



Moonlight Serenade Mug Rug Instructions and Color Chart

Project Hoop Size
8" x 12" (200mm x 300mm)
Complete In-the-Hoop Project



Welcome to Desiree's Mug Rug Club 2019. We hope you enjoy your October Mug Rug "Moonlight Serenade". This mug rug can be sewn out in an 8" x 12" hoop. Don't be superstitious, just throw a pinch of salt over your shoulder, knock on wood and start sewing.

I can't wait to see what you create! If you post pictures of your Mug Rugs make sure you tag us #Desireesmugrugclub so I can see them!

Happy Sewing!

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We always recommend Sulky® Threads and Stabilizers as well as The Warm Company® for their batting and fusible.



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The fabrics listed are a bit oversized but will be trimmed to fit.

Fabric Requirements for 8"x 12" hoop

9" x 12" piece of background fabric
6"x 8 1/2" piece of black fabric for cat head and body
3"x 4 1/2" piece of black fabric for cat's tail
7"x7" square of yellow fabric for moon
5 1/2"x 3 1/2" of orange fabric for pumpkin
1 1/2"x 2" piece of inner ear fabric (cut 2)
7" x 9" piece of backing fabric (cut 2)
9" x 12" piece of batting

Other things needed:

Sulky's KK-2000® temporary spray adhesive

Stabilizer-Sulky's® Soft'n Sheer Cut Away Stabilizer
Thread

Washi or Paper Tape for backing

Color Chart for Moonlight Serenade

- a). Hoop Size - 8" x 12"
- b). Thread Count - 20,935 stitches
- c). Thread Changes - 10
- d). Thread Colors - 8
 - 1). Sulky® 40wt. Rayon #942-1005 Black
 - 2). Sulky® 40wt. Rayon #942-1333 Sunflower Gold
 - 3). Sulky® 40wt. Rayon #942-1831 Limeade
 - 4). Sulky® 40wt. Rayon #942-1166 Med. Steel Gray
 - 5). Sulky® 40wt. Rayon #942-1181 Rust
 - 6). Sulky® 40wt. Rayon #942-1272 Hedge Green
 - 7). Sulky® 40wt. Rayon #942-1187 Mimosa Yellow
 - 8). Sulky® 40wt. Rayon #942-1001 Bright White
- e). Dimensions - 196.4mm x 242.8mm

*We are calling out in Rayon
but you can use a Polyester*

Term Glossary

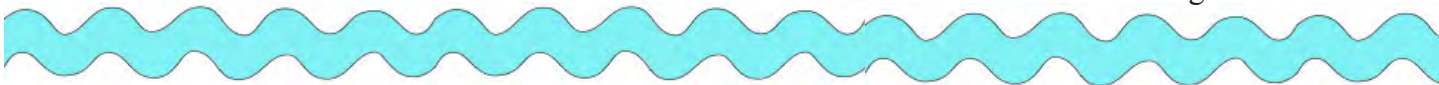
RSU- Right Sides Up
RST-Right Sides Together
RSD-Right Sides Down
RSO- Right Sides Out



Indicates embroidery



Indicates thread change



Desiree's Tip:

There are two methods that you can use to appliqué your fabric pieces on to your mug rug.

Method 1 is to pre-cut your pre-fused fabric pieces using the SVG file and your home cutting machine. You will need to use the fusible appliqué technique. Remove the hoop from the machine after the placement stitch has been sewn and place your fused pieces in place. Make sure your pieces are within and covering the placement lines. When satisfied use a hot iron to secure it to your background fabric. You will then proceed to the tack down step. SVG files are included with our embroidery files.

Method 2 is to lay your fabric completely over the placement line making sure to cover all of the placement line stitches. You can do this without removing the hoop from your machine. Make sure that the fabric lays flat and that there are no wrinkles. Remember your fabric is not secured to your background fabric at this point. I often will use KK-2000 to temporarily hold my fabrics in-place during sewing.

Use your preferred method. **Method 2** was used for this mug rug.

