

Making frames from the beautifully stitched designs on Husqvarna Viking Disk 116, Flowers and Frames and Disk 119, Flowers and Frames 2 is easy! What you are really making is a mat to go around your photo. Usually, the mat is then put into a frame. But, you can back the mat, and use it as a frame if you want to!



Stitch out the desired design on cotton, linen or linen like blend. Hoop the fabric with Tear-A-Way Stabilizer behind the fabric. The design will stop for you to

cut out the inner circle, after the embroidery is stitched. Cut away just the fabric, and leave the stabilizer intact. It is OK to take the hoop out of the machine while cutting. Just don't take the fabric out of the hoop! Tear away the excess stabilizer and press the finished embroidery.

Cut a piece of mat board (available at art supply stores) the size needed to fit in your frame. If you don't want to place the finished mat in a frame, cut it to the overall size you want the finished mat to be. Lay your embroidery onto the mat board, centering the embroidered frame on the board. Using a Pictogram Pen, draw around the oval stitched opening on the mat board underneath. Draw just outside this line by about an eighth of an inch. The opening in the mat board should be slightly bigger than the opening in the embroidered fabric. Cut out this oval, with a Mat knife or utility knife. Check to be sure that the board doesn't show through and trim a bit more if necessary.

Use fabric glue, like Aleene's OK to Wash It, to glue the fabric to the mat board. Use just a small amount of glue around the oval opening. Don't glue the rest of the fabric. It isn't necessary. Fold the excess fabric to the back of the board. Trim, so that you have approximately 1" of fabric wrapping to the back. Glue in place with fabric glue and let dry thoroughly.

If the mat is to be placed in a frame, it is ready. If you want it to be the frame itself, cover the back with an additional piece of mat board. A stand up easel can be made from cardboard, and attached to the back of the frame using cloth tape as a "hinge". Trace the shape of the Easel back from a similar sized frame. Tape the easel back in place on the back of your frame.