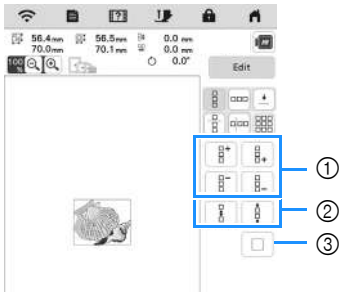
* : Repeat the pattern above.

* : Repeat the pattern below.

* : Delete above pattern.

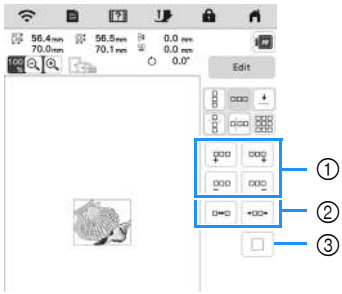
* : Delete below pattern.

Vertical direction



① Repeating and deleting keys
② Spacing keys
③ Key to cancel pattern repeating

Horizontal direction

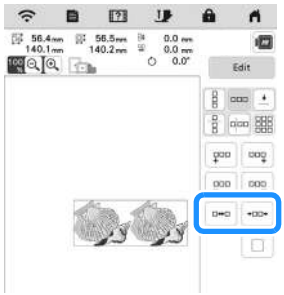


① Repeating and deleting keys
② Spacing keys
③ Key to cancel pattern repeating

3 **Adjust the spacing of the repeated pattern.**

* : Widen spacing.

* : Tighten spacing.



4 **Complete repeated patterns by repeating steps 2 through 3.**

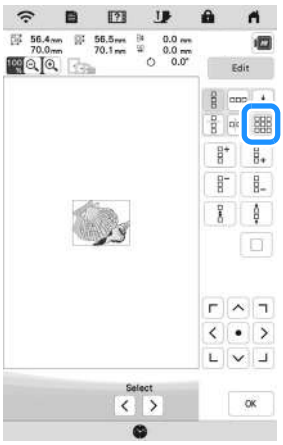
5 **Touch OK.**

■ Repeating Patterns Using the Matrix Copy

Place the pattern repeatedly throughout the embroidery area.

1 **Touch** .

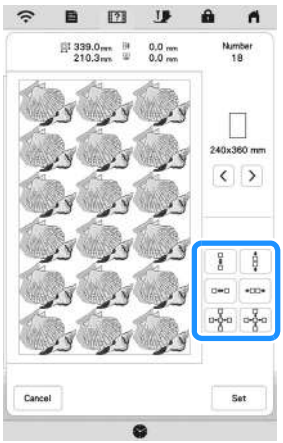
2 **Touch** .



→ The repeated pattern is displayed positioned throughout the area.

3 **Adjust the spacing of the repeated pattern.**

* : Widen spacing.
* : Tighten spacing.



→ Every time the key is pressed, the pattern is automatically re-laid out.

4 **Touch** Set.

5 **Touch** OK.

■ Repeating One Element of a Repeated Pattern

You can select one element of a repeated pattern and repeat only that single element. This function allows you to create complex repeated patterns.

1 **Touch** .

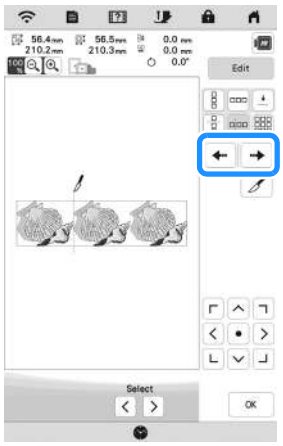
2 **Choose the direction in which the repeated pattern will be cut.**

* : Cut horizontally.
* : Cut vertically.

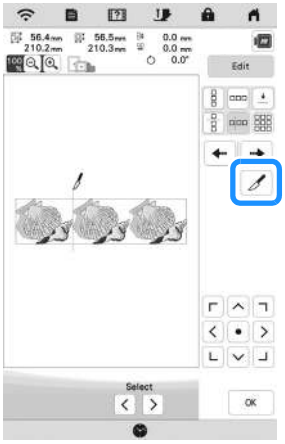


→ The pattern direction indicator will change depending on the direction selected.

3 **Use** **and** **to select the cut line.**



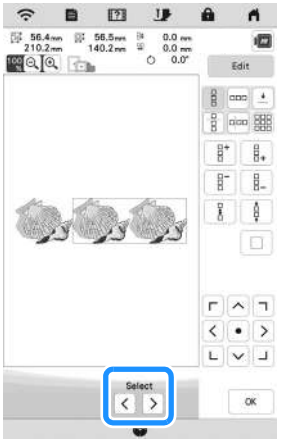
4 **Touch** .



→ The repeated pattern will be divided into separate elements.

5 **Touch** .

6 **Use** **and** **to select the element to repeat.**

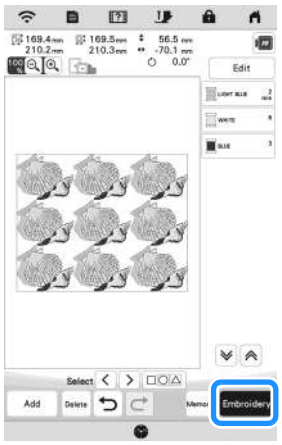


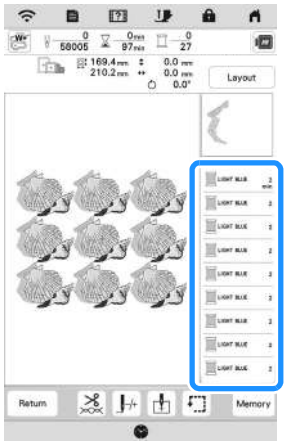
7 **Repeat the selected element.**

8 **Touch** OK.

■ Color Sorting Repeated Patterns

Touch Embroidey to automatically change the embroidering order of colors in combined border embroidery patterns so that the same color can be continuously embroidered. This allows you to continue embroidering without repeatedly changing the upper thread or changing the embroidering order manually.





Memo

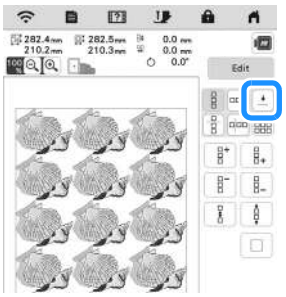
- When a grouped pattern is repeated, the embroidering order is changed in each pattern.
- If there are repeated patterns with other repeated patterns or other patterns, the embroidering order of only the repeated patterns is changed.

■ Assigning Thread Marks

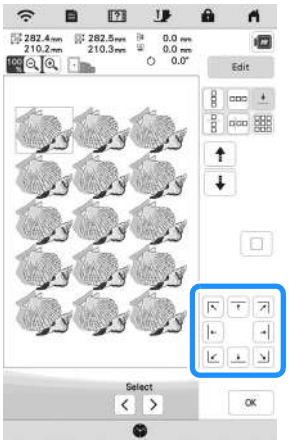
By sewing thread marks, you can easily align patterns when rehooping the fabric to embroider a series. When embroidering is finished on a pattern, a thread mark in the shape of an arrow will be sewn using the final thread. When embroidering a series of patterns, use the point of this arrow for positioning the following designs to be embroidered.

1 **Touch** .

2 **Touch** .



3 **Touch to select the thread mark to be sewn.**



Memo

- When there are two or more elements, use or to select an element to assign a thread mark(s) to.

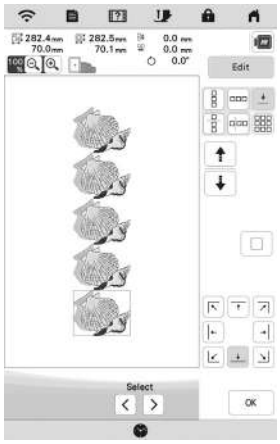
4 **Touch** .

Embroidering the Pattern Repeatedly

After creating the repeated pattern, rehoop the embroidery frame and keep embroidering for the next pattern.

1 **Select the repeated pattern and assign the thread mark at the center of the bottom of the pattern.**

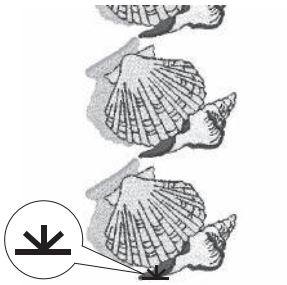
* Refer to “Assigning Thread Marks” on page 43.



2 **Touch , then .**

3 **Press the “Start/Stop” button to start embroidering.**

→ When embroidering is finished, the thread mark is embroidered with the last thread color.

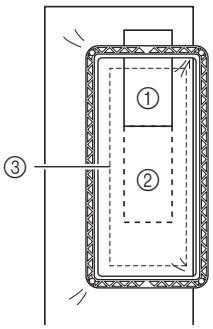


4 **Remove the embroidery frame.**

5 **Rehoop the fabric in the embroidery frame.**

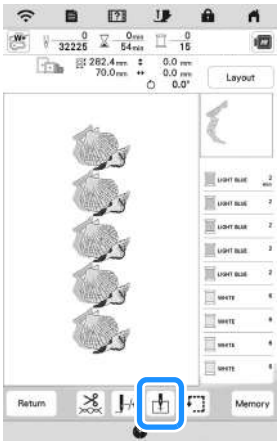
Note

- Adjust the position of the fabric so that the embroidering area for the next pattern is within the embroidering area.

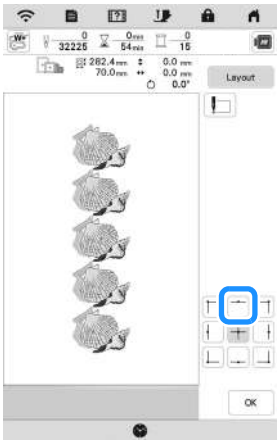


① Pattern embroidered first
② Position of pattern to be embroidered next
③ Embroidering area

6 **Attach the embroidery frame to the machine, and then touch .**



7 **Touch to set the starting point to the center top of the pattern.**



8 **Touch OK.**

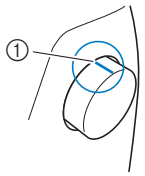
9 **Touch Layout, and then touch Move.**

10 **Touch to move the embroidery frame until the thread mark on the fabric is aligned with the light of the LED pointer.**

* To check the needle drop point with the light of the LED pointer, touch .

Memo

- For the accurate needle drop point, slowly turn the handwheel toward you (counterclockwise) to lower the needle. Then, turn the handwheel away from you (clockwise) until the mark on the handwheel is at the top. The carriage cannot move if the mark on the handwheel is not at the top.



① Mark

11 **Touch OK.**

12 **Remove the thread mark.**

13 **Start embroidering.**

Deselect Region Setting (No Sew Setting)

The deselect region setting (which specifies that a thread color will not be embroidered) can be applied to a part of the pattern with a specific color.

1 **Touch in the embroidering edit screen.**



2 From the thread color sequence display, select the thread color that will not be embroidered.

→ The selected thread color is highlighted in blue.



3 Touch .

→ The mark appears to indicate that the selected thread color will not be embroidered.
The parts of the pattern that will not be embroidered are hidden in the pattern preview screen.



Memo

- To cancel the setting, select the thread color and touch .

4 If necessary, repeat steps 2 and 3 for all thread colors that will not be embroidered.

5 After specifying the desired settings, touch .

6 Touch and then touch to check an enlarged image of the finished embroidery.

* After deselecting a region, check the image to be sure no previously hidden stitches are visible.



Memo

- When a pattern with the deselect region setting applied is saved, the deselect region setting is also saved. However, the pattern cannot be saved if the deselect region setting is applied to all thread colors.
- The parts with the deselect region setting applied are merely not displayed; they are not deleted. The embroidery area required to embroider the pattern is the same as for the original pattern.

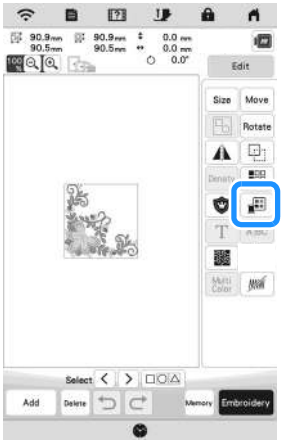


EDITING COLORS

Changing the Thread Color

You can change the thread color by moving the color to be changed to the top of the embroidering order and selecting a new color from the thread colors in the machine.

1 **Touch** Edit **, and then touch** .

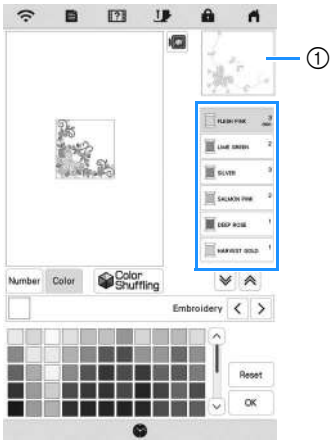


→ The thread color palette appears.

2 **Touch the color of the part to be changed.**

* Touch or to display the thread color that is not on the screen.

→ The selected thread color image appears.



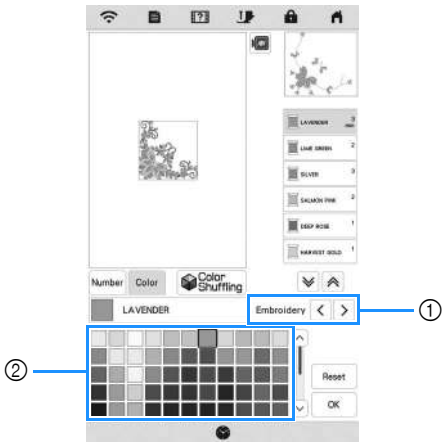
① Selected thread color image

Memo

- When you directly touch a part of the pattern whose color is to be selected and displayed.

3 **Select a new color from the thread color palette, and then touch** OK **.**

* To return to the original color, touch Reset . If multiple colors have been changed, this command will return all colors to their original colors.



① Thread brand for colors
② Thread color palette

→ The display shows the changed colors.

Memo

- Touch Number to specify a thread color by entering its number. If you enter the wrong number, touch C , and then enter the correct number. After entering the number, touch OK .



Finding New Color Schemes with the Color Shuffling Function

With the color shuffling function, the machine suggests new color schemes for the embroidery pattern that you have selected. After you select the desired effect ([Random], [Vivid], [Gradient] or [Soft]), sample color schemes for the selected effect are displayed.

1 Touch Edit, and then touch .

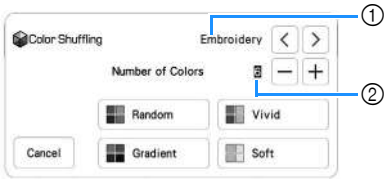
2 Touch Color Shuffling.



Memo

- This function may not be available depending on the pattern you select (ex. a repeated pattern, licensed pattern).

3 Select the thread brand for colors and the number of colors you want to create the pattern with.



① Thread brand for colors
② Number of colors to be used

4 Select the desired effect.



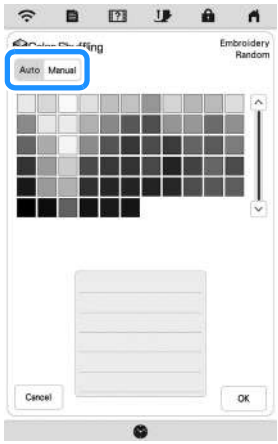
① Effects for schemes

→ If you select [Random] or [Gradient], the color specifying screen will appear.

→ If you select [Vivid] or [Soft], proceed to step 7.

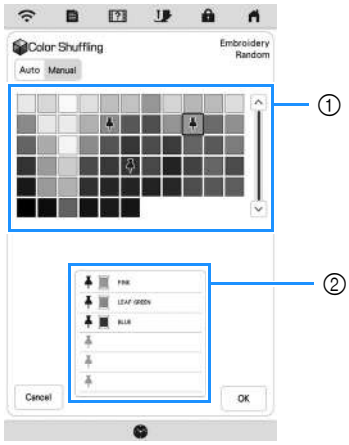
5 Touch Auto Manual to set Manual and specify the thread color to use in the effect.

* If you don't need to specify the thread color, just set to Auto.



[Manual] setting for [Random]

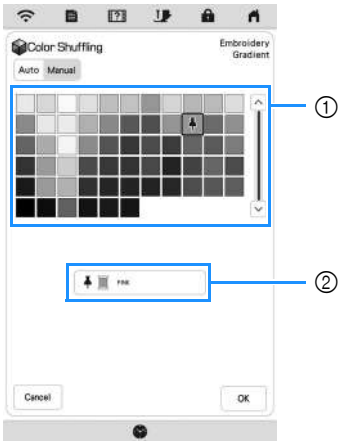
You can select up to 6 colors to be used in the [Random] effect. The effect will be created using the selected colors.



① Select colors from the palette.
② Selected colors are listed.

[Manual] setting for [Gradient]

You can select one color to be used in the [Gradient] effect. The effect will be created with a color you select.



