

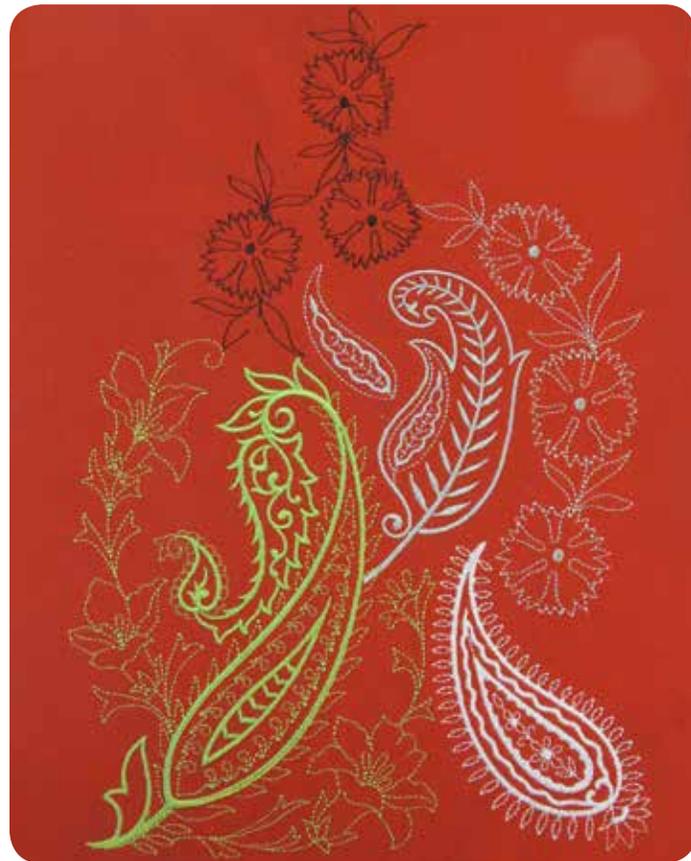


Paisley Skirt

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Large embroidered areas don't have to be stitched in a jumbo hoop. In fact, it's easier to hoop finished blanks in smaller hoops. A simple pencil skirt takes on a whole new look with embroidered floral and paisley elements. And this large design would fit in a jumbo hoop if I was stitching it on plain fabric.

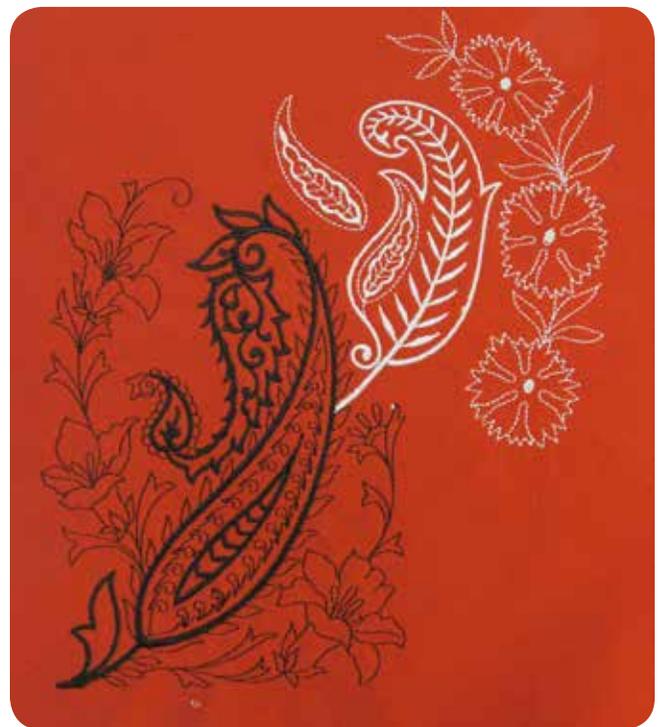
But since I'm decorating a skirt – it's a bit more challenging to hoop the skirt and keep the design area open. So I'll break this large task down into smaller elements. This example shows all of the designs stitched in different colors so you can see the individual hoopings.



