

Embroidered Mouse Pad

Add some flair to your desktop with an embroidered pad!

Mouse pads are easily customizable when you add your favorite embroidery designs and thread colors. They make wonderful gifts!

Read below for these free project instructions.

Supplies

Supplies Needed:

**Foam mouse pad (2mm thick or a bit less than 1/8 inch thick, without a hard plastic coating)

**Medium weight cutaway stabilizer

**Temporary spray adhesive

**Masking tape

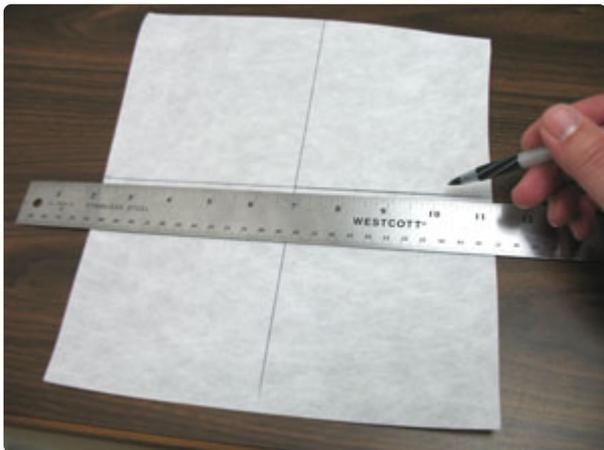
Designs used:

[Celtic Unicorn Circle \(small\)](#),
[Majestic Letter K \(Redwork\) - 3 Inch](#)

These designs are available in the following design packs:

[A Celtic Fantasy Design Pack -](#)

Steps To Complete



To begin, cut a piece of medium weight cutaway stabilizer a bit larger than your hoop. Then, using a straight edge, draw a crosshair in the center.

Create a paper template of the design by printing it at full size using embroidery software. If you don't have embroidery software, you can cut a piece of paper the shape and dimensions of the designs to help with placement and centering.



Position the template on the mouse pad where you want it. Then, lay strips of masking tape under the axis lines on the template. Poke a hole in the center of the template and mark the tape. Also, mark the horizontal and vertical axis points.



Remove the template and draw lines to connect the axis points.



Hoop the stabilizer tightly by aligning the marks on the hoop with the lines on the stabilizer. Then, generously spray the stabilizer with temporary adhesive.



Align the lines on the tape with the lines on the stabilizer and press the mouse pad in place.



Attach the hoop to the machine and load the design. Move the hoop so that the needle is directly over the center point on the tape. Remove the tape and embroider the design. Avoid using metallic thread and white or very light colored thread - these types may cause optical mice to not perform properly.



After the design has finished, unhoop the stabilizer and trim away the excess on the back of the embroidery.



We noticed that after the stabilizer is trimmed away the mouse pad was just a bit warped. To correct this, you may press the mouse pad using a pressing cloth and an iron set on its lowest heat setting.



Your mouse pad is now complete!