① Select a color from the palette.
② Selected color is displayed.

6 **Touch** OK **.**

7 **Select the desired color scheme from samples.**

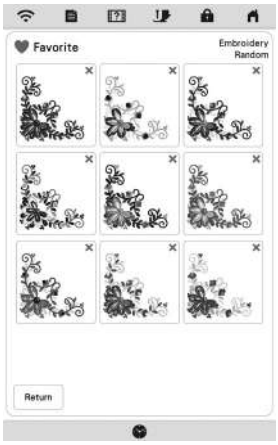
* Touch Refresh to add the new schemes.



① Touch to review the previous schemes.

Memo

- To temporarily register your favorite schemes, touch ♥ (to release your favorite schemes, touch ♥ again). 9 color schemes can be added. Touch Favorite to check the registered favorite schemes.
  To cancel the registration, touch ✖.



- Maximum 20 pages of schemes can be reviewed.

8 **Select the displayed color scheme.**

* Cancel : Return to the previous screen.

* ＜ or ＞ : Display the other color schemes.

* Set : Select the displayed color scheme.



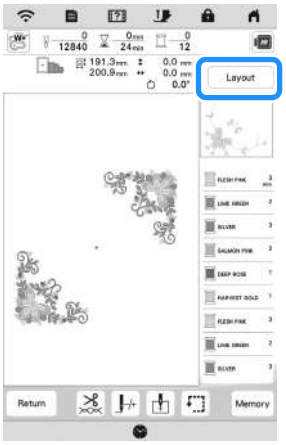
→ The thread color palette screen will appear.

Thread Color Sorting

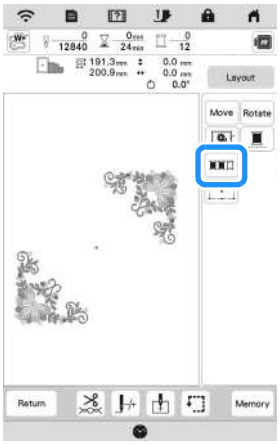
This function allows you to embroider while replacing the thread spool a minimal number of times.

Before starting to embroider, touch ▦ in the embroidery screen to rearrange the embroidery order and sort it by thread colors.

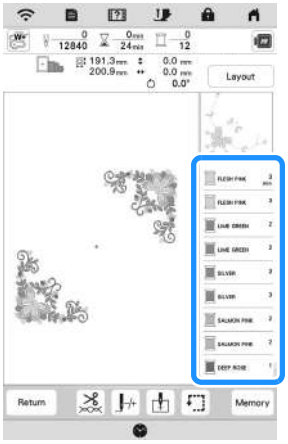
1 **Touch** Layout **in the embroidery screen.**



2 **Touch** .



* Touch Layout again to check the sorted thread colors.



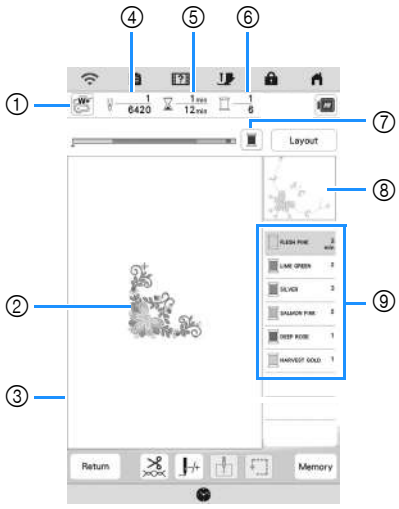
→ The embroidery color order is rearranged and sorted by thread colors.

* Touch Layout, then to cancel color sorting and embroider with the original embroidery color order.

Note

- This function does not work on overlapping patterns.

VIEWING THE EMBROIDERY SCREEN



* **This screen appears when embroidery starts.**

① The presser foot symbol
Attach embroidery foot “W+” with LED pointer or embroidery foot “W” (sold separately) for all embroidery projects.

② A preview of the pattern

③ The boundary for embroidering with the selected frame in the settings screen

④ Total number of stitches in the selected pattern and number of stitches that have already been embroidered

⑤ The time necessary to embroider the pattern, and the time already spent embroidering the pattern (not including time for changing and automatically trimming the thread)

⑥ The number of colors in the pattern, and the number of the color currently being embroidered

⑦ Switch the progress bar (which shows the embroidering progress) between showing only one color or all colors. This key appears after starting embroidering or after touching the key.

⑧ The part of the embroidery pattern that will be embroidered with the thread color at the top of the list

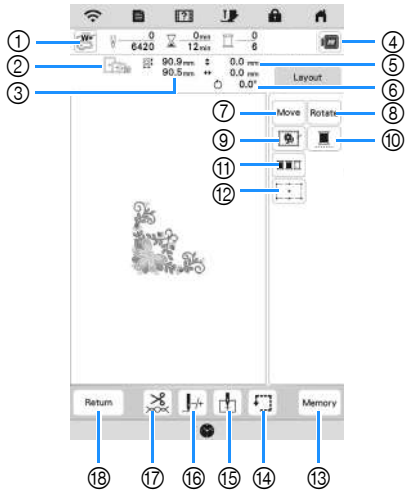
⑨ The order for thread color changes and the embroidering time for each thread color

* The displayed time is the approximate time that will be required. The actual embroidering time may be longer than the displayed time, depending on the embroidery frame that is used. In addition, the amount of time required to change thread colors is not included.

■ Key Functions

Using these keys, you can move or rotate pattern, etc.

Touch Layout to display the editing window.



Note

- Some operations or functions are not available for certain patterns. If the key display is grayed out, you cannot use that function or operation with the selected pattern.

No.	Display Name	Explanation	Page
①	Needle point check key	Turn on the light of the LED pointer. Touch this key to check the needle drop point with the light of the LED pointer.	55
②	Available frames	Shows the embroidery frames that can be used for the selected pattern. Be sure to use the proper frame.	52
③	Pattern size	Shows the size of the selected pattern.	—
④	Image key	Preview the embroidery image.	39
⑤	Distance	Shows the distance between the embroidering position and the center (when the embroidery pattern is moved).	—
⑥	Degree	Shows the degree of rotation of the pattern.	—
⑦	Move key	Display the pattern moving window.	—
⑧	Rotate key	Display the pattern rotating window.	—
⑨	Basting key	Add the basting stitch around the pattern. You can select the distance from the pattern to the basting stitching.	12, 67

No.	Display Name	Explanation	Page
⑩	Uninterrupted embroidery key	Change the setting to embroider the pattern with a single color. Touch the key again to return to the original setting. Even if uninterrupted embroidering has been set, the automatic thread cutting function and the thread trimming function can be used. The icons of the spool of thread are grayed out.	—
⑪	Thread color sorting key	Touch this key to rearrange the stitching sequence for combined patterns.	48
⑫	2-point embroidery positioning function with a LED pointer on/off key	Switch on/off the 2-point embroidery positioning function with a LED pointer.	57
⑬	Memory key	Save the pattern to the machine's memory or USB media. The pattern can also be transferred to a computer via a wireless network connection.	77
⑭	Trace key	Check the position of the pattern. • : Move the carriage to trace the embroidery area of the pattern. This allows you to check that there is enough space to embroider the pattern. • : Move the carriage to the selected position.	56
⑮	Starting point key	Specify the needle start position. • : Set the needle start position to the lower-left corner of the pattern. This setting is useful when connecting patterns since it allows you to continue embroidering until the first stitch of the next pattern. • : Move the carriage to the selected position.	75, 76
⑯	Forward/Back key	Move the needle forward or back in the pattern; useful if the thread breaks while embroidering or if you want to start again from the beginning.	64
⑰	Cut/Tension key	Set automatic thread cutting, thread trimming or the thread tension. For embroidery, these functions are set automatically.	71-74
⑱	Return key	Return to the edit screen.	—

PREPARING THE FABRIC

⚠ CAUTION

- **Use fabrics with a thickness of less than 2 mm (approx. 1/16 inch). Using fabrics thicker than 2 mm (approx. 1/16 inch) may cause the needle to break and cause injury.**

Memo

- When using layers with thicker batting etc., you can embroider more attractive finishes by adjusting the embroidery presser foot height in the embroidery settings screen.

  Touch , and use — and + in the [Embroidery Foot Height] in the embroidery settings screen. Adjust the presser foot height for thick or puffy fabrics.



- To increase the space between the embroidery foot and the needle plate, set the [Embroidery Foot Height] to a larger number.
- In the case of thick terry cloth towels, we recommend that you place a piece of water soluble stabilizer on the top surface of the towel. This will help to reduce the nap of the toweling and result in more attractive embroidery.

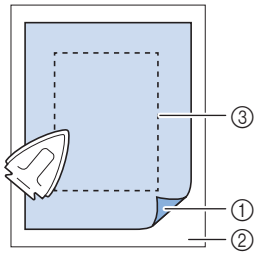
Attaching Iron-on Stabilizers (Backing) to the Fabric

⚠ CAUTION

- **Always use a stabilizer material for embroidery when embroidering on stretch fabrics, lightweight fabrics, fabrics with a coarse weave, or fabrics which cause pattern shrinkage. Otherwise, the needle may break and cause injury.**

1 Iron the iron-on stabilizer material to the wrong side of the fabric.

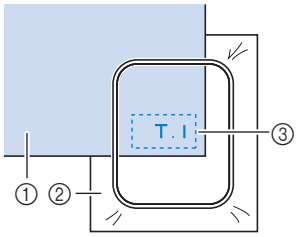
- Use a piece of stabilizer which is larger than the embroidery frame being used.



① Fusible side of stabilizer
② Fabric (wrong side)
③ Size of the embroidery frame

Memo

- When embroidering small pieces of fabric that cannot be hooped in an embroidery frame, use stabilizer material as a base. After lightly ironing the fabric to the stabilizer material, hoop it in the embroidery frame. If stabilizer material cannot be ironed onto the fabric, attach it with a basting stitch. After completing the embroidery, remove the stabilizer material carefully.



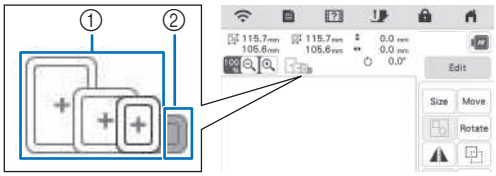
① Fabric
② Stabilizer
③ Basting

- When embroidering on thin fabrics such as organdy or lawn, or on napped fabrics such as towel or corduroy, use water soluble stabilizer (sold separately) for best results. The water soluble stabilizer material will dissolve completely in water, giving the project a more attractive finish.

Hooping the Fabric in the Embroidery Frame

■ Types of Embroidery Frames

Optional embroidery frames can be used. When choosing frames that do not appear on the screen, be sure to check the design size of the embroidery field of the optional frame. Check with your authorized Brother dealer for frame compatibility.
Select a frame that matches the pattern size. Available frame options are displayed on the LCD.



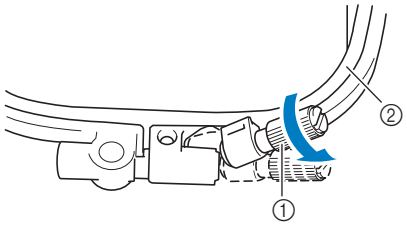
① Highlighted: Can be used
② Shaded: Cannot be used

■ Inserting the Fabric

Note

- If the fabric is not securely held in the embroidery frame, the pattern will embroider out poorly. Insert the fabric on a level surface, and gently stretch the fabric taut in the frame.

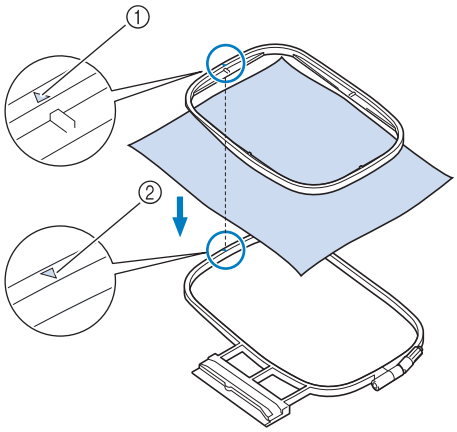
1 **Lift-up and loosen the frame adjustment screw and remove the inner frame.**



① Frame adjustment screw
② Inner frame

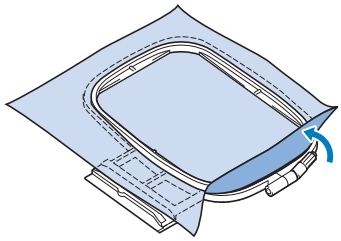
2 **Lay the fabric right side up on top of the outer frame.**

3 **Insert the inner frame making sure to align the inner frame's △ with the outer frame's ▽.**



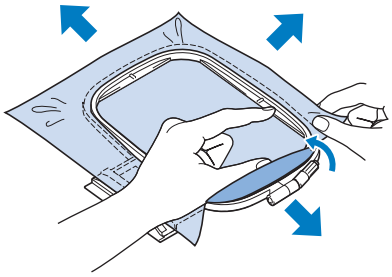
① Inner frame's △
② Outer frame's ▽

4 **Slightly tighten the frame adjustment screw.**

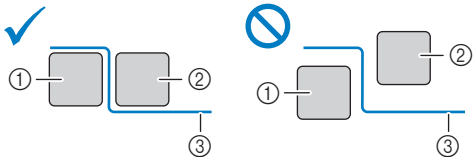


5 **Gently smooth out the fabric. Make sure fabric is flat and without wrinkles.**

* After stretching the fabric, make sure the fabric is taut.

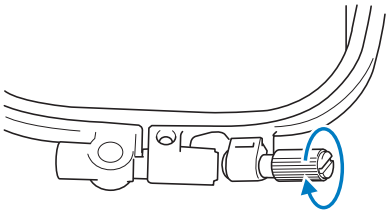


* Make sure the inside and outside frames are even before you start embroidering.

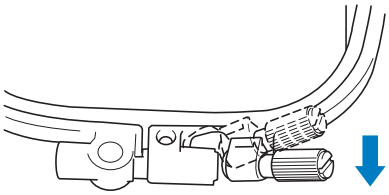


① Outer frame
② Inner frame
③ Fabric

6 **Tighten the frame adjustment screw to keep the fabric from loosening while stitching.**

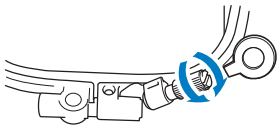


7 **Return the frame adjustment screw to its initial position.**



Memo

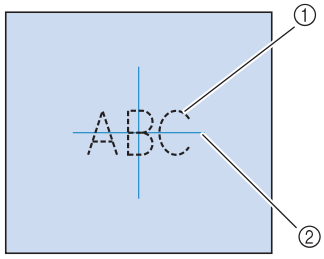
- You can use the disc-shaped screw driver, when you loosen or tighten the frame adjustment screw.



■ Using the Embroidery Sheet

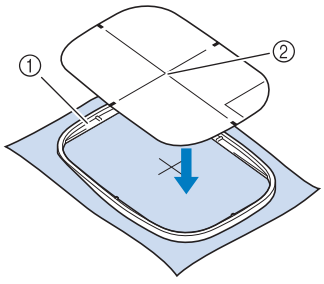
When you want to embroider the pattern in a particular place, use the embroidery sheet with the frame.

1 **With a chalk pencil, mark the area of the fabric you want to embroider.**



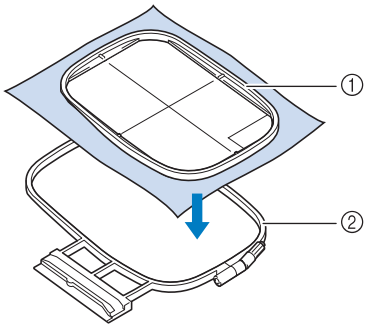
① Embroidery pattern
② Mark

2 **Place the embroidery sheet on the inner frame. Align the guide lines on the embroidery sheet with the mark you made on the fabric.**



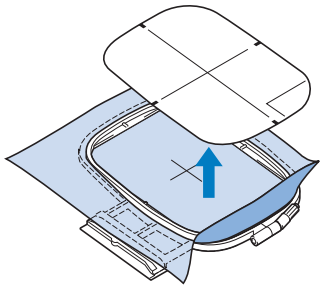
① Inner frame
② Guide line

3 **Gently stretch the fabric so there are no folds or wrinkles, and press the inner frame into the outer frame.**



① Inner frame
② Outer frame

4 **Remove the embroidery sheet.**



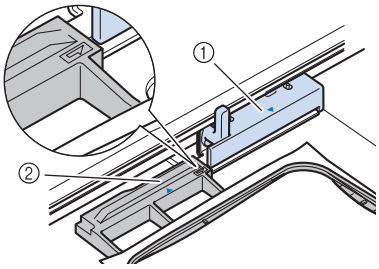
ATTACHING THE EMBROIDERY FRAME

Note

- Wind embroidery bobbin thread and insert the bobbin before attaching the embroidery frame. Check that there is enough thread in the bobbin.
- Make sure that the frame-securing lever is correctly lowered after the embroidery frame has been installed in the embroidery frame holder.

