

Supplies Needed

- **Your design created in Creative DRAWings®.**
In the fabric selection window in Creative DRAWings®, select a fabric type closest to the one you will be embroidering on.
- **Schmetz Stretch Needle size 75/11 or 90/14**
Choose a size that best suits the weight of your fabric.
- **Cut-Away Iron-On Stabilizer**
- **T-Shirt**
- **Mega Sheen Polyester Embroidery Thread**
Mega Sheen is colorfast, so it can be bleached without losing its beautiful color .
- **Chalk Pencil or Wash-Away Marker**

Instructions

1. Set your machine up for embroidery by loading the design you have created using **Creative DRAWings®**.
2. We will be embroidering with a **Schmetz Stretch** needle for this project since we will be working with a stretch fabric. The Stretch Needle has a specially designed needle tip and scarf (an indentation just above the eye) to prevent skipped stitches in knit fabric.
3. Chalk off where you would like your embroidery design to be on your shirt with your **chalk pencil** or **wash-away marker**. When you mark your shirt, make a "+" mark with the lines extending out (to help with hooping your shirt straight). Always choose the smallest hoop your design will fit in when embroidering. Doing this will save you money on materials such as stabilizer. The smaller the hoop, the "less bounce" there will be while embroidering, and less chance of mis-stitches. *If this does happen, you can take a permanent marker and draw in any spots that need to be covered.*
4. Now cut a piece of **Iron-On Cut-Away Stabilizer** big enough for the hoop you will be using. Take the piece of stabilizer you just cut and iron it on the underside of the shirt (where your embroidery will be placed). *We are using an iron-on stabilizer so that when we hoop our shirt our fabric doesn't stretch. If the fabric were to be stretched, the design and fabric would be puckered once released from the hoop. Also, this is a type of cut-away. We need to use cut-away for any type of fabric that stretches. If we don't use a cut-away the stitches may warp when the shirt is washed. Cut-away stabilizer holds the stitches in place for the life of the garment.*
5. Now hoop your shirt. Watch your chalk marks and line them up with the centering lines on your embroidery hoop so you hoop the fabric straight. *Don't forget to do a trial on your machine to make sure you're clear to go!*
6. Thread your machine with your first color of **Mega Sheen Thread**. **Mega Sheen** is made color fast so that it can be bleached without losing its beautiful color. *This comes in handy when embroidering on children's clothing!*

You are now ready to embroider! Using these Creative Tips & Tricks will help you on your way to successful and beautiful embroidery results every time.