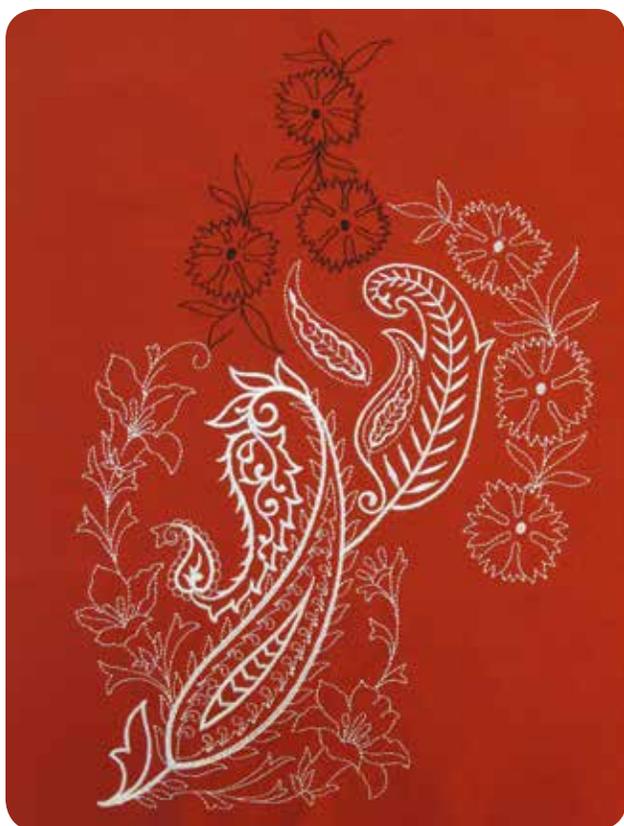
The first design is the anchor.



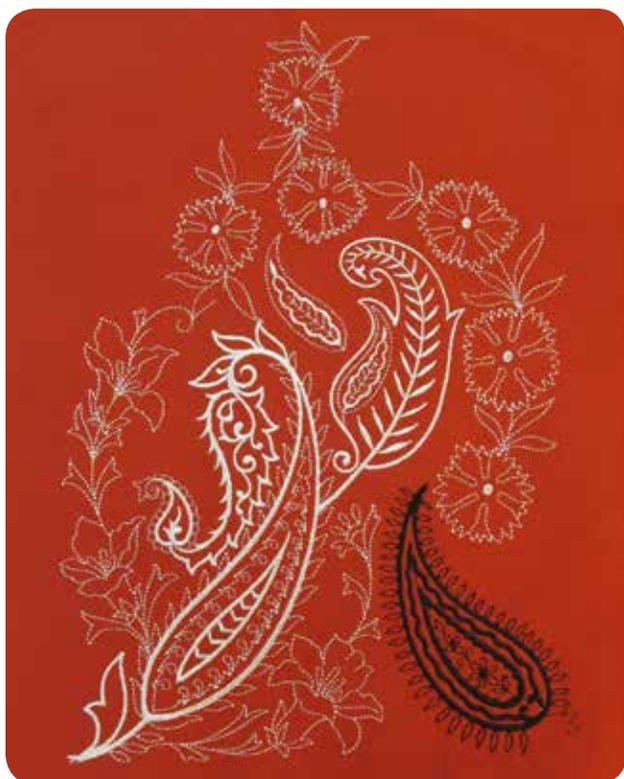
Design 2 touches the first design at one point.



Design 3 extends above the others.



Design 4 is the final design.



Fuse cut-away stabilizer to the wrong side of the skirt and hoop the skirt, centering the first template in the hoop. Now, nest the skirt around the hoop and slide the hoop onto the machine. I'm using a flat, magnetic hoop because it doesn't leave any hoop burn or distort the delicate knit fibers.

The needle should be centered over the template's cross hair if I want the design to land exactly where I planned. Turn on the DREAM machine needle cam and take a look at the position. Use the jog keys to move the hoop. Center the needle over the crosshair, remove the template and stitch the design.

Once the first design is complete, rehoop for design #2. Remember, you want to center the template as best you can in the frame. Back to the machine and attach the hoop. This time, I really want to make sure the design matches the template's position perfectly because I want the satin stems to touch. Scan the hooped fabric to view it on the screen.

If the printing on the template and the design on the screen are all the same color, you can easily change the color of the image on the screen. Touch Edit and select the spool. Select a new color from the palette. Now it's easier to align the design with the template. Once you're satisfied with the placement, remove the template and stitch the design. Continue rehooping until all three designs are stitched.

Resources

The featured embroidery designs are from Inspirations' Paisley Perfection Collection are available at your local Inspirations dealers. You can find a dealer at www.inspiredbydime.com

You can learn more about magnetic hoops here: <http://www.shop.dzgns.com/collections/designs-in-machine-embroidery-snap-hoop-hooping-systems>