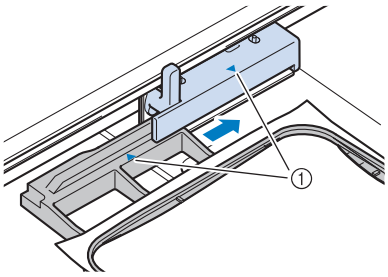
1 **Press (Presser foot lifter button) to raise the presser foot.**

2 **Align the embroidery frame guide with the right edge of the embroidery frame holder.**



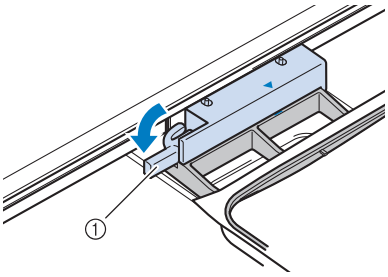
① Embroidery frame holder
② Embroidery frame guide

3 **Slide the embroidery frame into the holder, making sure to align the embroidery frame's △ with the holder's ▽ .**



① Arrow mark

4 **Lower the frame-securing lever to be level with the frame to secure the embroidery frame in the embroidery frame holder.**

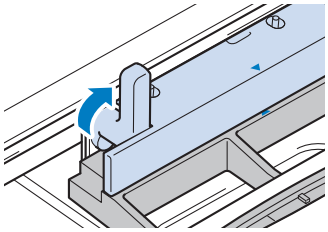


① Frame-securing lever

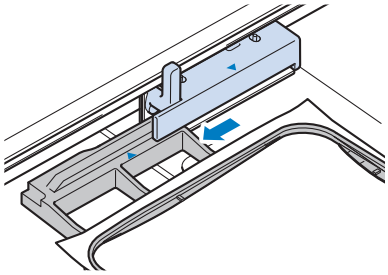
■ Removing the Embroidery Frame

1 **Press (Presser foot lifter button) to raise the presser foot.**

2 **Raise the frame-securing lever.**



3 **Pull the embroidery frame toward you.**



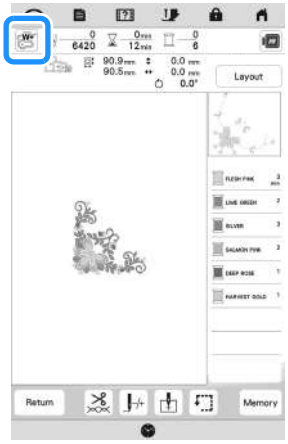
CONFIRMING THE PATTERN POSITION

The pattern is normally positioned in the center of the embroidery frame. If the pattern needs to be repositioned for better placement on the garment, you can check the layout before starting embroidery.

Checking the Needle Drop Point with the Embroidery Foot "W+" with LED Pointer

1 **Touch in the embroidery screen.**

→ The LED pointer indicates the needle drop point.



Memo

- When the LED pointer turns on, the presser foot height is automatically adjusted according to the fabric thickness.
- appears when the embroidery foot "W+" with LED pointer is attached to the machine.
- If is not displayed, you cannot use the LED pointer.
- The LED pointer turns off automatically by lowering the presser foot or returning to the previous page.

Note

- With spongy fabric, the position may not be accurate due to the various depths of the fabric.
- With fabric that has a very uneven surface such as quilting, the fabric thickness may not be correctly measured. In this case, the pointer indication should be used only as a reference.

■ Adjusting the LED Pointer

Adjust the LED pointer if it indicates a point different than the actual needle drop point. Before adjusting the LED pointer, mark the actual needle drop point on the fabric to be embroidered, and attach the embroidery frame.

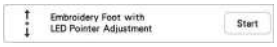
1 **Touch .**

→ The settings screen appears.

2 **Touch .**

→ The embroidery settings screen appears.

3 **Display [Embroidery Foot with LED Pointer Adjustment] in the embroidery setting screen.**

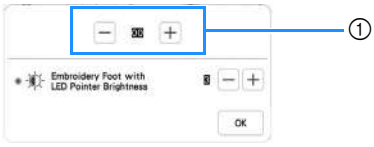


Note

- As a default, Start appears gray. After the embroidery foot "W+" with LED pointer is attached to the machine, the key becomes available and settings can be specified.

4 **Touch Start.**

→ The Embroidery Foot "W+" with LED Pointer Adjustment screen appears.



① LED pointer adjustment

Note

- The specified setting is saved in the machine's memory. This is useful for positioning during continuous embroidering.
- For normal use, return the setting to [00].

5 **Use − or + to adjust the LED pointer so that it indicates the actual needle drop point.**

Memo

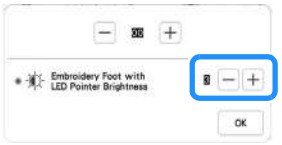
- In order to more accurately check the needle drop point, turn the handwheel toward you (counterclockwise) to lower the needle.

6 **Touch OK to return to the original screen.**

■ Adjusting the Brightness of the LED Pointer

1 **Follow the steps from 1 to 3 of "Adjusting the LED Pointer" on page 55 to display the embroidery foot with LED pointer adjustment screen.**

2 **Use − or + to adjust the brightness of the LED pointer.**

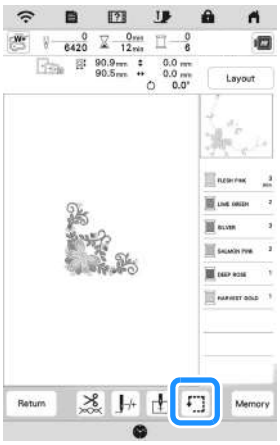


3 **Touch OK to return to the original screen.**

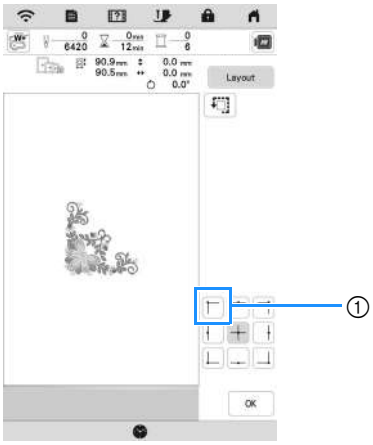
Checking the Pattern Position

The carriage moves and shows the pattern position. Watch the embroidery frame closely to make sure the pattern will be embroidered in the right place.

1 **Touch** .



2 **From , touch the key for the position that you want to check.**

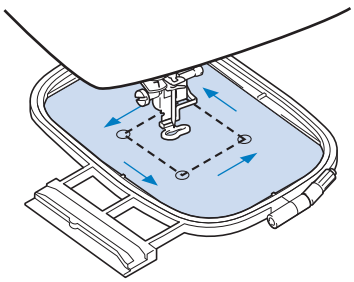


① Selected position

→ The carriage will move to the selected position on the pattern.

Memo

- To see the entire embroidering area, touch . The carriage moves and shows the embroidery area.



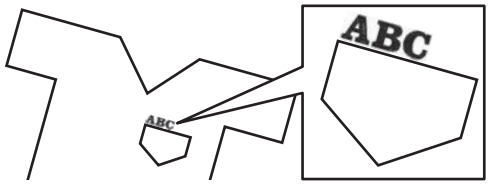
⚠ CAUTION

- **Do not lower the needle when the embroidery frame is moving. If the needle is down, it could break and result in injury.**

3 **Touch** OK .

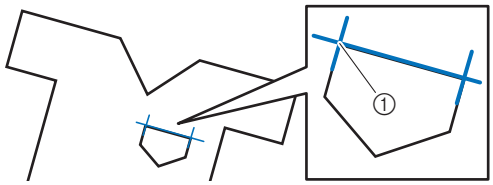
THE 2-POINT EMBROIDERY POSITIONING FUNCTION

By using the 2-point embroidery positioning function with a LED pointer, the embroidering position can easily be aligned. This is useful when embroidering in an area where it is necessary to align the pattern, as shown below.



1 Use a chalk pencil to mark the desired embroidering position.

The line drawn for the reference direction should be longer.

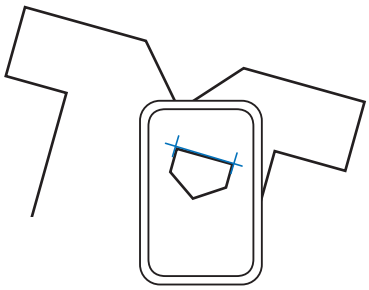


① Chalk pencil mark

Memo

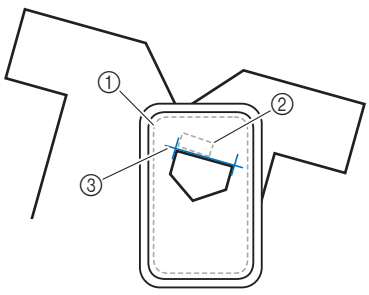
- If the desired position of the pattern can be clearly established, such as when embroidering along a pocket, it is not necessary to mark the position with a chalk pencil.

2 Hoop the fabric in the embroidery frame.



Note

- When hooping the fabric in the embroidery frame, make sure that the embroidery pattern will fit within the embroidering area of the frame being used.

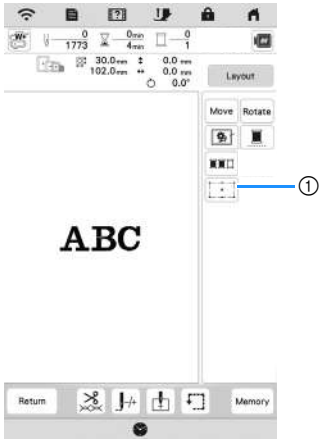


① Embroidering area
② Embroidery pattern size
③ Chalk pencil mark

3 Select the pattern.

4 Touch Embroidey to display the embroidery screen.

5 Touch Layout and then touch .



① Switch on/off the 2-point embroidery positioning function with a LED pointer.

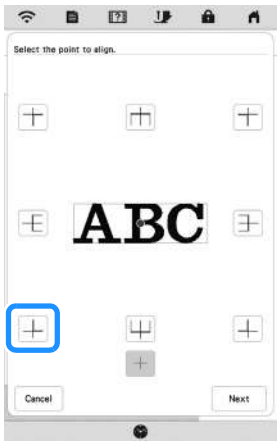
Memo

- The LED pointer lights up to indicate the needle drop point.
- When the LED pointer is turned on, the embroidery foot height is automatically adjusted according to the fabric thickness.
- If the surface of the fabric is too uneven or rough, check and adjust the alignment of the light of the LED pointer and the needle drop point before starting to embroider.

6 If a message appears, indicating that the move and rotate settings will return to the original ones, touch OK.

7 From the reference points shown in the screen, select the point to be used for aligning the pattern.

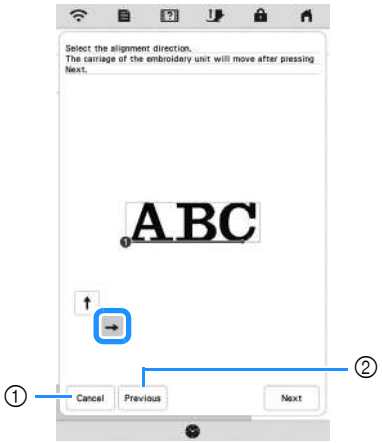
For this example, select the point in the lower-left corner of the pattern.



8 **Touch** Next .

9 **Select the direction (from the reference point) to be used as a reference for aligning the pattern.**

For this example, select the arrow pointing to the right as the reference direction.

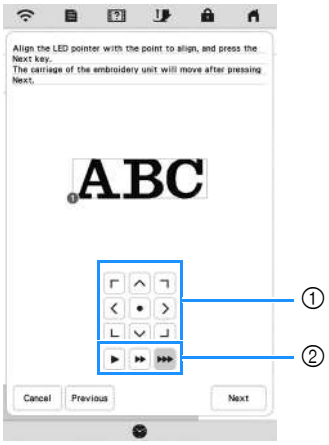


① Cancel the pattern alignment settings.
② Return to the previous screen.

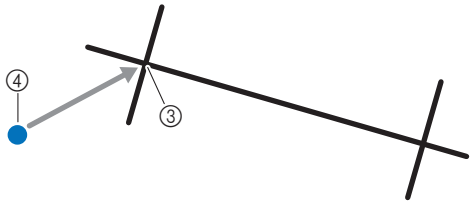
10 **Touch** Next .

11 **Touch the positioning keys to move the embroidery frame until the position of the LED pointer and the center of the first mark are aligned.**

To change the speed that the frame moves, use the frame movement speed keys. If it is difficult to make a precision alignment, touch a frame movement speed key for a slower speed.



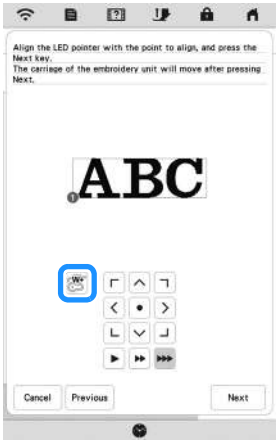
① Positioning keys
② Frame movement speed keys



③ Center of the first mark
④ Light of the LED pointer

Note

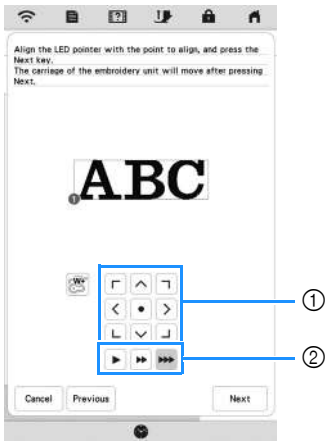
- If is displayed to the left of the positioning keys, the LED pointer has shifted from its initial position. Touch to adjust the position.



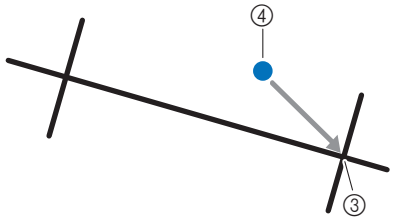
12 **Touch** Next .

13 **Touch the positioning keys to move the embroidery frame until the position of the LED pointer and the center of the second mark are aligned.**

To change the speed that the frame moves, use the frame movement speed keys. If it is difficult to make a precision alignment, touch a frame movement speed key for a slower speed.



① Positioning keys
② Frame movement speed keys



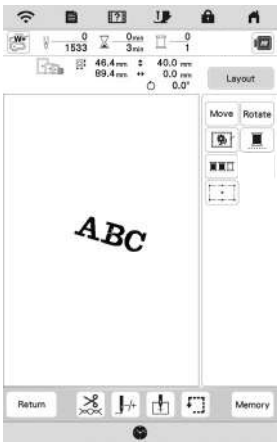
③ Center of the second mark
④ Light of the LED pointer

Note

- Set the position of the LED pointer to a position that is not too close to the first reference point. If it is too close, a message will appear, prompting you to reposition it.
- In order to increase the accuracy of the pattern alignment, align the position of the LED pointer above the second mark (③) and as far away from the center mark as possible.

14 **Touch** Set **.**

→ The pattern is repositioned.

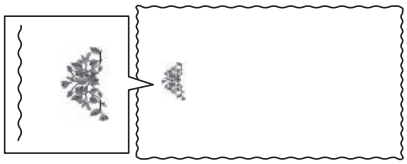


15 **Press the "Start/Stop" button to start embroidering.**

■ Another example

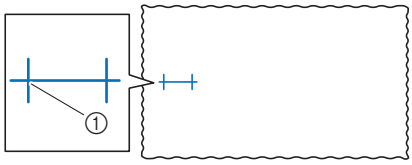
By specifying an alignment point and direction, embroidery patterns can be positioned and aligned for various purposes.

In this example, a pattern is aligned at the left center of the towel.



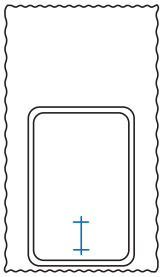
1 **Use a chalk pencil to mark the desired embroidering position.**

The line drawn for the reference direction should be longer.



① Chalk pencil mark

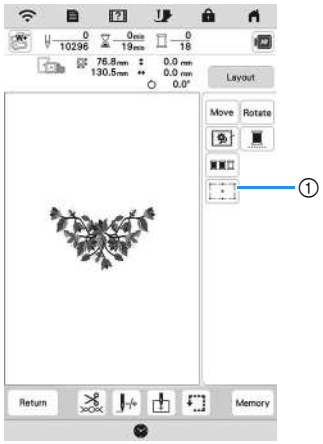
2 **Hoop the fabric in the embroidery frame.**



3 **Select the pattern.**

4 **Touch** Embroidey **to display the embroidery screen.**

5 **Touch** Layout **and then touch** ⊡ **.**

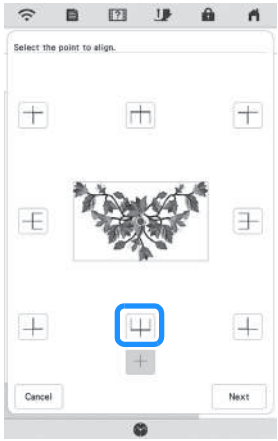


① Switch on/off the 2-point embroidery positioning function with a LED pointer.

