

## [It's Sew Easy TV Series 1300](#)

### **Western Shirt with Machine Embroidered Yokes & Cuffs**



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Do your vacation plans include a trip to the rodeo or a destination vacation on a real dude ranch? If so, you will enjoy making and wearing an authentic style western shirt. Maybe you just love the look of classic western wear. The machine embroidered accents on this shirt have a classic look so feel free to wear anywhere! North, South and East and West too! This project will give you some tips and ideas for adding rows of embroidered accents to blank areas on many garments. Are you ready? Let's go sew!

#### **Materials and Supplies featured in this episode:**

- [Brother XV8500D Sewing and Embroidery Machine](#)
- [Brother Embroidery Thread and Bobbin Thread](#)
- [Coats Dual Duty XP](#)
- [Brother 12 X 4 Border Frame](#)
- [Brother 9.5 X 14 Hoop](#)
- [Dritz Snap Fastener](#)
- [Dritz Pearl Snaps](#)
- [Folkwear Pattern #212](#)
- [Wrapped in Embroidery](#) design CD collection

**Pattern Notes:** I used the women's pattern option (View E) with the traditional curved yokes and eliminated the pockets. Since I don't plan to wear the shirt completely closed I chose to delete snaps at the neckline. I also added pre-purchased black piping to tie in with the black embroidery motifs.



**Folkwear #521 Five Frontier Shirts**  
Western shirts for men and women.  
Visit [www.folkwear.com](http://www.folkwear.com) for more information  
and additional western wear patterns.  
You'll find even more stylish and authentic  
patterns on this inspiring website.

### **General Instructions for Creating Embroidered Fabric Sections:**

Decide what sections you want to embroider. This shirt features embroidered front and back yokes and cuffs.



Cut fabric pieces larger than the pattern piece and make sure they fit within the hoop you'll use for embroidery. Fuse lightweight interfacing to the wrong side so you can embroider without added stabilizer. I prefer [Lightweight Weft Insertion](#) type interfacing. Note: You could use a layer of cotton lawn in place of interfacing if you prefer not to fuse.

Create an embroidery design to fit the shape of the pattern piece. To make sure the design will fit the pattern area you can use printed templates, take careful measurements, or use the scanning feature as I did on the Brother Dream Machine. I started by taping the pattern to the fabric in the hoop, selected my first motif, and then scanned the hoop to create a combination design to fit the scanned image on the embroidery screen.

Icon for scanning fabric in the hoop



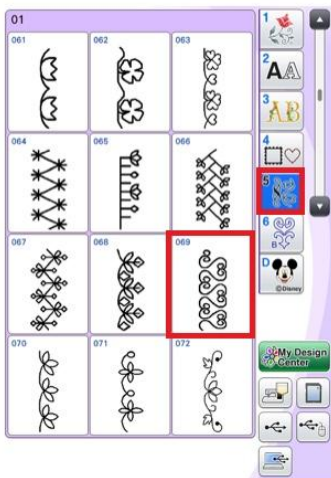
**Tips:** As an alternative you can trace the pattern shape onto the fabric. Keep full motifs like the featured scroll designs away from the seam allowance to avoid cutting them off. Feel free to alter the shape of yokes slightly if necessary. You could even design your own unique yoke shape. Yokes are placed on top of the main garment piece and then topstitched in place.

The border hoop is ideal for embroidering strips cut for cuffs.

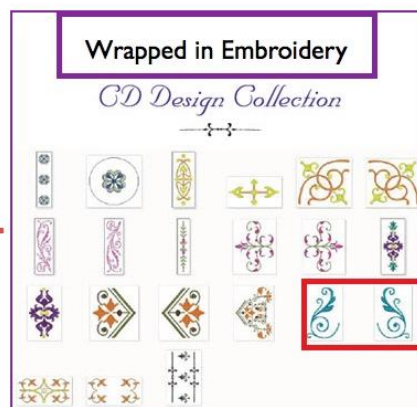


This shirt features a combination design created using a re-sized scroll motif, along with repeat rows of a Utility Embroidery pattern built-in to the Dream Machine.

