

Programming Candlewicking

Candlewicking is an age old technique that was a popular way to create texture and embellish fabric when dyes and colored fabric was very expensive. It was used extensively in colonial America and is a hand embroidery technique featuring French knots.



Today we can program it on our Husqvarna Viking Sewing Machines. Be sure to snap on your Candlewicking Foot #412510845 before beginning to sew. The underside of the foot has a very deep groove to allow the buildup of thread to pass under the foot.

Select the zig zag stitch, A1:11. Adjust the length to 0.0 and the width to 2.0 or 2.5. On the Designer SE, touch X2 six times. On other models, select, adjust and enter the stitch six more times. Then touch straight stitch to enter the “traveling” stitch. You can put in several straight stitches at 2.5 or one at 6.0 length.

There are other ways to program the Candlewicking stitch.


No Hammer Candlewicking Stitch

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Here is an alternative way to program Candlewicking stitches. Peggy is the Martha Pullen coordinator for Husqvarna Viking and teaches classes at the Martha Pullen Sew Beautiful Schools. This is her “recipe” for perfect Candlewicking! These instructions are adapted from instructions written by Lynn Downing.

No Hammer Candlewicking Stitch Designer Se

1. Snap on your Candlewicking Foot #412 51 08-45 (Sold as an extra accessory).
Thread with 60 wt. cotton thread or 40 wt. embroidery thread on top and 60 wt. cotton thread in the bobbin. Reduce the tension slightly, if necessary until you don't see any bobbin thread on top.
2. Touch PROG.
3. Select the T MENU
4. From the right hand screen select
5. ▼, ▲, ▼, ▲, ▼, ▲, ▼, ▲, ▼
6. From the Stitch menu select A1:2 Stitch Length 0.0
7. Select A1:2 Stitch Length 4.0

8. To save in your U Menu (Favorite Stitches) just touch . Select the position where you would like it to be saved. It will now be saved for you to use in the future. To bring it up later, just select U Menu, then the stitch.

No Hammer Candlewicking Designer I:

1. Snap on your Candlewicking Foot #412 51 08-45. Thread with 60 wt. cotton thread or 40 wt. embroidery thread on top and 60 wt. cotton thread in the bobbin. Reduce the tension slightly, if necessary until you don't see any bobbin thread on top.
2. Touch Program
3. Designer I: MENU T: On Screen select 9 –16 (box in lower left corner) touch arrows as shown.
T15 → T10 ← four times
4. Touch → T15
5. Touch FIX
6. Touch MENU
7. MENU A: A2 Touch ADJUST, SL 3.5 Touch OK.
8. Touch REP

Another great candlewick stitch was created by Diana Cedolia:

Program: D43 Stitch Length 0, Stitch Width 2.0
D28 Stitch Length 1.5
D25
D25

Touch REP, Sew.

Candlewicking on the Husqvarna Viking Sapphire Sewing Machine

1. Snap on your Candlewicking Foot #412510845. (Sold as an accessory)
2. Thread with sewing thread or 40 wt. rayon embroidery thread on top and in the bobbin. Place stabilizer underneath the fabric.
3. Touch PROG.
4. Touch a Straight Stitch. Adjust the stitch length if desired. (This stitch is the distance between the Candlewick “Knots”.)
5. Touch zig zag. Adjust the length to 0. Adjust the width to 2.
6. Touch OK on the Navigator Button 6 times to enter the zig zag. At a length of 0 a total of 7 times.
7. Begin to sew.