Step-by-Step Instructions for the Moonlight Serenade Mug Rug

***Note:** All thread colors are merely a suggestion. If following our thread choices make sure you **do not** follow the thread color called out on the machine. Refer to our color chart and these instructions for more accurate color choices. You can use Rayon or Polyester threads, if you plan on washing your Mug Rug often you might want to use Polyester. Pick your thread colors according to the fabric colors you choose. Be creative and make your mug rug in different color ways. Have fun!!*

Step 1 - Stitch the first step: **tack down stitch**. Hoop up a piece of stabilizer. Lay your 9"x 12" piece of batting on top of the hooped stabilizer in the center of your hoop. You can spray batting with KK-2000 to help hold it in place. Place the hoop into the machine and it will sew the tack down stitch to secure the batting. Trim the excess batting (Sulky® 40wt Rayon #942-1005 Black).



Step 3 - Stitch the next step: The machine will sew a circular stitch. Cut away your background fabric on the inside of this stitch. Be careful not to cut your batting and stabilizer.



Step 2 - Stitch the next step: **tack down stitch**. Lay your (9" x 12") piece of background fabric on top of your batting, RSU, making sure that you cover all of the batting by at least 1/2" on all sides. You can spray the fabric with KK-2000 to help hold it in place. The machine will sew a tack down stitch to secure the background fabric. Do not trim excess fabric at this time.



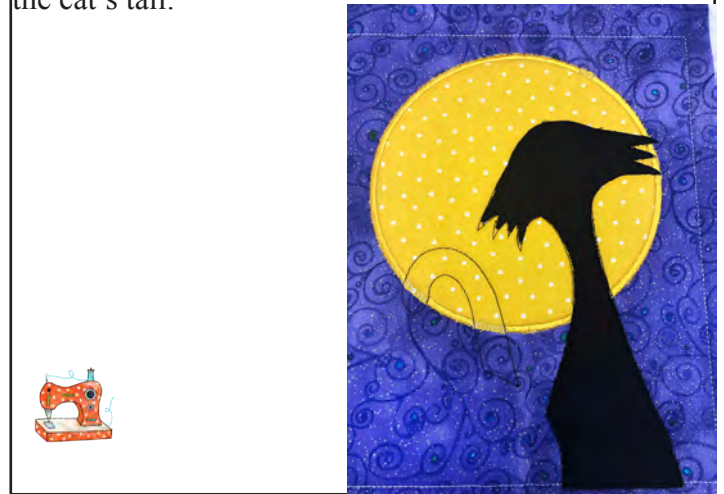
Step 4 - Stitch the next step: **placement stitch** for the moon.



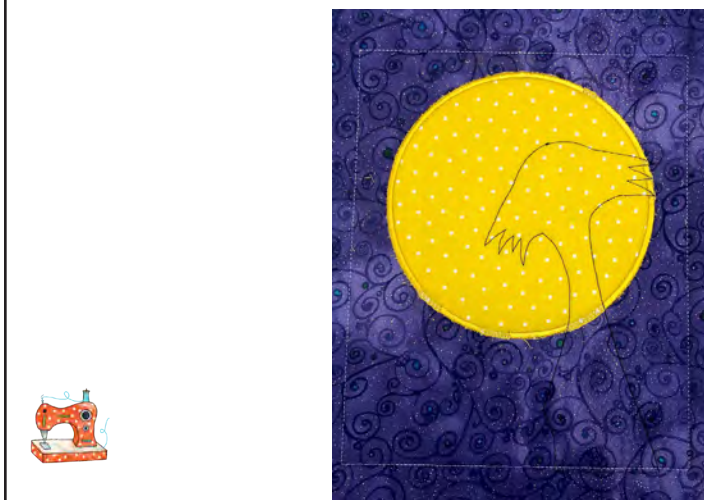
Step 5 - Stitch the next step: *tack down stitch* for the moon. Place your 7" square piece of yellow moon fabric so that it completely covers the placement stitch. The machine will sew the tack down stitch to secure the moon. Trim away excess fabric.