6 **If a message appears, indicating that the move and rotate settings will return to the original ones, touch** OK **.**

7 **From the reference points shown in the screen, select the point to be used for aligning the pattern.**

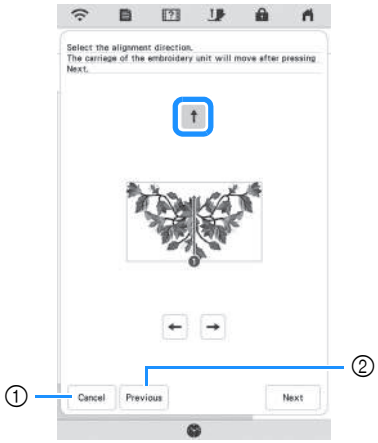
For this example, select the point in the lower-center of the pattern.



8 **Touch** Next .

9 **Select the direction (from the reference point) to be used as a reference for aligning the pattern.**

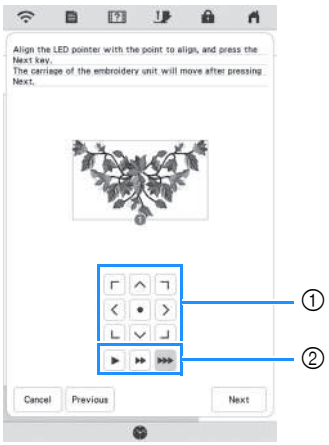
For this example, select the arrow pointing upward as the reference direction.



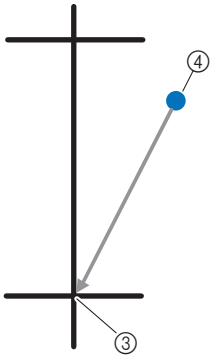
① Cancel the pattern alignment settings.
② Return to the previous screen.

10 **Touch** Next .

11 **Touch the positioning keys to move the embroidery frame until the position of the LED pointer and the center of the first mark are aligned.**



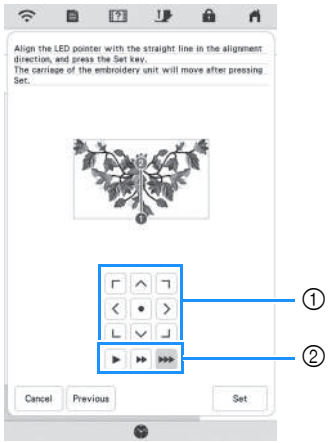
① Positioning keys
② Frame movement speed keys



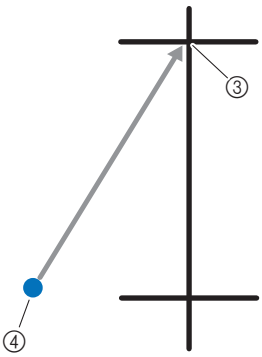
③ Center of the first mark
④ Light of the LED pointer

12 **Touch** Next .

13 **Touch the positioning keys to move the embroidery frame until the position of the LED pointer and the center of the second mark are aligned.**



① Positioning keys
② Frame movement speed keys



③ Center of the second mark
④ Light of the LED pointer

14 **Touch** Set .

→ The pattern is repositioned.



15 **Press the "Start/Stop" button to start embroidering.**

EMBROIDERING A PATTERN

Embroidering Attractive Finishes

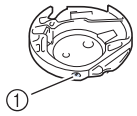
Many factors are involved in achieving a beautiful embroidery result. Using the appropriate stabilizer (page 51) and hooping the fabric in the frame (page 52) are two important factors mentioned earlier. Another important point is the appropriateness of the needle and thread being used. See the explanation of threads below.

Thread	**Upper thread**	Use embroidery thread intended for use with this machine.
	Bobbin thread	Use embroidery bobbin thread intended for use with this machine.

Memo

- If you use threads other than those listed above, the embroidery may not embroider out correctly.

Bobbin case (recommended for embroidering with included 90 weight bobbin thread)



① Bobbin case

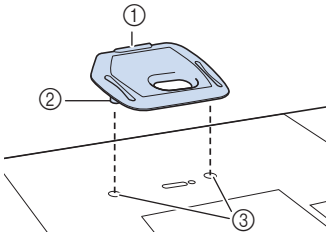
The included bobbin case is set for 90 weight bobbin thread. When you use different weights of bobbin thread, the tension screw on this bobbin case can be adjusted if necessary. For details, refer to “Adjusting the Bobbin Case” on page 72.

⚠ CAUTION

- **When embroidering on large items (especially jackets or quilts), do not let the fabric hang off of the table. Otherwise, the embroidery unit cannot move freely and the embroidery frame may strike the needle, causing the needle to break and possibly causing injury.**

■ Embroidery Needle Plate Cover

Under some conditions, based on the type of fabric, stabilizer, or thread being used, there may be some looping in the upper thread. In this case, attach the included embroidery needle plate cover to the needle plate. Attach the cover by inserting the two projections on the underside of the cover into the notches on the needle plate as shown below.



① Groove
② Projection
③ Notch

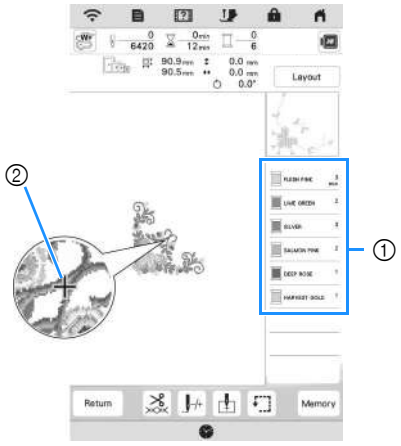
To remove the embroidery needle plate cover, place your fingernail in the groove and lift the plate out.

⚠ CAUTION

- **Push the embroidery needle plate cover as far as possible to attach it. If the embroidery needle plate cover is not securely attached, it may cause the needle to break and cause injury.**

Embroidering Patterns

1 Prepare embroidery threads of the colors shown on the screen.

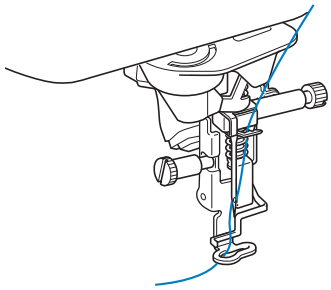


① Embroidery color order
② Cursor

Memo

- The [+] cursor moves over the pattern, showing which part of the pattern is being embroidered.

2 **Using the automatic needle threader, thread the machine for the first color. (page 23)**

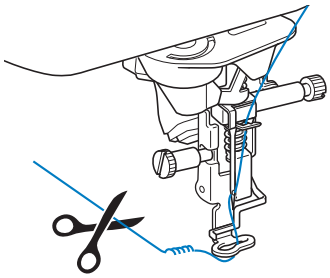


3 **Lower the presser foot, then press the "Start/Stop" button to start embroidering.**

→ When the first color is completely embroidered, the machine will automatically trim the threads and stop. The embroidery foot will then automatically be raised.
On the embroidery color order display, the next color will move to the top.

Memo

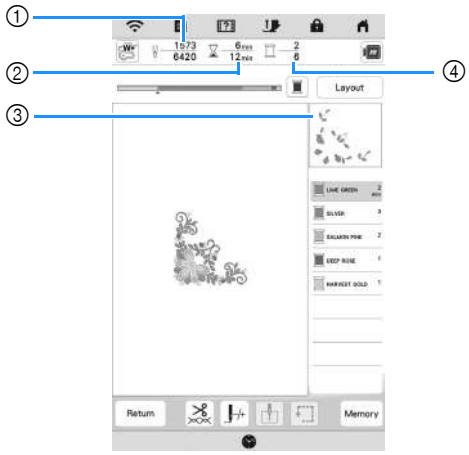
- If you want to get more attractive finishes, try the procedures below;
  - After 5-6 stitches, press the "Start/Stop" button again to stop the machine.
  - Trim the excess thread at the beginning of the pattern. If the excess thread tail is under the embroidery foot, raise the embroidery foot, then trim the excess thread.



- If there is thread left over from the beginning of embroidering, it may be embroidered over as you continue embroidering the pattern, making it very difficult to deal with the thread after the pattern is finished. Trim the threads at the beginning of each thread change.

4 **Remove the upper thread for the first color from the machine. Thread the machine with the next color.**

5 **Repeat the same steps for embroidering the remaining colors.**



① Current stitch numbers/Total stitch numbers
② Current time/Total time
③ Part of pattern to be embroidered next
④ Embroidered colors/Total colors

→ When the last color is embroidered, [Finished embroidering] will appear on the display. Touch OK, and the display will return to the original screen.

Memo

- The thread trimming function is originally set to trim excess thread jumps (threads linking parts of the pattern, etc.). Depending on the type of thread and fabric that are used, an end of upper thread may remain on the surface of the fabric at the beginning of the stitching. After embroidering is finished, cut off this excess thread.
  If the setting has been turned off, trim the excess thread jumps using scissors after the pattern is finished. Refer to page 74 for information on the thread trimming function.

IMPORTANT

- **Do not press (Thread cutter button) after the threads have been cut. Doing so could tangle the thread or damage the machine.**
- **Do not press (Thread cutter button) when there is no fabric set in the machine or during machine operation. The thread may tangle, possibly resulting in damage.**

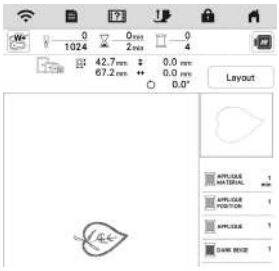
Using Appliqués

When the color embroidering order display shows

[(APPLIQUE MATERIAL)],

[(APPLIQUE POSITION)] or

[(APPLIQUE)], follow the procedure below.



Required materials

- Fabric for the appliqué piece
- Fabric for the appliqué base
- Stabilizer material
- Fabric glue or temporary spray adhesive
- Embroidery thread

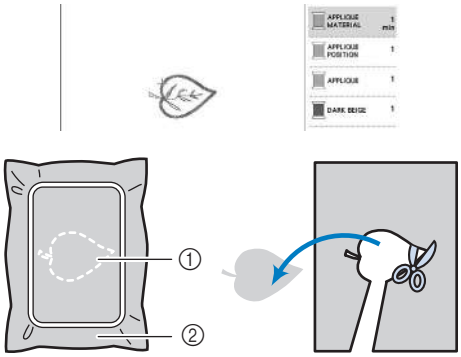
Note

- The correct names and numbers of the thread colors to be used will not appear. Use the thread colors depending on those in the appliqué pattern.

■ 1. Creating an Appliqué Piece

1 Attach stabilizer material to the wrong side of the fabric for the appliqué piece.

2 Sew the cutting line of the appliqué piece. Remove the fabric for the appliqué piece from the embroidery frame, and then carefully cut along the sewn cutting line.



① Outline of appliqué
② Fabric for appliqué piece

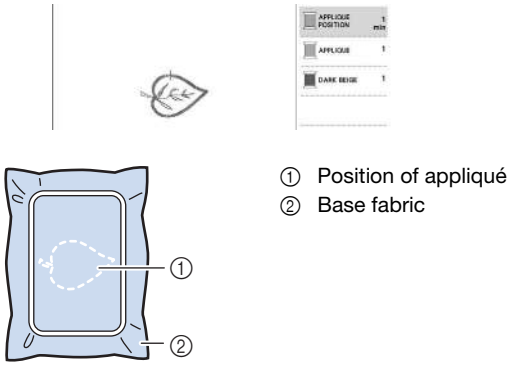
Note

- If the appliqué piece is cut out along the inside of the cutting line, it may not be correctly attached to the fabric. Therefore, carefully cut out the appliqué piece along the cutting line.
- After cutting out the appliqué piece, carefully remove the thread.

■ 2. Sewing the Appliqué Position on the Base Fabric

1 Attach stabilizer material to the wrong side of the fabric for the appliqué base.

2 Sew the appliqué position.



① Position of appliqué
② Base fabric

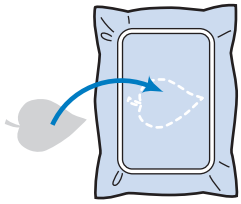
3 Remove the embroidery frame from the embroidery unit.

Note

- Do not remove the base fabric from the embroidery frame until all embroidering is finished.

■ 3. Affixing the Appliqué Piece to the Base Fabric

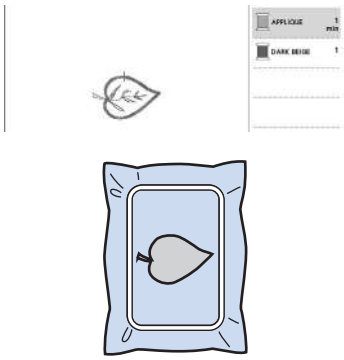
1 Lightly apply fabric glue or temporary spray adhesive to the back of the appliqué piece, and then attach it to the base fabric within the outline of the position sewn in step 2 of "2. Sewing the Appliqué Position on the Base Fabric".



Note

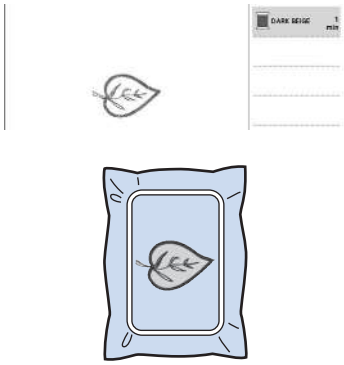
- If the appliqué piece cannot be attached to the base fabric with fabric glue or temporary spray adhesive, securely baste it in place with basting stitches.
- If thin fabric is used for the appliqué piece, reinforce and secure it in place with an iron-on adhesive sheet. An iron can be used to attach the appliqué piece to the appliqué location.

2 **After the appliqué piece is attached, attach the embroidery frame to the machine.**
Thread the machine with the embroidery thread, lower the presser foot lever, and then press the "Start/Stop" button to embroider the appliqué.



■ 4. Embroidering the Remainder of the Pattern

1 **Change the embroidery thread according to the embroidery color order display, and then finish embroidering the remainder of the pattern.**



Memo

- Since glue may become attached to the presser foot, needle or needle plate, clean off any glue after finishing embroidering the appliqué pattern.
- For best results, trim all excess threads each time the thread color is changed.

ADJUSTMENTS DURING THE EMBROIDERY PROCESS

If the Thread Breaks or the Bobbin Runs out of Thread During Embroidering

1 **Redo the upper threading or replace the bobbin.**

If the upper thread breaks, stop the machine, trim the bobbin thread, and then rethread the machine.



If the bobbin thread is almost empty or broken, touch  of the displayed message, remove the embroidery frame, and then replace the bobbin.



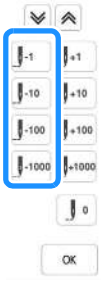
Note

- If [Upper and Bobbin Thread Sensor] in the settings screen of the machine is set to [OFF], the message shown above does not appear.

2 **Touch**  **.**

3 **Touch**  **,**  **,**  **, or**  **to move the needle back the correct number of stitches before the area where the thread broke, and then touch** OK **.**

- Touch  to restart from the beginning.



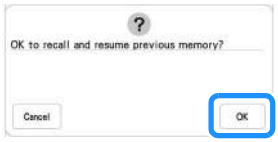
Memo

- If you cannot move back to the spot where the thread broke, touch  or  to select the color and move to the beginning position of that color, then use  ,  ,  , or  to move ahead to slightly before where the thread broke.

4 **Lower the presser foot and press the "Start/Stop" button to continue embroidering.**

Resuming Embroidery after Turning off the Power

The current color and stitch number are saved when embroidery is stopped. The next time the machine is turned on, you have the option to continue or delete the pattern.



Chapter 3 ADVANCED EMBROIDERY

VARIOUS EMBROIDERING FUNCTIONS

Basting Embroidery

Before embroidering, basting stitches can be sewn along the outline of the pattern. This is useful for embroidering fabric that cannot have stabilizer material affixed with an iron or adhesive. Basting stitches can be used to attach material that cannot be hooped to stabilizer, making it possible to be embroidered.

Note

- It is recommended to finish combining and editing the pattern before selecting the basting setting. If the pattern is edited after selecting the basting setting, the basting and pattern may become misaligned, and the basting under the pattern may be difficult to remove after embroidering is complete.

