

# signature bath linens

Pump up plain-Jane towels and a shower curtain with machine embroidery

**N**othing is nicer than stepping into your bathroom and being greeted with a set of personalized towels. All you need is your embroidery machine to transform an ordinary set of fluffy towels into an extraordinary set. With such a fast, easy embellishment, you can whip up

a set for every single family member and house guest. And while you have your embroidery machine set up, embroider a subtle border on the shower curtain for style that spans the room.

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- ◆ Purchased towels and shower curtain
- ◆ Embroidery design of your choice/monogram software of your choice
- ◆ Printed templates for placement
- ◆ Coordinating embroidery thread
- ◆ Soft tear-away stabilizer and wash-away stabilizer for machine embroidery
- ◆ Temporary adhesive spray
- ◆ Embroidery machine
- ◆ Scissors

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## {COOLTIP}

**Choose a monogram from your embroidery machine's built-in lettering.** Test your design on a fabric scrap until you're pleased with the arrangement. For a modern look, use simple letters and one thread color. On smaller hand towels, embroider just a border.



# embroider your towels

If you are using a bright color embroidery thread on a light-colored towel, choose polyester embroidery thread. It is the most colorfast and least likely to bleed.



**1 Mark the placement.** Plan the placement using printed templates. Center the monogram slightly above the towel band, and mark the location with wash-away marker. The monogram shown here is 3 inches tall at the center.



**2 Hoop the towel.** Hoop soft tear-away stabilizer, then spray the stabilizer with temporary adhesive spray. Position the towel in the center of the hoop, using the placement lines drawn in step 1 as your guide. Place a piece of wash-away stabilizer in the hoop over the embroidery area.

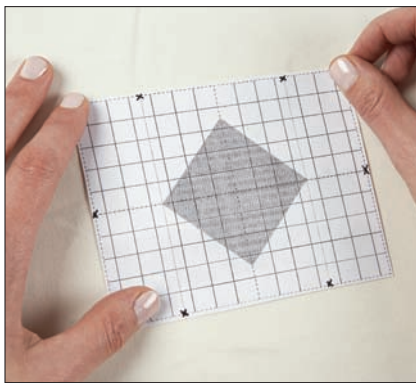


**3 Embroider.** Embroider the monogram. Then add a border on either side of the monogram if you want. To remove the stabilizer, gently tear it away from the top of the embroidery, as shown, and tear it away from behind.

**TIP:** If you want the embroidery to last longer, use bridal tulle in place of the wash-away stabilizer. Gently tear away the extra tulle.

# embroider your shower curtain

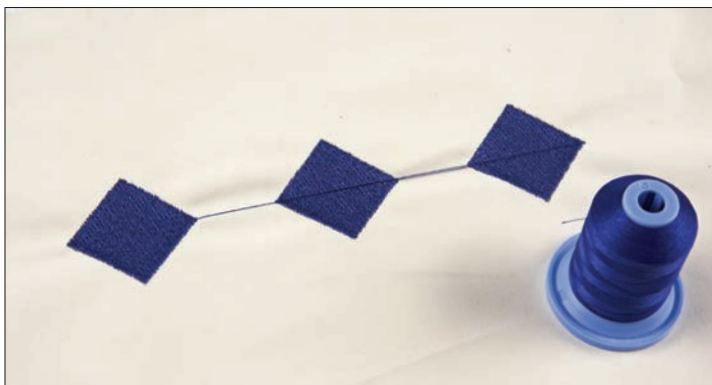
You can also embroider a monogram on your shower curtain. To save time, embroider only a few motifs, not the entire border, and make them larger for impact. Each diamond shown at left is 2½ inches tall.



**1 Mark the placement.** Plan the placement using motif templates printed from your computer. Center the border about a third of the way up the curtain, and mark the location with wash-away marker.



**2 Hoop the curtain.** Hoop soft tear-away stabilizer, then spray the stabilizer with temporary adhesive spray. Position the curtain in the center of the hoop, using the placement lines drawn in step 1 as your guide.



**3 Embroider.** If your shower curtain has a nap, place a piece of wash-away stabilizer in the hoop, covering the embroidery area on the surface of the curtain. If the shower curtain is smooth, you don't need it. Because the shower curtain is bigger and bulkier than a towel, baste in the hoop around your design first, if your machine has this feature. Embroider the motif. Then repeat across the curtain until you have embroidered the entire border; space the motifs 2½ inches apart. Remove the stabilizer.