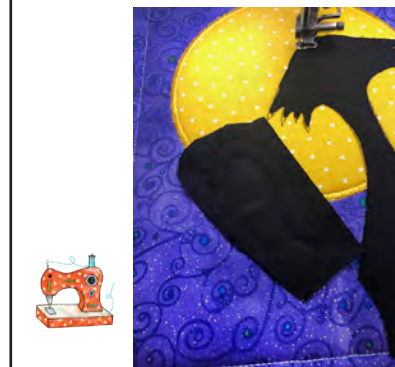
Step 8 - Stitch the next step: *placement stitch* for the cat's tail.



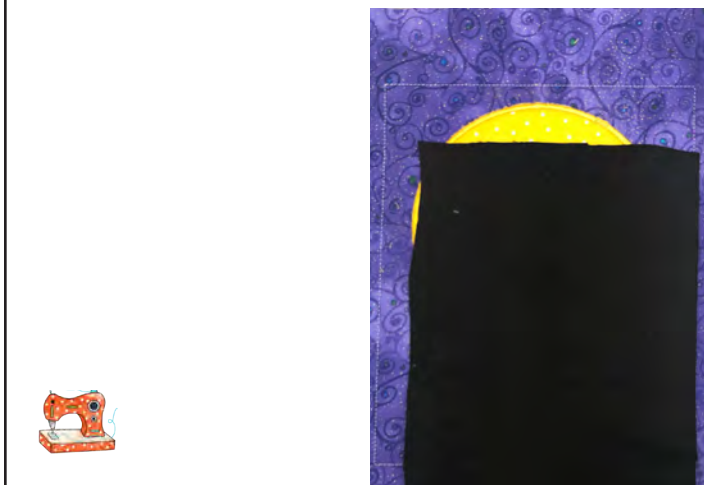
Step 6 - Stitch the next step: *placement stitch* for the cat's head and body.



Step 9 - Stitch the next step: *tack down stitch* for the cat's tail. Place the 3"x 4 1/2" piece of black fabric so that it completely covers the placement stitch. The machine will sew the tack down stitch to secure the fabric. Trim away excess fabric.



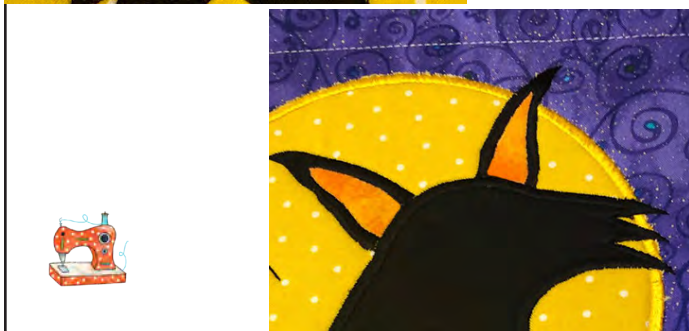
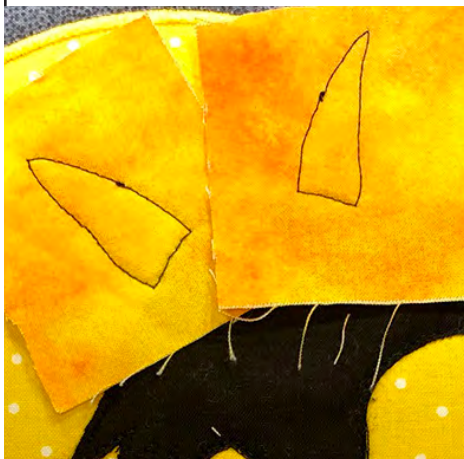
Step 7 - Stitch the next step: *tack down stitch* for the cat's head and body. Place your 6"x 8 1/2" black fabric so that it completely covers the placement stitch. The machine will sew the tack down stitch to secure the fabric. Trim away excess fabric.



Step 10 - Stitch the next step: *placement stitch* for both inner ears.



Step 11 - Stitch the next step: *tack down stitch* for the both inner ears. Place one of the 1 1/2" x 2" piece of inner ear fabric over each placement stitch so that it completely covers the placement stitch. Make sure that the fabrics do not overlap one another. The machine will sew the tack down stitch to secure the fabric. Trim away excess fabric.



Step 12 - Stitch the next step: *placement stitch* for the pumpkin.