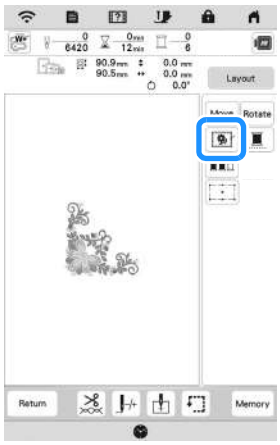
1. **Touch .**
2. **Use − and + to specify the distance from the pattern to the basting stitching.**



Memo

- The higher the setting, the farther the basting is from the pattern.
- The setting remains selected even if the machine is turned off.

3. **Touch OK to return to the embroidering screen.**
4. **Touch Layout, and then touch to select the basting setting.**

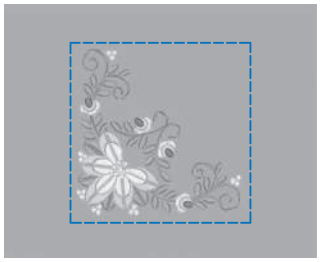


Note

- When is touched, the pattern is moved to the center. After selecting the basting setting, move the pattern to the desired position.

→ Basting is added to the beginning of the embroidering order.

5. **Press the "Start/Stop" button to start embroidering.**
6. **When embroidering is finished, remove the basting stitching.**



Creating an Appliqué Piece

Creating an appliqué piece is convenient for fabrics that cannot be embroidered or when you wish to attach an appliqué to a garment.

■ Creating an Appliqué Piece

The following pattern will be used to create an appliqué piece.



Note

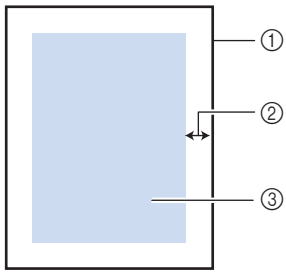
- Felt or denim fabrics are recommended to make the appliqué piece. Depending on the pattern and fabric used, lighter weight fabrics may cause the stitching to appear smaller.
- For best results, be sure to use stabilizer material for embroidering.
- When making appliqué pieces, do not use the optional border embroidery frame. Depending on the pattern density and fabric used, shrinkage of the stitching may occur.

1 **Select the pattern, and edit it if necessary.**



Note

- Finish combining and editing the pattern before selecting the appliqué setting. If the pattern is edited after selecting the appliqué setting, the appliqué stitching and pattern may become misaligned.
- Since an outline is added, the pattern for an appliqué piece (when the appliqué setting is selected) will be larger than the original pattern. First, adjust the size and position of the pattern as shown below.



① Embroidering area
② About 1cm (approx. 1/2 inch)
③ Pattern size

2 **Touch** Edit **and then, touch** .



3 **Specify the distance between the pattern and the appliqué outline, and then touch** OK **.**



→ The pattern and appliqué outline are grouped.

4 **Touch** Embroidey **.**

→ The steps for creating the appliqué piece are added to the embroidering order.

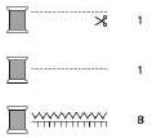
Memo

- Three steps are added to the embroidering order: appliqué cutting line, position of pattern placement on the stabilizer material, and appliqué stitching.



① Cutting line for appliqué
② Position of pattern placement on stabilizer material
③ Appliqué stitching

- When setting the [Thread color] to [#123] (thread number) in the settings screen, the following screen is displayed.



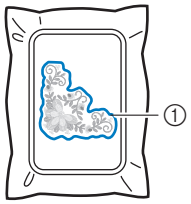
Note

- An appliqué piece cannot be created if the pattern is too large or too complicated or a combined pattern is separated. Even if the selected pattern fits within the embroidering area, the entire appliqué pattern may exceed the embroidering area when the outline is added. If an error message appears, select a different pattern or edit it.

5 **Fuse or stick a piece of stabilizer to the back of the felt or denim fabric to be used as the appliqué piece.**

6 **Hoop the fabric for the appliqué piece in the embroidery frame, attach the embroidery frame to the machine, and then start embroidering.**

7 **After the pattern is embroidered, thread the machine with the thread for the cutting line, and then sew the cutting line (APPLIQUE MATERIAL).**

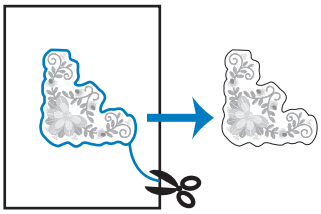


① Cutting line for appliqué

Memo

- We recommend using thread for the cutting line that is closest to the color of the fabric.

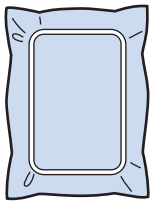
8 **Remove the fabric for the appliqué piece from the embroidery frame, and then carefully cut along the stitching. After cutting, carefully remove all of the cutting line thread.**



Note

- Depending on the pattern density and fabric used, there may be shrinking of the pattern, or the appliqué may be misaligned with the placement line. We recommend cutting slightly outside of the cutting line.
- When using patterns that are vertically and horizontally symmetrical, use a chalk pencil to indicate the pattern orientation before cutting it out.
- Carefully cut out the pattern on the outline you just sewed. Do not cut inside the cutting line, otherwise the appliqué fabric will not be caught by the appliqué stitch.

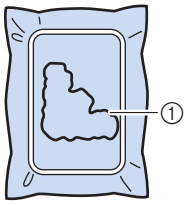
9 **Use two layers of adhesive water soluble stabilizer material with their sticky sides together, and then hoop them in the embroidery frame.**



Note

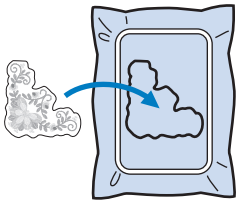
- If water soluble stabilizer is used, it is not necessary to remove the stabilizer material after sewing the appliqué outline. To reduce shrinkage of the pattern, we recommend using water soluble stabilizer.
- Put together two layers of water soluble stabilizer, otherwise the stabilizer material may tear during embroidering.

10 **Thread the machine with the thread for the outline, and then sew the placement line for the appliqué position (APPLIQUE POSITION).**



① Pattern placement line

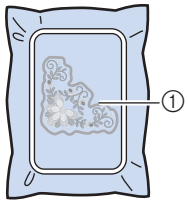
11 **Lightly apply glue or spray adhesive, and paste the appliqué piece so that it aligns with the placement line.**



Note

- Before pasting the appliqué piece down, make sure the appliqué piece is positioned correctly within the placement line.

12 **With the machine threaded using the thread for the outline from step 10, embroider the outline (APPLIQUE).**



① Outline of appliqué piece

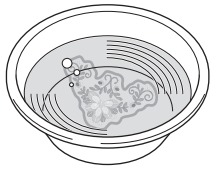
Memo

- The outline is sewn using satin stitching.
- Since glue may become attached to the presser foot, needle or needle plate, clean off any glue after finishing embroidering the appliqué pattern.

13 **After embroidering is finished, remove the stabilizer material from the embroidery frame.**

14 **Use scissors to cut the excess water soluble stabilizer from outside the appliqué outline.**

15 **Soak the appliqué piece in water to dissolve the water soluble stabilizer.**



16 **Dry the appliqué piece, and then iron it if necessary.**

Note

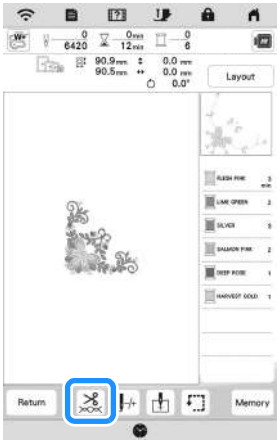
- Do not apply a strong force when ironing, otherwise the stitching may be damaged.

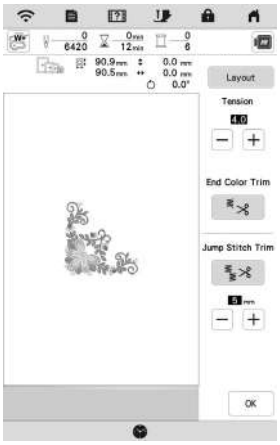
MAKING EMBROIDERY ADJUSTMENTS

Adjusting Thread Tension

When embroidering, the thread tension should be set so that the upper thread can slightly be seen on the wrong side of the fabric.

The following screen appears when you touch .



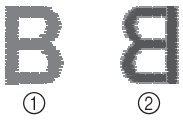


Memo

- If the thread tension is changed from the default setting, the new setting will remain after turning the machine off and on. This new setting will apply to any selected design.

■ Correct Thread Tension

The pattern can be seen from the wrong side of the fabric. If the thread tension is not set correctly, the pattern will not finish well. The fabric may pucker or the thread may break.



① Right side
② Wrong side

Follow the operations described below to adjust thread tension according to the situation.

Note

- If the thread tension setting is made extremely loose, the machine may stop during embroidering. This is not the sign of a malfunction. Increase the thread tension slightly, and start embroidering again.

Memo

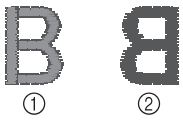
- If the thread tension is changed from the default setting, the new setting will remain after turning the machine off and on. This new setting will apply to any selected design.

■ Upper Thread Is Too Tight

The tension of the upper thread is too tight, resulting in the bobbin thread being visible from the right side of the fabric.

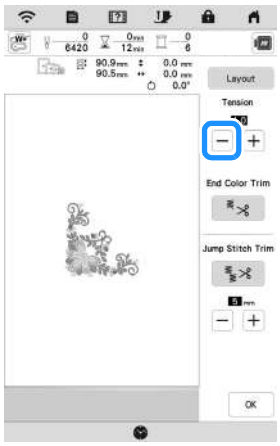
Note

- If the bobbin thread was incorrectly threaded, the upper thread may be too tight. In this case, refer to “Setting the Bobbin” on page 22 and rethread the bobbin thread.



① Right side
② Wrong side

Touch in **Tension** to weaken the upper thread tension. (The tension number will decrease.)



■ Upper Thread Is Too Loose

The tension of the upper thread is too loose, resulting in a loose upper thread, loose thread locks, or loops appearing on the right side of the fabric.

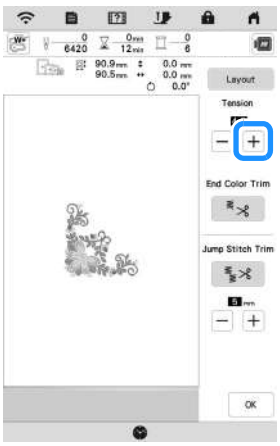
Note

- If the upper thread was incorrectly threaded, the upper thread may be too loose. In this case, refer to “Upper Threading” on page 23 and rethread the upper thread.



① Right side
② Wrong side

Touch [+] in Tension to tighten the upper thread tension. (The tension number will increase.)



■ Adjusting Overall Upper Thread Tension

When embroidering, if the overall tension of the upper thread is too tight or too loose, adjust it from the setting screen. The selected setting will be applied to all patterns. If an individual embroidery pattern needs additional fine tuning, refer to “Adjusting Thread Tension” on page 71.

1. **Touch [ ].**
   → The settings screen appears.
2. **Touch [ ].**
   → The embroidery settings screen appears.
3. **Display [Embroidery Tension] in the embroidery settings screen.**
4. **Use [+] [−] to adjust the upper thread tension.**
   * [+] : Tighten the upper thread tension.
   * [−] : Loosen the upper thread tension.

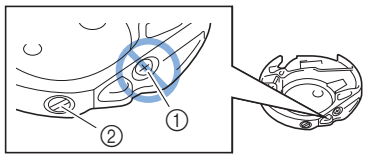


5. **Touch [OK].**

Adjusting the Bobbin Case

The bobbin case can be easily adjusted when bobbin tension changes are required to accommodate different bobbin threads. Refer to “Embroidering Attractive Finishes” on page 61.

To adjust the bobbin tension for embroidery function, using the bobbin case, turn the slotted screw (-) with a (small) screwdriver.



① Do not turn a phillips screw (+).
② Adjust with a screwdriver (small).

■ Correct Tension

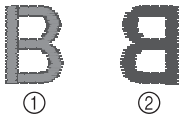
Upper thread slightly appears on the wrong side of fabric.



① Right side
② Wrong side

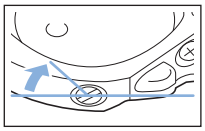
■ Bobbin Thread Is Too Loose

Bobbin thread appears slightly on the right side of fabric.



① Right side
② Wrong side

If this occurs, turn the slotted screw (-) clockwise, being careful not to over-tighten the screw, approximately 30-45 degrees to increase bobbin tension.



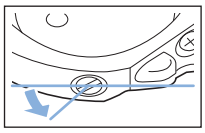
■ Bobbin Thread Is Too Tight

Upper thread on the right side of fabric seems to be lifting/looping and bobbin thread is not seen on the wrong side of fabric.



① Right side
② Wrong side

If this occurs, turn the slotted screw (-) counterclockwise, being careful not to over-loosen the screw, approximately 30-45 degrees to decrease bobbin tension.



IMPORTANT

- **DO NOT adjust the position of the phillips (+) screw on the bobbin case as this may result in damage to the bobbin case, rendering it unusable.**
- **If the slotted screw (-) is difficult to turn, do not use force. Turning the screw too much or providing force in either (rotational) direction may cause damage to the bobbin case. Should damage occur, the bobbin case may not maintain proper tension.**

Note

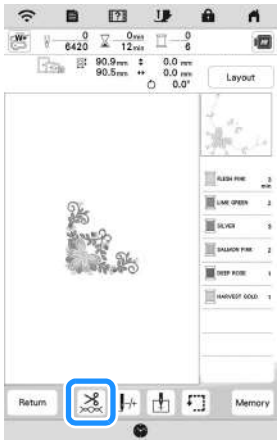
- When adjusting the bobbin case, be sure to remove the bobbin from the bobbin case.

Using the Automatic Thread Cutting Function (End Color Trim)

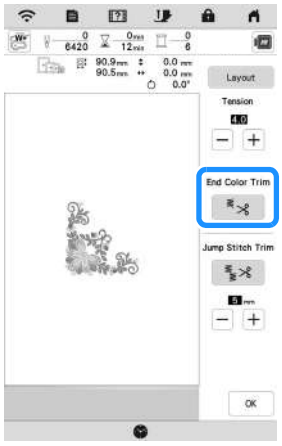
The automatic thread cutting function will cut the thread at the end of embroidering each color. This function is initially turned ON. To turn this function OFF, touch and then .

* This setting returns to its default when the machine is turned off.

1 Touch .



2 Touch to turn off the automatic thread cutting function.

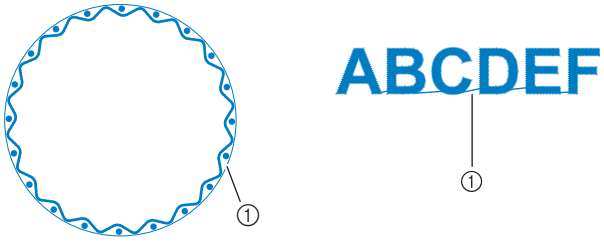


→ The key will display as . When one color thread is embroidered, the machine will stop without cutting the thread.

Using the Thread Trimming Function (Jump Stitch Trim)

The thread trimming function will automatically trim any excess thread jumps within the color. This function is initially turned ON. To turn this function OFF, touch key and then .

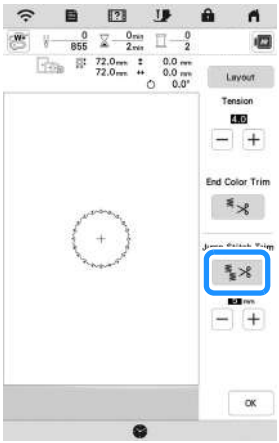
* Your customized setting remains after turning the machine off and on.



① Jump stitch

1 Touch .

2 Touch to turn off the thread trimming function.



→ The key will display as . The machine will not trim the thread before moving to the next stitching.

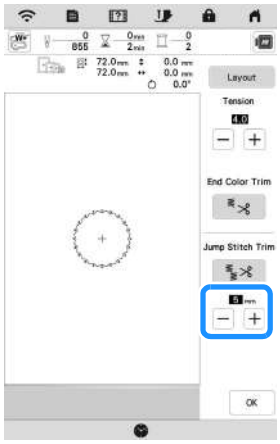
■ Selecting the Length Of Jump Stitch Not to Trim

When the thread trimming function is turned on, you can select the length of the jump stitch.
Select a setting from 5 mm to 50 mm in 5 mm increments.

* Your customized setting remains after turning the machine off and on.

Touch + or − to select the length of jump stitch.

For example: Touch + to select 25 mm (approx. 1 inch) and the machine will not trim a jump stitch of 25 mm or less before moving to the next stitching.



Note

- If design has many trims it is recommended to select a higher jump stitch trim setting in order to reduce the amount of excess tails on backside of fabric.
- The higher number of the jump stitch length selected, the fewer number of times the machine will trim. In this case, more jump stitches remain on the surface of the fabric.

Adjusting the Embroidery Speed

1 Touch .

→ The settings screen appears.

