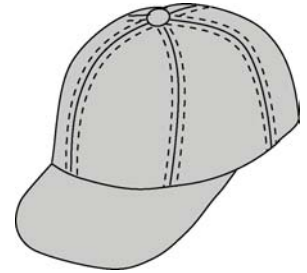


Embroidering on a Baseball Cap

Achieving excellent embroidery results on a baseball cap is easy if you follow these guidelines!

- **Choosing your cap....**

There are a variety of baseball “blanks” available for purchase. If you are going to be doing a number of the same design, be sure to try one, before you invest in a large quantity of one particular style. The best ones for embroidery are the five-panel types with a high crown. These come in a variety of fabric types, cotton, wool, poly blend etc. Experiment with different brands and find one you like.



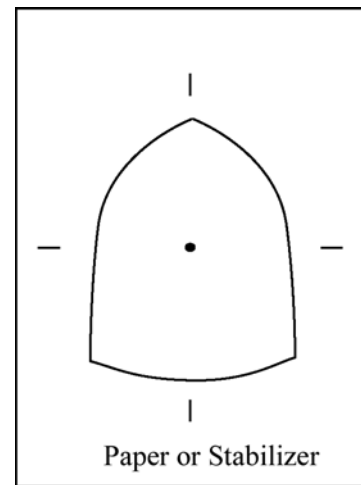
Some caps come with a fused buckram backing. These are quite stiff. They may require frequent needle changes, and/or experimentation with needles to prevent poor stitching resulting from a dull needle. The wool or wool blend caps are very popular and usually easy to work with. They tend to have a nice body to them. A softer cap is attained with a foam backed fabric. These are a good choice for embroidery.

- **Choosing a design for your cap...**

With so many different and wonderful designs in the Husqvarna Viking Collection and Embroidery Library to choose from you may have trouble deciding which design to use. Many are too large for the available space, but with the new “ReSize Plus” program, all can now be used! Measure the area to be embroidered, and “re-size” your embroidery accordingly.

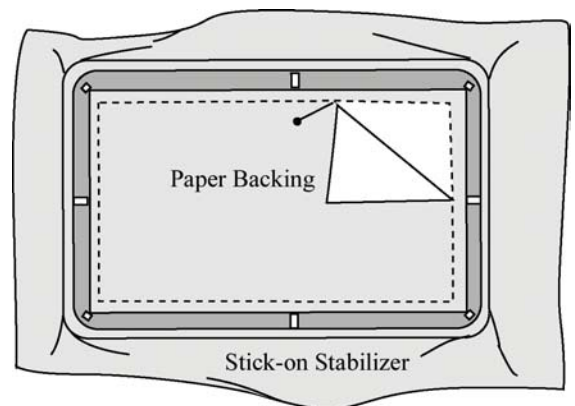
- **Make a placement template...**

Start by making a template out of a tear away stabilizer or paper. Place the stabilizer on the hat, and mark the shape of the embroidery area, ie. the panel shape. Mark the center starting point, and poke a hole there. This will enable you to lay your pattern over various embroidery designs, and “try them on for size”. You need to mark the vertical and horizontal markings as well. This will insure that your design placement is correct and straight. Transfer these markings to your cap using chalk or a Pictogram Pen.



- **Preparing the Hoop...**

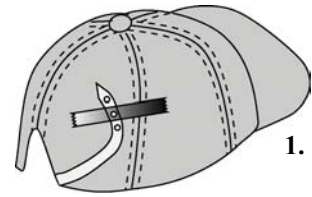
Place a piece of Stick-on Stabilizer in the hoop with the paper side up. There are various brands we like, “America Sews” Stick-on and Sulky’s Sticky. These all have a paper backing, that will be removed. After the Stick-on stabilizer is in the hoop, score an outline, close to the edge of the hoop, and remove the paper. This will expose the sticky surface, to stick the cap on to.



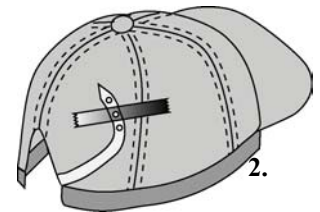
Placing the cap in the hoop...

To place the cap properly in the hoop, follow these steps:

1. Undo the strap at the back of the cap and tape it out of the way with scotch tape. A safety pin would also work.
2. Turn out the “sweat” band. This will enable you to embroider, without catching the band in the embroidery.
3. Place the hoop on a table with the top of the hoop to the left.

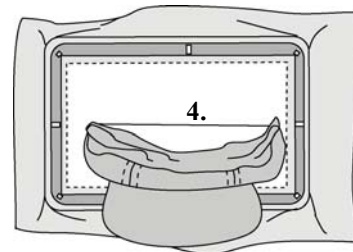


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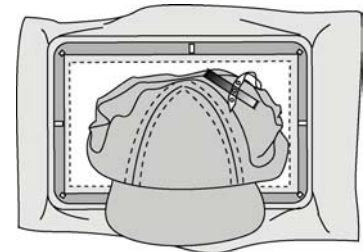


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4. Hold the cap with the bill facing you. Line up the center point and the horizontal lines. Smooth the cap onto the sticky surface.
5. Work at unfolding the cap gradually until the center panel to be embroidered is flat on the stabilizer.



4.



5.

To embroider your cap...

Slide the hoop onto the machine. Select your design. Touch the diagonal check size arrows $\frac{1}{2}$ to determine where the design is going to stitch. Use the move design arrows + =

to move the start point of the design if needed. Since the top of hat is to the right, the design needs to be rotated once $\bar{\text{m}}$.

To Baste the cap in place, on the Designer I, touch fix, then start/run. To baste in the hoop on #1+, you need to do it before you select the design. Touch Run, and when it reaches the side of the hoop, touch the **E**. Stitch to the edge and touch the $\bar{\text{m}}$ again. Continue until you have basted all four sides. Because the #1+ bastes out to the edge of the hoop, you need to watch and be sure it doesn't hit any parts of the hat that would cause a problem.

*As your Husqvarna Viking embroiders the cap, watch to be sure the embroidery area stays flat or “stuck” to the Stick-on stabilizer and the rest of the hat does not “flip” into the needle area. What fun to wear your cap and say, “I did it myself on my Husqvarna Viking!”