Step 13 - Stitch the next step: *tack down stitch* for the pumpkin. Lay your 5 1/2" x 3 1/2" pumpkin fabric so that it completely covers all of the placement stitch. The machine will tack down the fabric to secure it in place. Trim away excess fabric.



Step 14 - Stitch the next step: the machine will sew a satin stitch around the moon (Sulky® 40wt Rayon #942-1333 Sunflower Gold).



Step 15 - Stitch the next step: the machine will embroider both eyes (Sulky® 40wt Rayon #942-1831 Limeade).



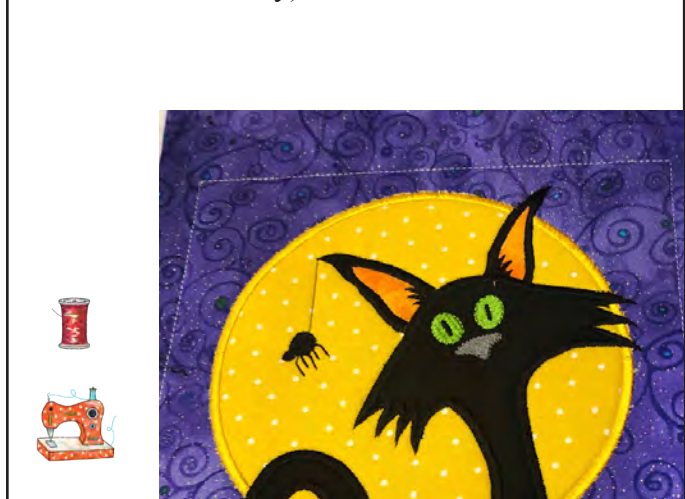
Step 16 - Stitch the next step: the machine will sew a satin stitch around the cat, the fur inside the ear and it will embroider the spider (Sulky® 40wt Rayon #942-1005 Black).



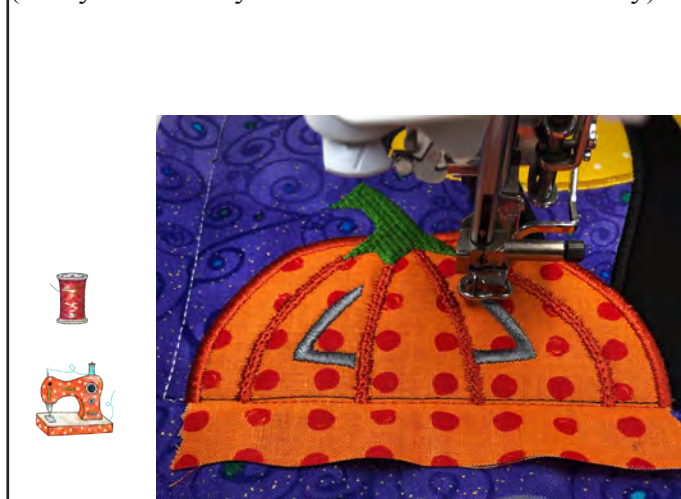
Step 19 - Stitch the next step: the machine will embroider the stem of the pumpkin (Sulky® 40wt Rayon #942-1272 Hedge Green).



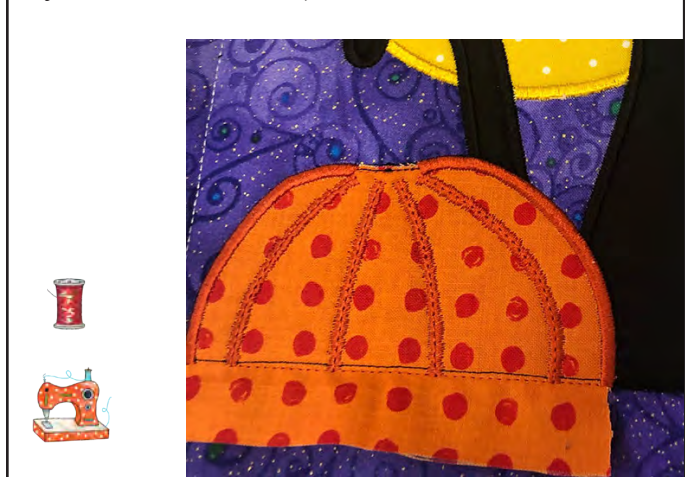
Step 17 - Stitch the next step: the machine will embroider the cat's nose (Sulky® 40wt Rayon #942-1166 Med. Steel Gray).