2 Touch .

→ The embroidery settings screen appears.

3 Display [Max Embroidery Speed] in the embroidery settings screen.

4 Use + − to change the maximum embroidery speed.



Memo

- SPM is the number of stitches embroidered in one minute.
- Decrease the embroidery speed when embroidering on thin, thick, or heavy fabrics and when using a specialty thread like a metallic thread.
- The setting specified before the main power is set to OFF remains selected the next time that the machine is turned ON.

5 Touch OK.

Changing the Thread Color Display

You can display the name of the thread colors or embroidery thread number.

Memo

- Colors on the screen may vary slightly from actual spool colors.
- [Original], imported data remains the brand thread created with the software, is set as a default.

1. **Touch** .

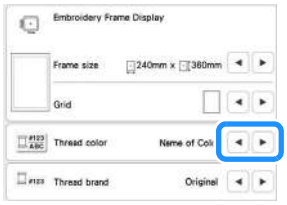
   → The settings screen appears.

2. **Touch** .

   → The embroidery settings screen appears.

3. **Display [Thread color] in the embroidery settings screen.**

4. **Use** **to display the name of the thread colors or the embroidery thread number.**



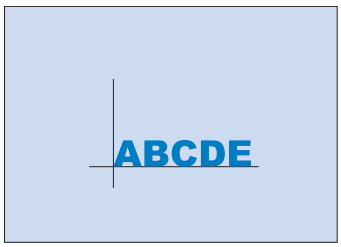
5. **Use** **to select a thread brand.**



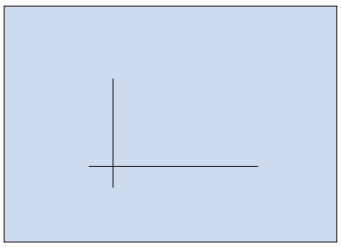
6. **Touch** OK.

Aligning the Pattern and the Needle

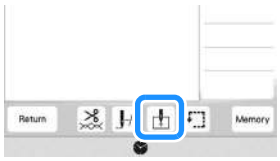
Example: Aligning the lower left side of a pattern and the needle



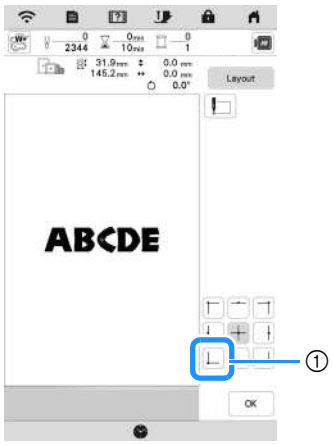
1. **Mark the embroidery start position on the fabric, as shown.**



2. **Touch** .



3. **Touch** .



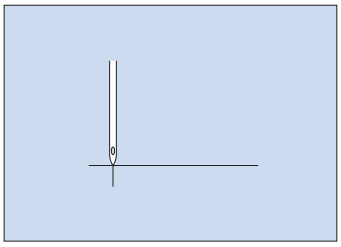
① Start position

→ The needle is positioned in the lower-left corner of the pattern. The carriage moves so that the needle is positioned correctly.

4. **Touch** OK.

5. **Touch** Layout **and then, touch** Move.

6. **Use** **to align the needle and the mark on the fabric, and start embroidering the pattern.**



Embroidering Linked Characters

Follow the procedure described below to embroider linked characters in a single row when the entire pattern extends beyond the embroidery frame.

Example: Linking "FG" to the characters "ABCDE"

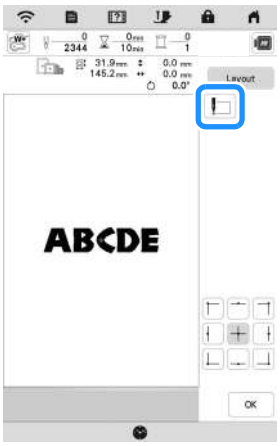
A B C D E F G

1. **Select the character patterns for "ABCDE".**

2. **Touch** .



3. **Touch** .



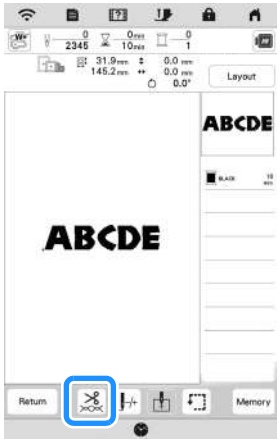
→ The needle is positioned in the lower-left corner of the pattern. The carriage moves so that the needle is positioned correctly. The machine is set to embroider until the first stitch of the next character pattern (F).

Note

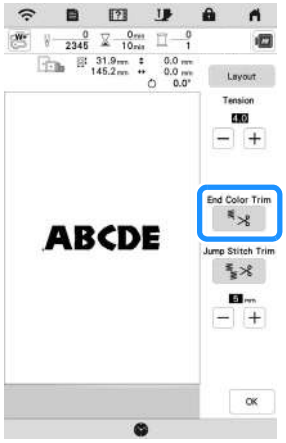
- To cancel the starting point setting and return the starting point to the center of the pattern, touch or .
- Using can select a different starting point for embroidering. However, the starting point setting is canceled.

4. **Touch** OK.

5. **Touch** .

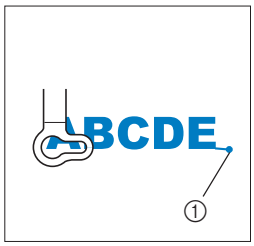


6. **Touch** **to turn off the thread cutting function and then touch** OK.



7. **Press the "Start/Stop" button.**

8. **After the characters are embroidered, cut the threads to a generous length, remove the embroidery frame, reposition the fabric in the hoop so that the remaining characters ("FG") can be embroidered, and then attach the embroidery frame.**



① End of the embroidering

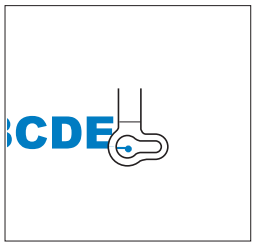
9. **As in step 1, select the character patterns for "FG".**

10. **Touch** .

11 **Touch [⌞].**

→ The needle is positioned in the lower-left corner of the pattern. The carriage moves so that the needle is positioned correctly.

12 **Touch [Layout], then [Move] and use [⌜ ^ ⌝ / < • > / ⌞ v ⌟] to align the needle with the end of embroidering for the previous pattern.**



13 **Touch [OK].**

14 **Press the "Start/Stop" button to start embroidering the remaining character patterns.**



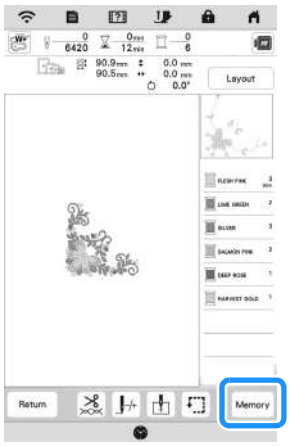
USING THE MEMORY FUNCTION

Saving Embroidery Patterns

Note

- Do not turn the main power to OFF while the [Saving…] screen is displayed. You will lose the pattern you are saving.

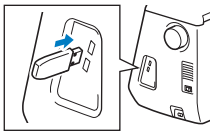
1 **Touch [Memory] when the pattern you want to save is in the embroidering screen.**



Memo

- You can also save the pattern by touching [Memory] in the embroidery edit screen.

2 **When saving the embroidery pattern in a USB media, insert the USB media into the USB port on the machine.**



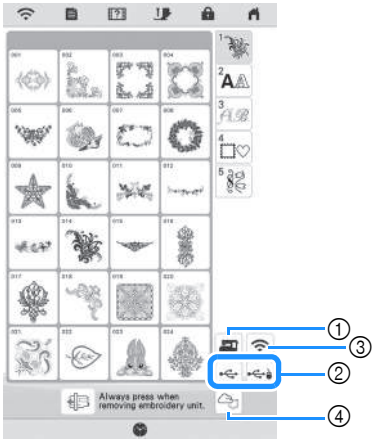
3 **Touch the desired destination to start saving.**



① Save to the machine's memory.
② Save to the USB media. The pattern is saved in a folder labeled [bPocket].
③ Save to the wireless function pocket. For the detailed procedure, refer to the manual for PE-DESIGN (version 11 or later).

Retrieving Embroidery Patterns

1 **When retrieving the embroidery patterns from a USB flash drive, insert the USB flash drive into the USB port on the machine.**
To retrieve embroidery patterns via wireless network, use PE-DESIGN (version 11 or later) or Design Database Transfer to transfer the patterns in advance. For details on transferring embroidery patterns, refer to the manual for PE-DESIGN or Design Database Transfer.



① Retrieve from the machine's memory.
② Retrieve from a USB media.
③ Retrieve the pattern via the wireless network connection. For detailed procedures, refer to PE-DESIGN manual (Version 11 or later).
④ Retrieve from Artspira App. (page 83)

Memo

- If the embroidery pattern to be retrieved is in a folder of the USB media, touch the key for that folder. Touch to return to the previous screen.
- You can save all or multiple data to the machine by touching .



- To select multiple patterns, touch their thumbnails.
- Select all : Select all patterns.
- Select none : Deselect all patterns.
- Memory : Save the selected patterns to the machine.

* To cancel the selection, touch again.

2 **Touch Set.**

* Touch Delete to delete the embroidery pattern.

EMBROIDERY APPLICATIONS

Using a Frame Pattern To Make an Appliqué

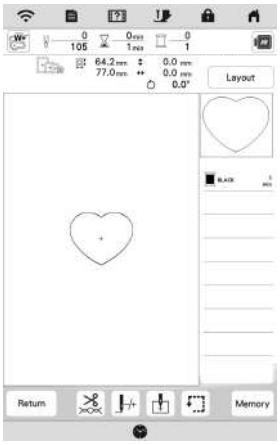
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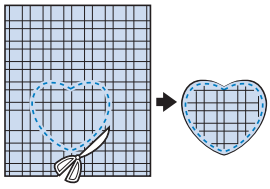
- If you change the size or position of the patterns when making an appliqué, make a note of the size and the location.

■ Method 1

You can use framed patterns of the same size and shape to create an appliqué. Embroider one pattern with a straight stitch and one pattern with a satin stitch.

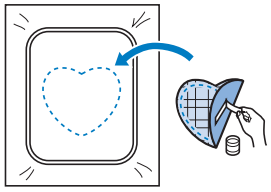
1 Select a straight stitch frame pattern. Embroider the pattern onto the fabric for the appliqué piece, then cut neatly around the outside of the shape.



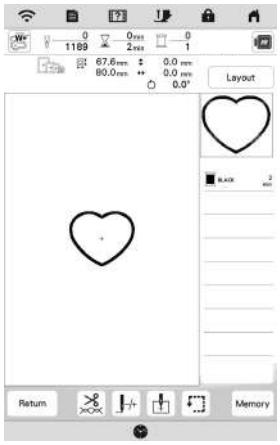


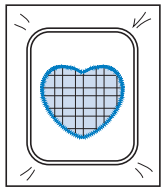
2 Embroider the same pattern from step 1 onto the base fabric.

3 Apply two-sided stabilizer material to the back of the fabric for the appliqué piece created in step 1. Attach the appliqué to the base fabric matching the shapes.



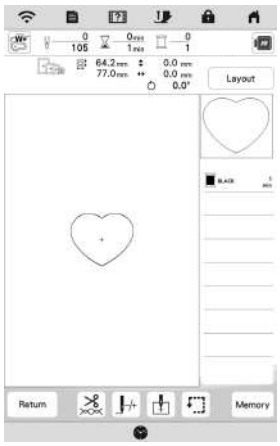
4 Select the satin stitch frame pattern of the same shape as the appliqué. Embroider over the fabric for the appliqué piece and base fabric from step 3 to create the appliqué.





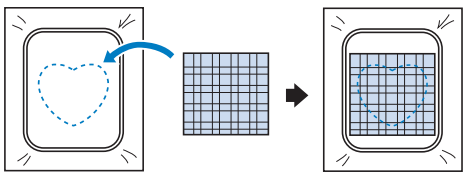
■ Method 2

1 Select a straight stitch frame pattern, and embroider the pattern onto the base fabric.

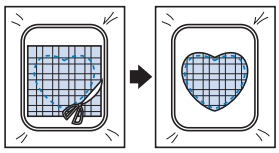


2 Place the fabric for the appliqué piece over the pattern embroidered in step 1 and embroider the same pattern on the fabric for the appliqué piece.

* Be sure that the fabric for the appliqué piece completely covers the stitched line.



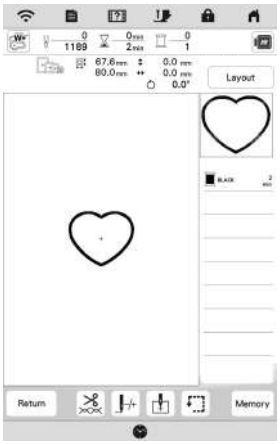
3 **Remove the embroidery frame from the embroidery unit, and cut around the outside of the stitches of the fabric for the appliqué piece. And then, reattach the embroidery frame to the embroidery unit.**

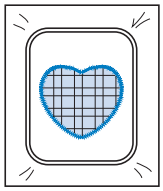


Note

- Do not remove the fabric from the embroidery frame to cut it. Also, do not pull or push on the fabric. Otherwise, the fabric may loosen in the frame.

4 **Select the satin stitch frame pattern of the same shape as the appliqué and embroider the satin stitch pattern to create an appliqué.**





Creating Stippling, Echo Quilting, or Decorative Fill Patterns around a Design

Stippling, echo quilting, and decorative fill patterns can be created around the machine's built-in patterns or original embroidery data.

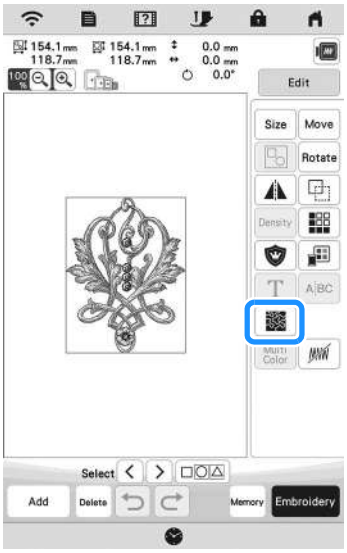
Memo

- If this simple stippling operation is used with batting sandwiched between two layers of fabric, the embroidery pattern and stippling may become misaligned.

1 **Select the pattern that stippling will be added around.**

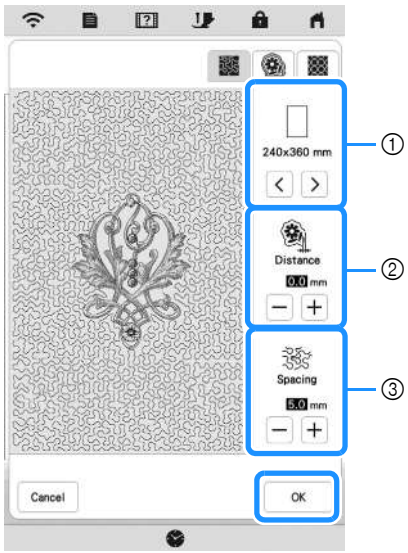
* To select multiple patterns, refer to "Selecting Multiple Patterns at the Same Time" on page 36.

2 **Touch**  **in the embroidery edit screen.**



→ Stippling is automatically applied around the selected pattern.

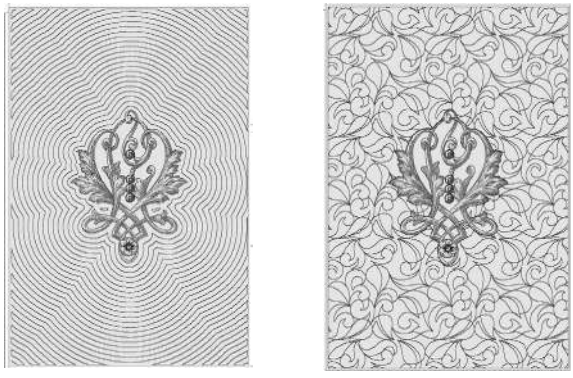
3 **After specifying the stitch settings for the stippling, touch Preview, and then touch OK.**



① The stippling is added within the area of the selected frame size. If the pattern is larger than the selected frame size, the area indicating the frame size will appear in gray, and stippling will not be added.
② Specify the distance from the outline of the pattern to the stippling.
③ Specify the spacing for the stippling.

* Touch in the stippling settings screen to create an echo quilting pattern.

* Touch in the stippling settings screen to create a decorative fill pattern.



