



ITH Planter Band Tutorial

Materials Required:

-(2)Scrap pieces of vinyl or cork

3.5" x 3.5" for 3 x 3 bands

4.5" x 4.5" for 4 x 4 bands

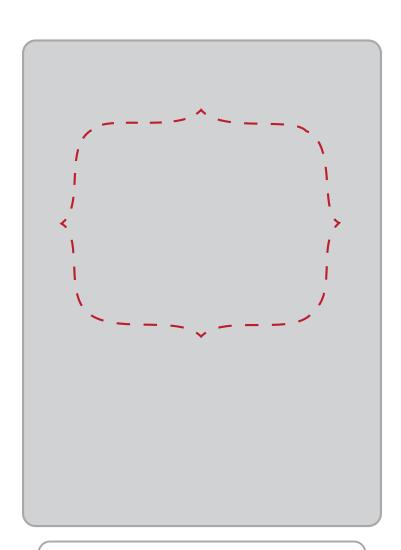
5.5" x 7.5" for 5 x 7 bands

- -Elastic (amount varies depending on size of pot see below)
- -Masking tape
- -Stabilizer

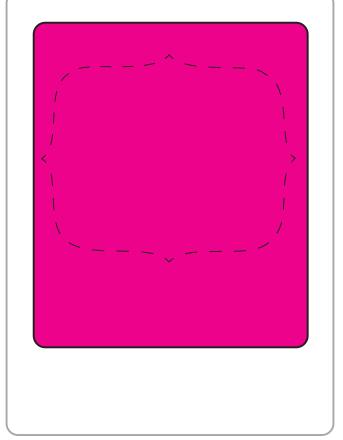


- -Measure the circumference of the pot where you want the band to sit. Subtract the width of the planter band you are making from the circumference of the pot (3" from 3" bands, 4.5" from 4" bands, 7" from 5x7 bands). So if your pot circumference is 10" and you are making a 4x4 band, cut the elastic to 6"
- -The elastic should be stretched a bit, when it is completed so that it stays up on the pot.. If the elastic is cut too long it will be loose and will not stay up on the pot.

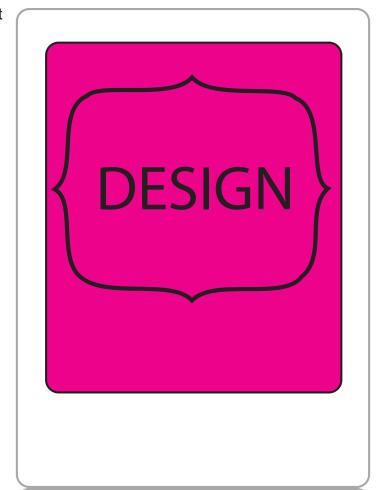
1) Hoop Stabilizer and run first step to stitch placement stitches.



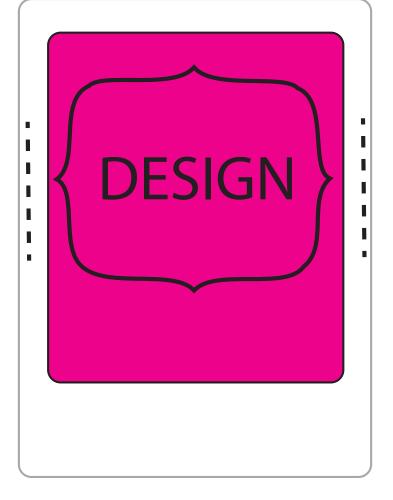
2) Place front material directly over placement stitches, ensuring all stitches are covered by the material.



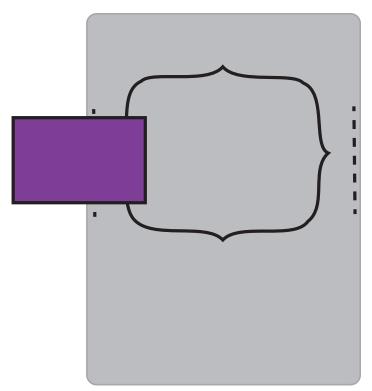
3) Run the design portion of the band on the front piece of vinyl (the amount of steps here will vary by design).



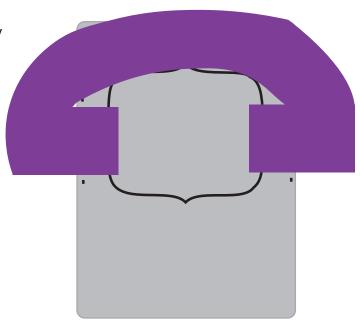
4) After running the design portion, run the next step to stitch out the placement lines for the elastic.



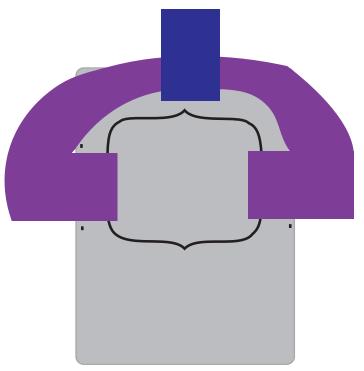
5) Remove the hoop from the machine and flip the hoop to the back side. Take one side of the elastic and place one short edge directly over the elastic placement stitches. Place the short edge so it is just slighlty inside the placement stitches from step 1. This should be WRONG side up if you are using patterned elastic. Run the next step to tack down this side of the elastic.



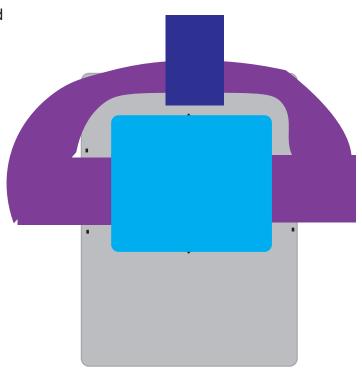
6) Take the other short end of the elastic and bring it to the other side of the band, Being careful not to twist the elastic. Use tape to secure over the placement stitches on the other side AND use tape to secure the remainder of the elastic out of the way so it does not get caught in stitching.



7) Take a moment to make sure that your elastic is secured completely out of the way of any placement stitches from step 1. This is important to ensure that the elastic will not be caught in any stitches from this point on. Use tape to secure well.



8) Place the second piece of material and place it on the BACK side of the hoop, directly over placement stitches from step 1. Secure in place and return hoop to the machine. Run the last step to tack down the back piece.



9) Unhoop materials and trim away excess, about 1/4" away from the stitches around all sides. Use care around elastic, ensuring that you do NOT cut elastic when you are trimming.

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