



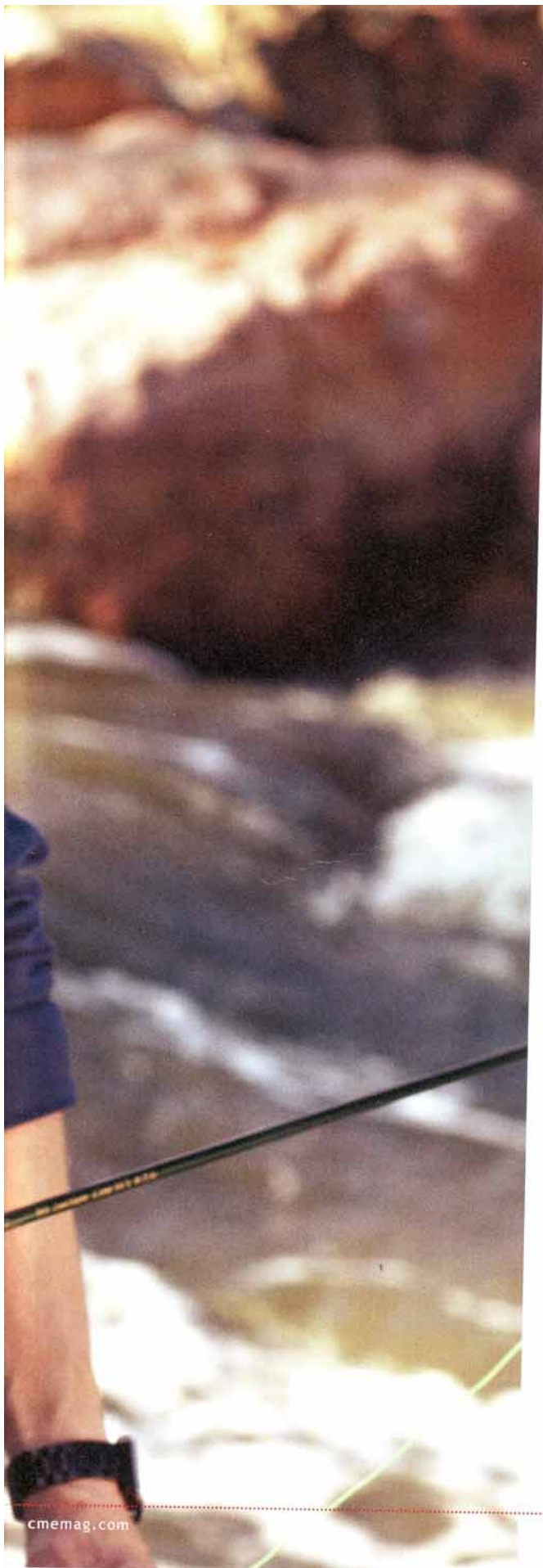
# GONE FISHING

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54 CREATIVE MACHINE EMBROIDERY



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Send your fisherman away for the weekend wearing a practical yet rugged fishing vest and hat. Add fishing or camping designs to the hat and each vest pocket for added flair.



## SHOPPING LIST

### Vest

- ready-made fishing vest
- embroidery software with editing capabilities
- tear-away stabilizer
- temporary spray adhesive
- thread: bobbin & embroidery
- fishing-themed embroidery designs

## Get Started

- Measure the length and width of each vest pocket flap; record.
- Determine which design to place on each flap. For the featured vest, the fishing rod is placed on the upper flaps, the oars and boat are placed on the lower right flaps and the tent and campfire are placed on the lower left flaps (A).



**A** Determine placement for each design on each flap.

# EDITING SOFTWARE

Even though basic editing functions can be performed on the machine's screen, embroidery software with editing capabilities has more features, including the ability to:

- Instantly decrease the design size by 50% or less or enlarge it 200% or more.
- Automatically recalculate the stitch count after enlarging or decreasing designs.
- Retain the original fill pattern after resizing designs.
- Adjust the density after resizing designs.
- Mirror-image designs vertically and horizontally.
- Rotate designs to any angle.
- Resize designs to fit within the hoop dimensions.
- Automatically rotate designs to fit within the hoop.
- Insert or delete colors or jump stitches.
- Join or split designs.
- Edit individual parts of the design.
- Change the stitch order.
- Incorporate patterns and images.
- Reshape objects.

- Open a new page in the software program. Resize each design so it fits within the determined flap measurements. For the featured vest, the fishing rod was enlarged 10%, the tent was decreased 15%, the campfire and canoe were enlarged 5% and the oars were rotated 90° to the left and enlarged 15%.
- Once satisfied with the design sizes, print a template of each design. Save each design in the appropriate machine format.

## Embroider

- Pin each design template to the determined flap. Hoop a piece of tear-away stabilizer. Position one

flap over the stabilizer, centering the template within the hoop. Secure the flap to the stabilizer using temporary spray adhesive.

- Load the corresponding design onto the machine. Position the machine needle over the template cross marks. Remove the template and embroider the design. Once the embroidery is complete, remove the hoop from the machine and the flap from the hoop. Tear away the stabilizer.
- Repeat to embroider the remaining designs on each flap. For the featured vest, the fishing rod on the upper left flap was rotated 180° to mirror the design on the upper right flap.

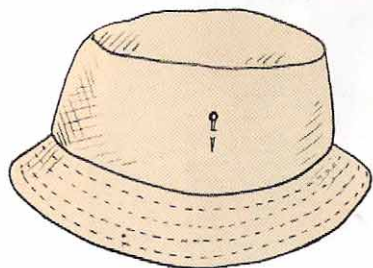




## SHOPPING LIST

### Hat

- ready-made fishing hat
- embroidery software with editing capabilities
- tear-away stabilizer
- temporary spray adhesive
- thread: bobbin & embroidery
- fishing-themed embroidery design



**B** Pin-mark hat center front.

## Get Started

- Measure the width of the middle hat panel; record. Find the center front of the middle hat panel; pin-mark **(B)**.
- Open a new page in the software program. Open the chosen design onto the page and resize it to fit within the panel width. For the featured hat, the fish was decreased 30%.
- Once satisfied with the design size, save the design in the appropriate machine format. Print a template of the design, and position it over the pin mark.

## Embroider

- Hoop a piece of tear-away stabilizer. Place the hat over the stabilizer, centering the template cross marks within the hoop. Secure

the hat to the stabilizer using temporary spray adhesive.

- Load the chosen design onto the machine. Position the machine needle over the template cross marks. Remove the template and embroider the design. Hold the hat so it doesn't shift during embroidery. Once the embroidery is complete, remove the hoop from the machine and the hat from the hoop. Tear away the stabilizer close to the design edges. ■

### DESIGNS

Hat: Amazing Designs, Here Fishy, Fishy, Fishy I, #ADC49, Fish (ADC-49HFF108); amazingdesigns.com  
 Vest: Amazing Designs, Guys Weekend 1, #ADC60, Campfire (ADC-60GW109), Canoe (ADC-60GW110), Fishing Rod and Reel (ADC-60GW102), Oars (ADC-60GW107), Tent (ADC-60GW108); amazingdesigns.com

### SOURCES

Baby Lock provided the Embroidery Professional Plus and Madeira embroidery thread: babylock.com.  
 Designer's Gallery provided SizeWorks editing embroidery software: designersgallerysoftware.com.