① ②

① Echo quilting pattern
② Decorative fill pattern

Embroidering Split Embroidery Patterns

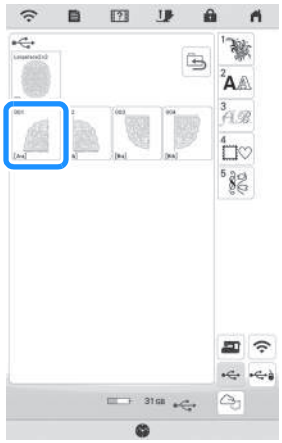
Split embroidery patterns created with PE-DESIGN Ver. 7 or later can be embroidered. With split embroidery patterns, embroidery patterns larger than the embroidery frame are divided into multiple sections, which combine to create a single pattern after each section is embroidered.

For details on creating split embroidery patterns and for more detailed embroidery instructions, refer to the Instruction manual included with PE-DESIGN Ver. 7 or later.

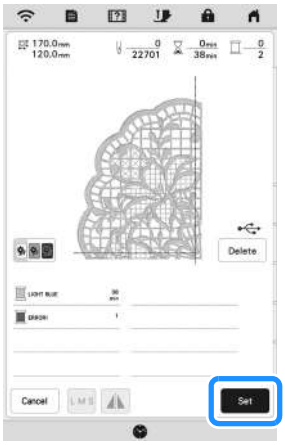
1 **Insert the USB media containing the created split embroidery pattern, and then select the split embroidery pattern to be embroidered. (page 78)**



2 **Select section**  **to be embroidered.**



3 **Touch** Set **.**



4 **If necessary, touch** Edit **and edit the pattern.**

Touch Embroidey **to display the embroidery screen.**



5 **Embroider the pattern section.**

6 **When embroidering is finished, the following screen appears. Touch** OK **.**



→ A screen appears so that a section of the split embroidery pattern can be selected.

7 **Repeat steps 2 through 6 to embroider the remaining sections of the pattern.**

MY STITCH MONITOR APP

With the My Stitch Monitor App installed on your smart device and the machine and smart device connected to the same wireless network, you can check the operating status of the machine. In addition, you can receive notifications when the machine stops.

■ Installing the App

1 **Use your smart device to scan the appropriate QR code below to visit Google Play or the App Store.**

https://s.brother/caekd/

2 **Install [My Stitch Monitor].**

My Stitch Monitor

Memo

- To download and install the app, you can also search for [My Stitch Monitor] in Google Play or the App Store.
- For more information on how to use this application, visit the following web site. https://s.brother/cpeah/

■ Monitoring

Memo

- The app will be updated from time to time. The following descriptions may differ from the actual screens and operations.

1. **Connect the machine to your wireless network.**
   * Refer to “WIRELESS NETWORK CONNECTION FUNCTIONS” on page 16.
2. **Confirm that your smart device and your machine are connected to the same network.**
3. **Tap the icon for [My Stitch Monitor] on the smart device to start the app.**
4. **Follow the instructions that appear in the app to connect the app to your machine.**
   * Select the name that appears beside [Machine name] in the settings screen on your machine.

   → The machine can now be monitored.

ARTSPIRA APP COMPATIBLE

Functions have been added for the Artspira App. With these functions, you can transfer content published on the app to the embroidery machine and enjoy creating original works using the functions on the app.
For more information about the app, refer to the official website. For details on how to operate the embroidery machine using the app, see the Artspira Quick Guide on Artspira support page (https://s.brother/caekc/).

Chapter 4 APPENDIX

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

⚠ CAUTION

- **Be sure to unplug the machine before cleaning it. Otherwise, injury may result.**

Cleaning the LCD

If the surface of the LCD is dirty, lightly wipe it with a soft dry cloth.

Cleaning the machine surface

When wiping dirt off the machine, firmly wring a soft cloth soaked in (lukewarm) water.

After cleaning the machine, dry it with a soft, dry cloth.

Restrictions on Oiling

In order to prevent damaging this machine, it must not be oiled by the user. This machine was manufactured with the necessary amount of oil applied to ensure correct operation, making periodic oiling unnecessary.

If problems occur, such as difficulty turning the handwheel or an unusual noise, immediately stop using the machine, and contact your authorized Brother dealer or the nearest Brother authorized service center.

Precautions on Storing the Machine

Do not store the machine in any of the locations described below, otherwise damage to the machine may result, for example, rust caused by condensation.

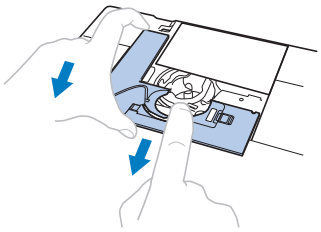
* Exposed to extremely high temperatures
* Exposed to extremely low temperatures
* Exposed to extreme temperature changes
* Exposed to high humidity or steam
* Near a flame, heater or air conditioner
* Outdoors or exposed to direct sunlight
* Exposed to extremely dusty or oily environments

Note

- In order to extend the life of this machine, periodically turn it on and use it. Storing this machine for an extended period of time without using it may reduce its efficiency.

Cleaning the Race

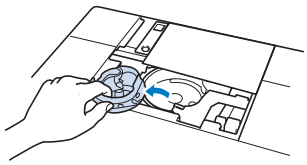
1. **Press (Needle position button) to raise the needle.**
2. **Turn the main power to OFF, and then unplug the machine.**
3. **Remove the needle and embroidery foot (page 26, page 87).**
4. **Remove the bobbin cover.**
5. **Slide the needle plate cover toward you to remove it.**



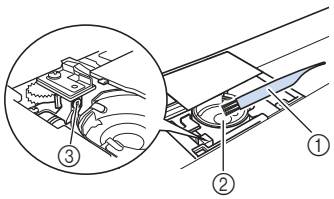
Note

- If the embroidery unit is attached, the needle plate can be removed when the bobbin cover is removed.

6. **Grasp the bobbin case, and then gently lift out.**



7. **Use the cleaning brush or a vacuum cleaner to remove any lint and dust from the race and bobbin thread sensor and the surrounding area.**



① Cleaning brush
② Race
③ Bobbin thread sensor

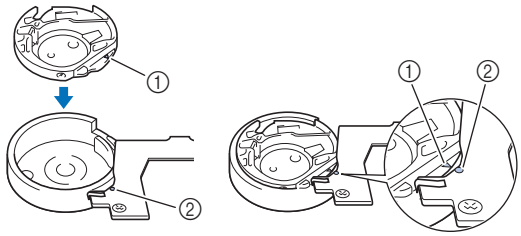
IMPORTANT

- **Do not apply oil to the bobbin case.**

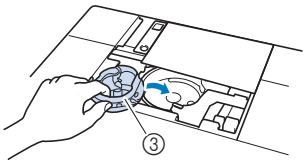
Memo

- If lint or dust collects on the bobbin thread sensor, the sensor may not operate correctly.

8 **Insert the bobbin case so that the ▲ mark on the bobbin case aligns with the ● mark on the machine.**



* Align the ▲ and ● marks.



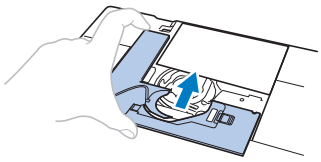
① ▲ mark
② ● mark
③ Bobbin case

* Make sure that the indicated points are aligned before installing the bobbin case.

⚠ CAUTION

- **Never use a bobbin case that is scratched or has a burr on it. Otherwise the upper thread may become tangled, and the needle may break and cause injury. For a new bobbin case, contact your nearest Brother authorized service center.**
- **Be sure that the bobbin case is correctly installed, otherwise the needle may break and cause injury.**

9 **Insert the tabs on the needle plate cover into the needle plate, and then slide the cover back on.**



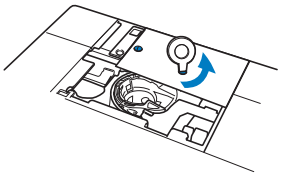
10 **Reattach the bobbin cover.**

Cleaning the Cutter in the Bobbin Case Area

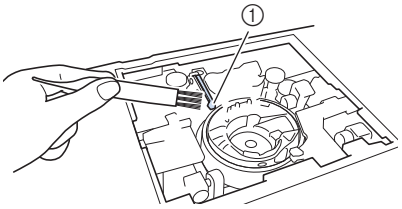
The cutter below the needle plate should be cleaned. If dust or lint accumulate on the cutter, it will be difficult to cut the thread when (Thread cutter button) is pressed or the automatic thread cutting function is used. Clean the cutter when the thread is not easily cut.

1 **Follow steps 1 through 5 in "Cleaning the Race" to remove the needle plate cover.**

2 **Use the screwdriver included with the machine to unscrew and remove the needle plate.**



3 **Use the cleaning brush or a vacuum cleaner to remove any lint and dust from the cutter in the bobbin case area.**



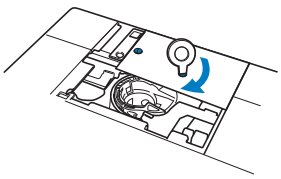
① Cutter

⚠ CAUTION

- **Do not touch the cutter, otherwise injuries may result.**

4 **Align the two screw holes in the needle plate with the two holes at the needle plate mounting base, and then fit the needle plate onto the machine.**

5 **Lightly finger-tighten the screw on the right side of the needle plate. Then, use the screwdriver included to firmly tighten the screw on the left side. Finally, firmly tighten the screw on the right side.**



6 **Replace the bobbin case and the needle plate cover following steps 8 through 10 in "Cleaning the Race".**

Changing Embroidery Foot “W+” with LED Pointer

⚠ CAUTION

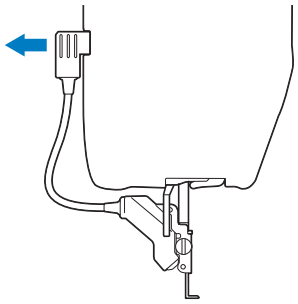
- **When attaching an embroidery foot, always touch on the screen. You may accidentally press the “Start/Stop” button and possibly cause injury.**
- **Be sure to use the embroidery foot “W+” with LED pointer when doing embroidery. Using another embroidery foot may cause the needle to strike the embroidery foot, causing the needle to break and possibly causing injury.**

1. **Press (Needle position button) to raise the needle.**
2. **Touch to lock all keys and buttons.**
   * If the message [OK to automatically lower the presser foot?] appears on the LCD screen, touch OK to continue.

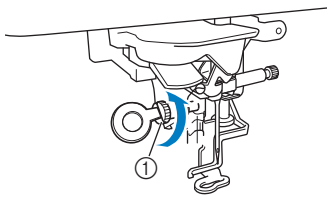
Note

- Before replacing the needle, cover the hole in the needle plate with fabric or paper to prevent the needle from falling into the machine.

3. **Raise the presser foot lever.**
4. **Remove the connector of the embroidery foot “W+” with LED pointer from the connector on the back of the machine.**



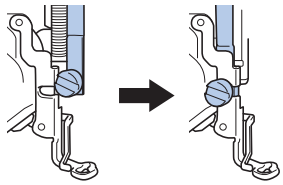
5. **Use the included disc-shaped screwdriver to loosen the screw for the embroidery foot, and then remove the embroidery foot “W+” with LED pointer.**



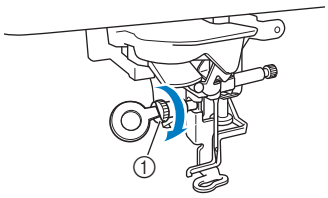
① Screw for embroidery foot

6. **Position the embroidery foot “W+” with LED pointer on the presser foot bar by aligning the notch of the presser foot to the large screw.**

Side view



7. **Hold the embroidery foot in place with your right hand, and then use the disc-shaped screwdriver to securely tighten the screw for the embroidery foot.**

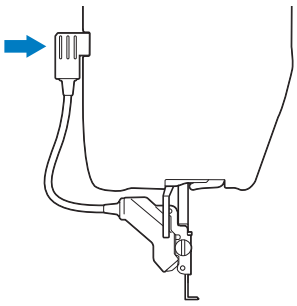


① Screw for embroidery foot

⚠ CAUTION

- **Use the disc-shaped screwdriver to firmly tighten the screw for the embroidery foot. If the screw is loose, the needle may strike the embroidery foot and break, possibly cause injury.**

8. **Plug the connector of the embroidery foot “W+” with LED pointer into the jack on the back left side of your machine.**



9. **Touch to unlock all keys and buttons.**

→ All keys and operation buttons are unlocked, and the previous screen is displayed.

BEFORE LENDING OR DISPOSING OF THE PRODUCT

Please be sure to reset the settings of your machine to delete the following data.

- all saved data
- customized settings
- network information

1. **Touch , and then touch Reset beside [Reset to Default].**
2. **Touch Reset.**

Note

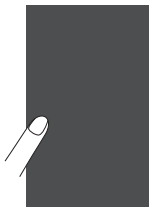
- Do not turn the main power to OFF while the [Deleting…] screen is displayed.

ADJUSTING THE SCREEN

Touch Panel is Malfunctioning

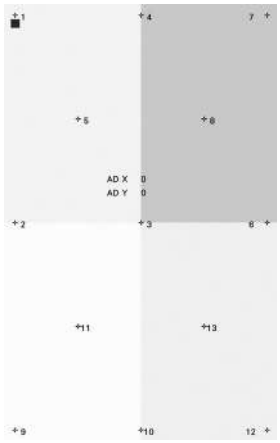
If the screen does not respond correctly when you touch a key (the machine does not perform the operation or performs a different operation), follow the steps below to make the proper adjustments.

1. **Holding your finger on the screen, turn the main power switch to OFF and back to ON.**



→ The touch panel adjustment screen appears.

2. **Using the included touch pen, lightly touch the center of each +, in order from 1 to 13.**



Note

- Only use the included touch pen to touch the screen. Do not use a mechanical pencil, pin, or other sharp object. Do not press too hard on the screen. Otherwise, damage may result.

3. **Turn the main power to OFF, then turn it back to ON.**

Note

- If you finish the screen adjustment and the screen still does not respond, or if you cannot do the adjustment, contact your authorized Brother dealer.

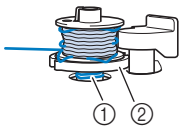
TROUBLESHOOTING

If the machine stops operating correctly, check the following possible problems before requesting service. You can solve most problems by yourself. If you need additional help, the Brother Support website offers the latest FAQs and troubleshooting tips.
Visit us at https://s.brother/cpeah/.
If the problem persists, contact your authorized Brother dealer or the nearest Brother authorized service center.

If the Thread Becomes Tangled Under the Bobbin Winder Seat

If the bobbin winding starts when the thread is not passed through the pretension disk correctly, the thread may become tangled beneath the bobbin winder seat.

Wind off the thread according to the following procedure.



① Thread
② Bobbin winder seat

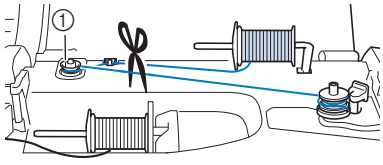
⚠ CAUTION

- **Do not remove the bobbin winder seat even if the thread becomes tangled under the bobbin winder seat. The cutter in the bobbin winder seat may cause injury.**

1 Touch Stop to stop the bobbin winding.

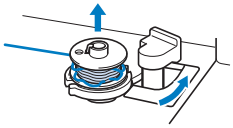


2 Cut the thread with scissors near the pretension disk.

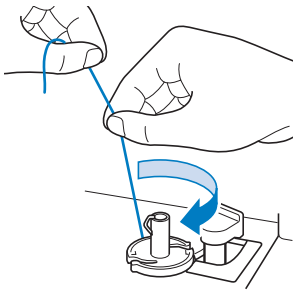


① Pretension disk

3 Push the bobbin winder switch to the right, and then remove the bobbin from the shaft and cut the thread leading to the bobbin in order to be able to completely remove the bobbin from shaft.



4 Hold the thread end with your left hand, and wind off the thread clockwise from under the bobbin winder seat with your right hand as shown below.



List of Symptoms

Check the following possible problems before requesting service. If the reference page is "*", contact your authorized Brother dealer or the nearest Brother authorized service center.