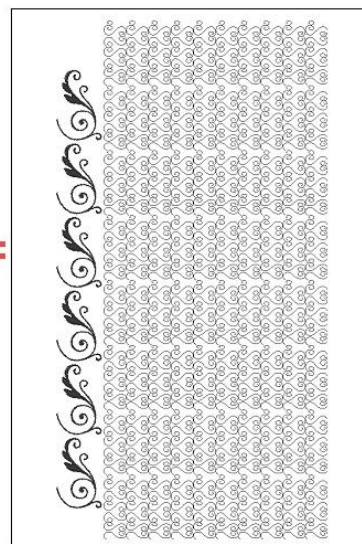
Design Combination for Front Yokes



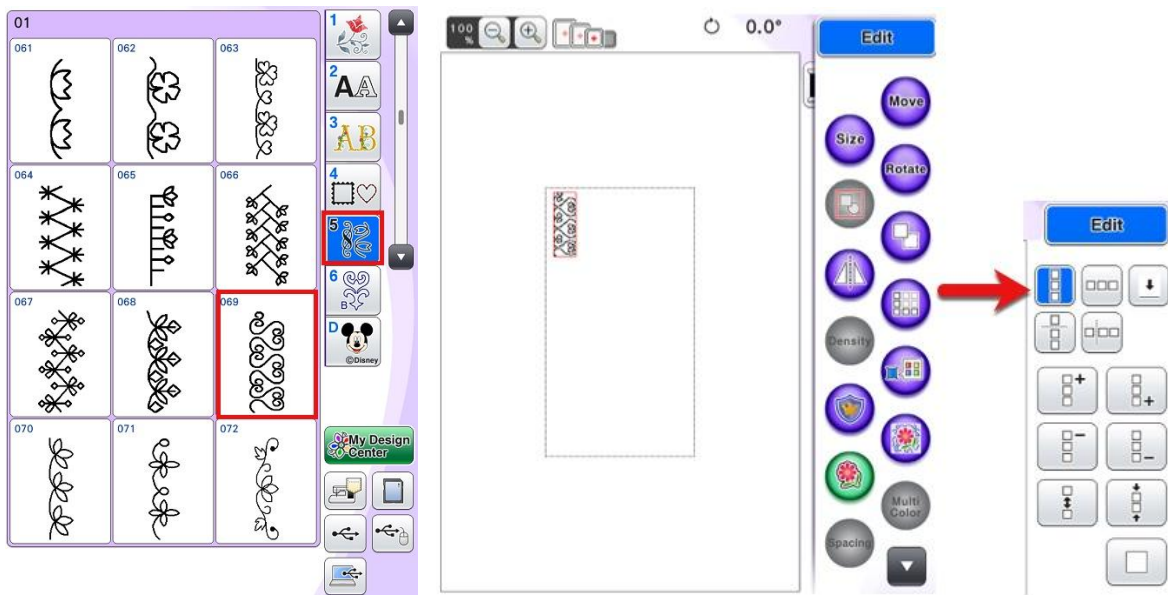
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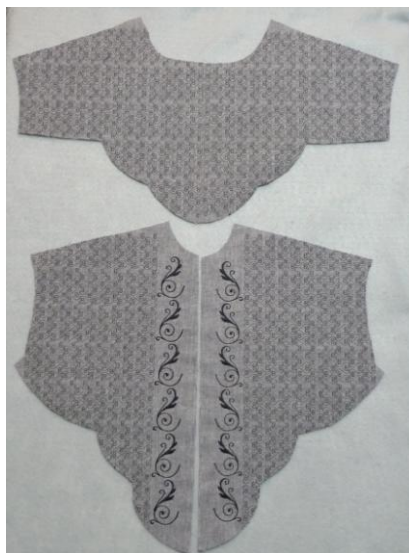
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Evenly spaced rows of decorative stitching are created using the border function in the machine. Create vertical or horizontal repeat rows of patterns using tools found in Edit mode. See example below:



As an alternative you could use rows of decorative stitches from the sewing side of the machine. When you're finished stitching place pattern pieces on your stitched blocks of fabric and cut.



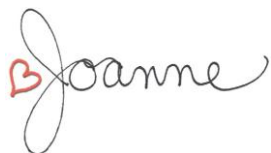
Complete the shirt using pattern directions as a guide. Add piping if you like and stitch yokes onto shirt pieces using a piping foot. Add pearl snaps for an authentic look. I hope you enjoy making your own western wear with embroidered flair!



## Additional Resources:

- You may be interested in reading about a project where the repeat pattern feature was used to decorate blocks for a denim jacket. You can [CLICK HERE](#) to visit my blog and read more about it.
- Visit the Brother web site at [www.brother-usa.com](http://www.brother-usa.com) for Free embroidery designs, project instructions, and tutorials. Be sure to visit the [Official Brother Blog](#) for even more great ideas and information!
- Visit your local [Brother sewing machine dealer](#) for Brother Machines, Brother software programs, and special machine accessories to help you create custom items.
- I invite you to visit me at my Sewing and Embroidery website, [www.letsdosew.com](http://www.letsdosew.com) for more tips, lessons, & free downloads. I would love to hear your thoughts, comments, and answer any questions you may have.
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Happy Sewing!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne". The letter "J" is written in red, while the rest of the name is in black ink.