

Tutorials – Baby stroller/car seat cover-up

This light weight cover up is the perfect “blanket” to throw over a baby to block the blast of air from an air conditioning unit. It is also light enough to throw over a stroller or car seat to block the sun and let baby take a nap.

Materials and Supplies

- Brother Sewing/Embroidery combo machine with continuous border feature for aligning designs:



NV 4000D, Duetta, NV5000, Quattro & Quattro2

- Approx 1 yard of main fabric.
- Approx ½ yard of contrasting fabric for the top
- Sewing thread to match fabrics
- Embroidery threads to stitch designs.
- Brother tear away stabilizer [SA 5810](#)
- The Designs used are on Brother Card #SA352



1. Cut 1 piece of fabric that is 30" x 36". This will be the main part of the cover.
2. Cut 1 piece of fabric that is 30" x 14". This will be the contrasting band.
3. Fold the band in half lengthwise. Press a crease that will be the top fold of the band and will also serve as a straight line to follow when hooping the fabric. Fold short ends together and mark the center point of the band.
4. Hoop the unfolded band in the border hoop or your hoop of choice. Take care to keep the crease as straight as possible.
5. Set up the lettering using on-screen or software lettering. Select the continuous border icon on

the machine screen



6. Select the thread marks icon
7. Apply thread marks at the beginning and end of the lettering. [Figure 1](#)

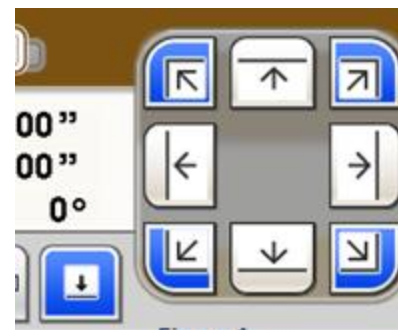


Figure 1

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8. Stitch the design and thread marks – rehoop the fabric to provide room to add a teddy bear design to one end.
9. Add thread marks to the bear design. One thread mark is circled in red. This will be the one used to line up to Grandpa Bear. [Figure 2](#)
10. Select the second design (Grandpa Bear was mirror imaged  to face the correct direction.)
11. Add thread marks – Press Close>Edit End>Sewing. [Figure 3](#)



Figure 2

12. Select the Trial icon  and choose a point on the 9 point grid that will match with the existing point on the already stitched design. Align the needle so it is right over the point of the existing thread mark from the first design and stitch the next design. (Quattro & Quattro2) have the camera feature that can be used to help with this. [Figure 4](#)
13. Select the next bear and add the thread marks. Use the trial icon to find the correct match point. Stitch the design.

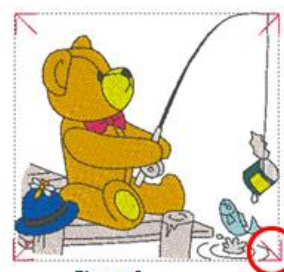


Figure 3



Figure 4

14. Remove excess stabilizer.

Putting the cover together:

1. On 3 sides of the main fabric (leave 1 short side not hemmed as it will be inserted into the band.) turn up $\frac{1}{2}$ " and press, and then turn up another $\frac{1}{2}$ " and press. Do this on three sides. Stitch near the folded edge to hem the cover. A decorative stitch was used on the sample piece.
2. A hem will add weight to the cover to help it lay nicely. It is more durable than a serged edge.

[Figure 5](#)



Figure 5

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3. Lay the band RS up on a flat surface. Align the cover RS down. The band will extend past the edge of the cover. The red line is the stitching line. Stitch a $\frac{3}{4}$ " seam. Press the seam up towards the band. [Figure 6](#)



Figure 6

4. On the long unstitched edge of the band press a $\frac{3}{4}$ " hem to the wrong side of the fabric.
5. Flip the turned up hem over the embroidery. They will be RS together. Place the hem just slightly *below* the bottom of the band. Stitch the two short ends together. The red line shows the stitching line. Repeat on the opposite end. [Figure 7](#)



Figure 7

6. Flip the band back to the back side and press the edges. (The side seam edges are neatly concealed inside the band.)
7. Pin the band back in place, take care to cover the stitching where the main part of the cover and the band front are joined.
8. On the front side – stitch in the ditch to catch the backside and finish the piece. A decorative stitch could also be used. The red line is the stitching line.
9. Enjoy the finished project. [Figure 8](#)



Figure 8