■ Getting Ready

Symptom, Cause/solution	Reference
Cannot thread the needle.	
Needle is not in the correct position. • Press (Needle position button) to raise the needle.	8
Needle is installed incorrectly.	26
Needle is turned, bent or the point is dull.	26
Upper threading is incorrect.	23
The needle threader hook is bent and does not pass through the eye of the needle.	*
The needle threader lever cannot be moved or returned to its original position.	*
A size 65/9 needle is being used. • The needle is incompatible with the needle threader. Manually pass the thread through the eye of the needle.	26
Cannot lower the presser foot with the presser foot lever.	
Presser foot was raised using (Presser foot lifter button). • Press (Presser foot lifter button) to lower the presser foot.	8
Bobbin thread does not wind neatly on the bobbin.	
The thread is not passed through the bobbin winding thread guide correctly.	20
Bobbin spins slowly.	21
The thread that was pulled out was not wound onto the bobbin correctly.	20

Symptom, Cause/solution	Reference
The empty bobbin was not set on the pin properly.	19
While winding the bobbin, the bobbin thread was wound below the bobbin winder seat.	
You have not wound the bobbin thread properly when you initially wound thread on the bobbin. Ensure that the bobbin thread was properly set in the guides.	19
The bobbin thread cannot be pulled up.	
Needle is turned, bent or the point is dull.	26
Bobbin is set incorrectly.	22
Machine does not operate	
All keys and buttons have been locked by .	26, 87
Nothing appears in the LCD.	
Main power switch is not turned on.	8
The plug of the power cord is not inserted into an electrical outlet.	9
The LCD screen does not look very clear.	
The brightness of the screen is not adjusted.	11
Nothing happens, even if the LCD display is touched	
Adjust the screen.	88
The screen has been locked. • Touch either of the following keys to unlock the screen. 	—
The LCD screen is fogged up.	
Condensation has formed on the LCD screen. • After a while, the cloudiness will disappear.	—
Embroidery unit does not operate.	
Embroidery unit is not attached correctly.	29
Embroidery frame was attached before the unit was initialized.	29
Pointer of the embroidery foot “W+” with LED pointer does not indicate the position correctly	
With thick elastic fabric, the position will be misaligned only at raised parts in the fabric.	55
With fabric having a very uneven surface, the position is not correctly aligned. • The pointer indication should be used only as a reference.	—

■ While Operating

Symptom, Cause/solution	Reference
Machine does not operate.	
“Start/Stop” button was not pressed.	8
There is no pattern selected.	31
Presser foot is not lowered.	8
Needle breaks.	
Needle is installed incorrectly.	26
Needle clamp screw is not tightened.	27
Needle is turned or bent.	26
Using improper needle, thread or the fabric prepared insufficiently for embroidering.	26, 51, 61
Upper thread tension is too tight.	71
Fabric is pulled during embroidering.	—
Spool cap is set incorrectly.	23
There are scratches around the opening in the presser foot.	*
There are scratches on the bobbin case.	*
Needle is defective.	26
A bobbin designed specifically for this machine is not used.	19
Upper threading is incorrect.	23
Bobbin is set incorrectly.	22
Presser foot is attached incorrectly.	87
Stabilizer is not attached to fabric being embroidered.	51
Bobbin thread is incorrectly wound.	19
Upper thread breaks.	
Machine is not threaded correctly (used the wrong spool cap, spool cap is loose, the thread did not catch the needle bar threader, etc.)	23
Knotted or tangled thread is being used.	—
Upper thread tension is too tight.	71

Symptom, Cause/solution	Reference
Thread is twisted.	—
Needle is turned, bent or the point is dull.	26
Needle is installed incorrectly.	26
There are scratches around the opening in the presser foot.	*
There are scratches on the bobbin case.	*
Using improper needle or thread for the selected fabric.	26
A bobbin designed specifically for this machine is not used.	19
The thread is tangled on the wrong side of the fabric.	
Upper threading is incorrect.	23
Using improper needle or thread for the selected fabric.	26
The upper thread is too tight.	
The bobbin thread is incorrectly installed.	22
Bobbin thread breaks.	
Bobbin is set incorrectly.	22
Bobbin thread is incorrectly wound.	19
There are scratches on the bobbin or it doesn't rotate properly.	22
Thread is twisted.	—
A bobbin designed specifically for this machine is not used.	19
Fabric puckers.	
There is a mistake in the upper or bobbin threading.	22, 23
Spool cap is set incorrectly.	23
Using improper needle or thread for the selected fabric.	26
Needle is turned, bent or the point is dull.	26
Thread tension is set incorrectly.	71
The pattern is not embroidered correctly.	
The thread tension is incorrect.	71
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Needle is turned, bent or the point is dull.	26
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Thread is tangled in the bobbin case.	85

■ After Embroidering

Symptom, Cause/solution	Reference
Thread tension is incorrect.	
Upper threading is incorrect.	23
Bobbin is set incorrectly.	22
Using improper needle, thread or the fabric prepared insufficiently for embroidering.	26, 51, 61
Thread tension is set incorrectly.	71
Bobbin thread is incorrectly wound.	19
Needle is turned, bent or the point is dull.	26
A bobbin designed specifically for this machine is not being used.	19
The pattern is not embroidered correctly.	
Thread is twisted.	—
Thread tension is set incorrectly.	71

Symptom, Cause/solution	Reference
Fabric was not inserted into the frame correctly (fabric was loose, etc.).	52
Stabilizing material was not attached. • Always use stabilizing material, especially with stretch fabrics, lightweight fabrics, fabrics with a coarse weave, or fabrics that often cause pattern shrinkage. See your authorized Brother dealer for the proper stabilizer.	51
There was an object placed near the machine, and the carriage or embroidery frame hit the object during embroidering.	29
Fabric outside the frame edges interferes with the arm, so the embroidery unit cannot move. • Reinsert the fabric in the embroidery frame so that the excess fabric is away from the arm, and rotate the pattern 180 degrees.	52
Fabric is too heavy, so the embroidery unit cannot move freely. • Place a large thick book or similar object under the arm head to lightly lift the heavy side and keep it level.	—
Fabric is hanging off the table. • If the fabric is hanging off the table during embroidery, the embroidery unit will not move freely. Place the fabric so that it does not hang off the table or hold the fabric to keep it from dragging.	61
Fabric is snagged or caught on something. • Stop the machine and place the fabric so that it does not get caught or snagged.	—
Embroidery frame was removed during embroidering (for example, to reset the bobbin). The presser foot was bumped or moved while removing or attaching the embroidery frame, or the embroidery unit was moved.	64
Stabilizer is incorrectly attached, for example, it is smaller than the embroidery frame.	51

Loops appear on the surface of the fabric when embroidering	
The thread tension is incorrectly set.	71
The tension of the upper thread is incorrectly set for the combination of the fabric, thread and pattern being used. • Use the embroidery needle plate cover.	61
The combination of the bobbin case and bobbin thread is incorrect.	61

ERROR MESSAGES

Below is an explanation of error messages. Refer to these when necessary (if you touch OK or do the operation correctly while the error message is displayed, the message disappears).

	Error messages	Cause/solution
1	Cannot change the configuration of the characters.	This message is displayed when there are too many characters and the curved character configuration is impossible.
2	Cannot recognize the data for the selected pattern. The data may be corrupted.	This message is displayed when there is a possibility that the data for the selected pattern is corrupted.
3	Change to a larger embroidery frame.	This message is displayed when the machine is in embroidery mode and the small frame is attached, and the selected pattern does not fit in the small frame.
4	Failed to save file.	This message is displayed when no more images can be saved on the USB media. In this case, delete a file from the USB media or use different USB media.
5	Includes a special pattern that cannot be saved to external memory. Save the pattern in the machine's memory.	This message is displayed when you try to save a copyright protected pattern to USB media. According to copyright laws, patterns that are illegal to reproduce or edit cannot be saved to USB media. If this message displays, save the pattern in the machine's memory.
6	Lower the presser foot lever.	This message is displayed when (Presser foot lifter button) is pressed while the presser foot lever is raised and the needle is lowered.
7	Not enough available memory to save the data. Delete some patterns or use a different media.	This message is displayed when the memory is full and the embroidery pattern cannot be saved.
8	OK to recall and resume previous memory?	This message appears if the machine is turned off while embroidering, then turned on again. Touch OK to return the machine to the condition (pattern position and number of stitches) when it was turned off. Follow the procedure described in "If the Thread Breaks or the Bobbin Runs out of Thread During Embroidering" on page 64 to align the needle position and embroider the remainder of the pattern.
9	OK to separate the combined border pattern?	This message is displayed when rotating a saved combined pattern in the embroidery screen.
10	Pattern extends to the outside of embroidery frame.	This message is displayed when the machine is in embroidery mode, and the character pattern combination is too large to fit in the embroidery frame.
11	Pattern extends to the outside of embroidery frame. If you plan to add more patterns, rotate the pattern combination.	This message is displayed when the machine is in embroidery mode and the combined character pattern is too large for the embroidery frame. You can rotate the pattern 90 degrees and continue combining characters.
12	Preventive maintenance is recommended.	This message is displayed when the machine needs to be maintained. Once this message appears, it is recommended to take your machine to an authorized Brother dealer or the nearest Brother authorized service center for a regular maintenance check. Although this message will disappear and the machine will continue to function once you touch OK, the message will display several more times until the appropriate maintenance is performed.
13	Set the clock.	This message appears when the time/date is not set. Set time/date. (page 9)
14	The bobbin thread is almost empty.	This message is displayed when the bobbin thread is running out. Although a few stitches can be embroidered when the "Start/Stop" button is pressed, replace with a wound bobbin immediately. When embroidering, touch , touch OK, remove the embroidery frame, and then replace the bobbin with one wound with plenty of embroidery bobbin thread. If [Upper and Bobbin Thread Sensor] in the general settings screen of the machine setting mode is set to [OFF], this message does not appear.
15	The bobbin winder safety device has activated. Is the thread tangled?	This message is displayed when the bobbin is being wound, and the motor locks because the thread is tangled, etc.

	Error messages	Cause/solution
16	The safety device was activated since the main shaft motor was heated. Is the thread tangled?	This message is displayed when the temperature of the motor increases, activating the safety device. Wait until the temperature decreases. If the error persists, contact your nearest authorized Brother dealer.
17	The safety device was activated since the main shaft motor seized. Is the thread tangled?	This message is displayed when the motor locks due to tangled thread or for other reasons related to thread delivery.
18	The safety device was activated since the needle position sensor malfunctioned.	This message is displayed when an error in the needle position sensor is detected, activating the safety device. Turn the machine off, then on again. If the message continues to appear, the machine may be damaged. Contact your nearest authorized Brother dealer.
19	There is no needle plate cover. Attach a needle plate cover.	This message is displayed when the needle plate cover is not attached.
20	This file cannot be used.	This message appears if the file format is incompatible with this machine. Check the list of compatible file formats. (page 95)
21	This file exceeds the data capacity and cannot be used. Use a suitable size file.	This message is displayed when the file size exceeds the data capacity of the machine. Confirm the file size and format. (page 95)
22	This USB media cannot be used.	This message is displayed when you try to use incompatible media. For a list of compatible USB media, visit https://s.brother/cpeah/.
23	USB media error	This message is displayed when an error occurs with the USB media. For a list of compatible USB media, visit https://s.brother/cpeah/.

SPECIFICATIONS

Item	Specification		
Dimensions of machine	Approx. 612 mm (W) × 348 mm (H) × 321 mm (D) (approx. 24-3/32 inches (W) × 13-11/16 inches (H) × 12-5/8 inches (D))		
Weight of machine	Approx. 15 kg (approx. 33.1 lb)		
Dimensions of machine with embroidery unit attached	Approx. 916 mm (W) × 348 mm (H) × 524 mm (D) (approx. 36-1/16 inches (W) × 13-11/16 inches (H) × 20-5/8 inches (D))		
Weight of machine with embroidery unit attached	Approx. 19.8 kg (approx. 43.6 lb)		
Maximum embroidery speed	1050 stitches per minute		
Interfaces	Wireless LAN*1		
Memory	Embroidery patterns	10 MB	
Data Types	Embroidery patterns*2	.pes .phc .phx .dst .pen	
Maximum embroidering area	360 mm (H) x 240 mm (W) (approx. 14 inches (H) x 9-1/2 inches (W))		
Types of USB Devices/Media that can be Used	• USB Flash drive (Type A) Supported formats: FAT32 Recommended size: 32 GB or less • Some USB media may not be usable with this machine. • USB External CD/DVD drives (recalled only)		
Condition of the [Eco Mode] and [Shutoff Support Mode]	[Eco Mode]	Available time	OFF, 10 - 120 (minute)
		“Start/Stop” button	Green flashing
		Suspended function	Machine light, Screen display, LED pointer
		After recovering	The machine starts from the previous operation.
	[Shutoff Support Mode]	Available time	OFF, 1 - 12 (hour)
		“Start/Stop” button	Green slow flashing
		Suspended function	All functions
		After recovering	An error message appears. You need to turn off and on the machine to restart.
Compatible image files of the Screen Saver Image	Format	.jpg	
	File size	Max. 150 KB for each image	
	File dimension	1280 × 1280 pixels or less (If the width is between 800 and 1279 pixels, the image will be displayed at 800 pixels.)	
	Number allowed	5 or less	
Videos that can be played	MP4 file format	Video - H.264/MPEG-4 AVC, Audio – AAC	
	Size	450 (H) × 800 (W)	
	Maximum file size	1 GB	

*1 The wireless network connection complies with IEEE 802.11b/g/n standards and uses the 2.4 GHz frequency.
A wireless network cannot be set up with WPA™/WPA2™ Enterprise.
Use Design Database Transfer or PE-DESIGN version 11 or later to transfer data from your computer to the machine. For the operating systems compatible with the software, visit our website https://s.brother/cneke/.

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- Using data other than that saved using our data design systems or this machine may cause this machine to malfunction.
When the machine is used to save a file with any extension, it is saved as a .phx data file.
- Since Tajima (.dst) data does not contain specific thread color information, it is displayed with our default thread color sequence.
Check the preview and change the thread colors as desired.
- Some type of .phx data may not be available with this machine.

* Please be aware that some specifications may change without notice.

Note

- We recommend using the 26 letters of the alphabet (uppercase and lowercase), the numbers 0 through 9, “-”, and “_” for the name of the file/folder.

IMPORTANT

- **When using embroidery data other than our original patterns, the thread or needle may break when embroidering with a stitch density that is too fine or when embroidering three or more overlapping stitches. In that case, use one of our original data design systems to edit the embroidery data.**

UPDATING YOUR MACHINE'S SOFTWARE

You can update your machine's software using the following two procedures.

Update Procedure Using USB Media

When an update program is available on https://s.brother/cpeah/, please download the files following the instructions on the website and steps below.

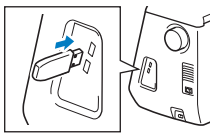
Note

- When using USB media to update the software, check that no data other than the update file is saved on the USB media being used before starting to update.

1. **While pressing (Automatic threading button), turn the main power to ON.**
2. **Touch** .



3. **Insert the USB media into the primary (top) USB port on the machine.**



4. **Touch** Load.
   → When updating is finished, the completion message appears.
5. **Turn the machine off, remove the USB media, and turn the machine on again.**

Update Procedure Using Wireless LAN Connection

If the machine is connected to a wireless network with a strong, reliable connection, update files can be downloaded directly to the machine using this network.

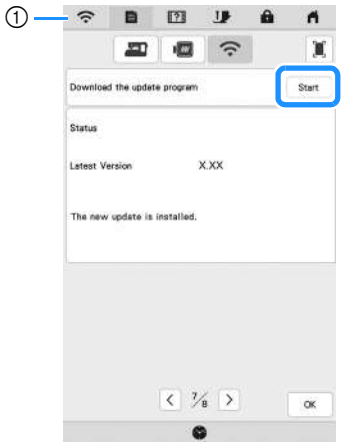
For details on the wireless LAN connection, refer to page 17.

Memo

- The machine periodically checks if there is a new update file on the server. When there is a new update file, the wireless LAN key is displayed as .



1. **Display page 7 of the settings screen.**
2. **Touch** Start.
   * The machine starts to download the update file, if there is a new update file on server.

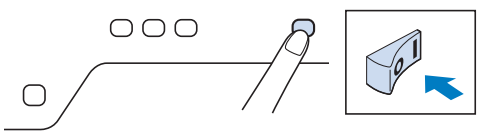


① When the wireless LAN key appears as , touching Start causes the machine to check if there is a new update file. If there is a new file, downloading begins.

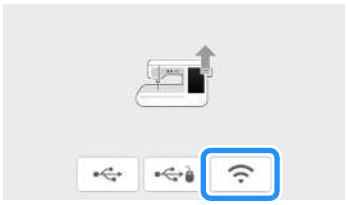
Note

- Do not turn off the machine during the download.
- Touch Pause to pause the download. To restart, touch Resume.

3. **When downloading is finished, turn off the machine, then hold down (Automatic threading button) while turning on the machine.**



4 **Touch** .



5 **Touch** Load **to update the machine.**

* Do not turn off the machine during the update.

Memo

- If there are changes or additions to functions, manuals available on the machine may be updated.

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My Stitch Monitor is a mobile app that monitors the operating conditions of your machine.
Visit the Google Play or App Store to download.

Design Database Transfer is a dedicated Windows application for wirelessly transferring embroidery data from a computer to the machine. This application can also be used to view and manage embroidery data.
Visit us at https://s.brother/caekb/ to download the application.

Various optional accessories are available to be purchased separately.
Visit our website **https://s.brother/coekb/**.

Please visit us at **https://s.brother/cpeah/** where you can get product support and answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs).

Be sure to install the latest software.
A variety of functional improvements are being performed in the latest version.

Instructional Videos

https://s.brother/cveah/

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