Step 20 - Stitch the next step: the machine will embroider the shading in the pumpkin's eyes (Sulky® 40wt Rayon #942-1166 Med. Steel Gray).



Step 18 - Stitch the next step: the machine will sew a satin stitch around the pumpkin (Sulky® 40wt Rayon #942-1181 Rust).



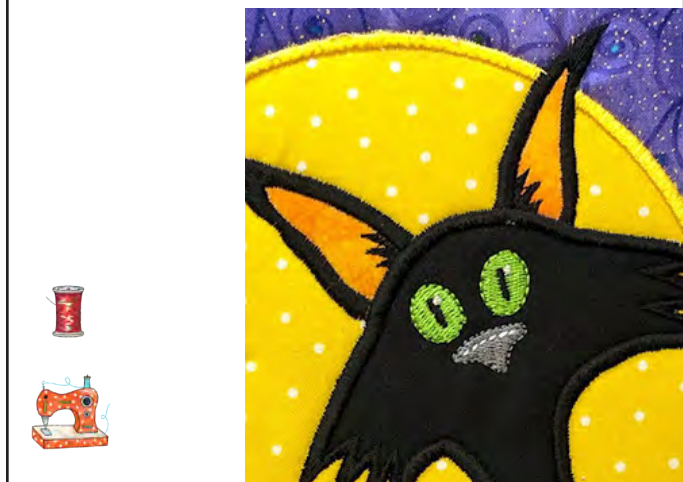
Step 21 - Stitch the next step: the machine will embroider the pumpkin's eyes and nose (Sulky® 40wt Rayon #942-1005 Black) or you can use (Sulky® 40wt Rayon #942-1187 Mimosa Yellow) to make the pumpkin look like it is lit by a candle inside.



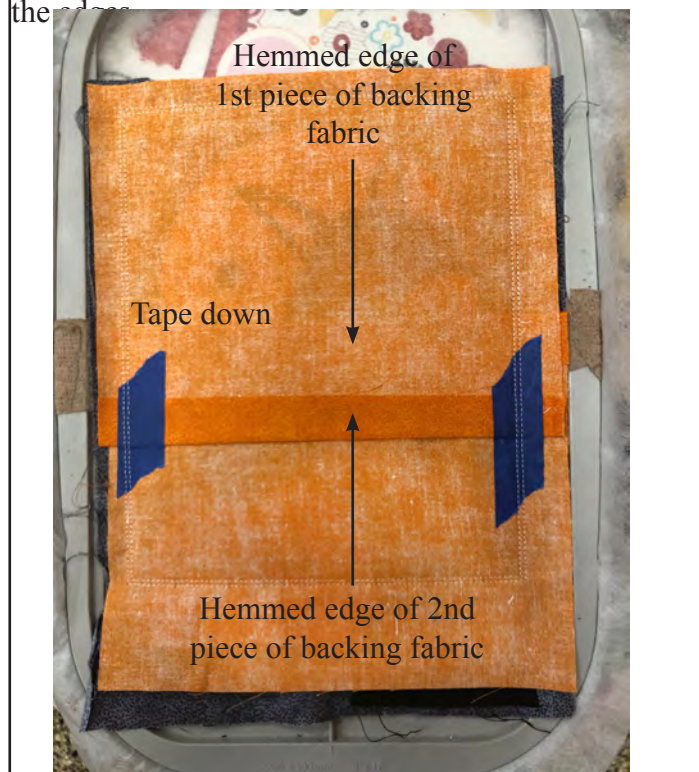
Step 22 - Stitch the next step: the machine will outline the stem, eyes and nose of the pumpkin (Sulky® 40wt Rayon #942-1005 Black).



Step 23 - Stitch the next step: the machine will embroider the white highlights in the cat's eyes and a shine line on the cat's nose (Sulky® 40wt Rayon #942-1001 Bright White).



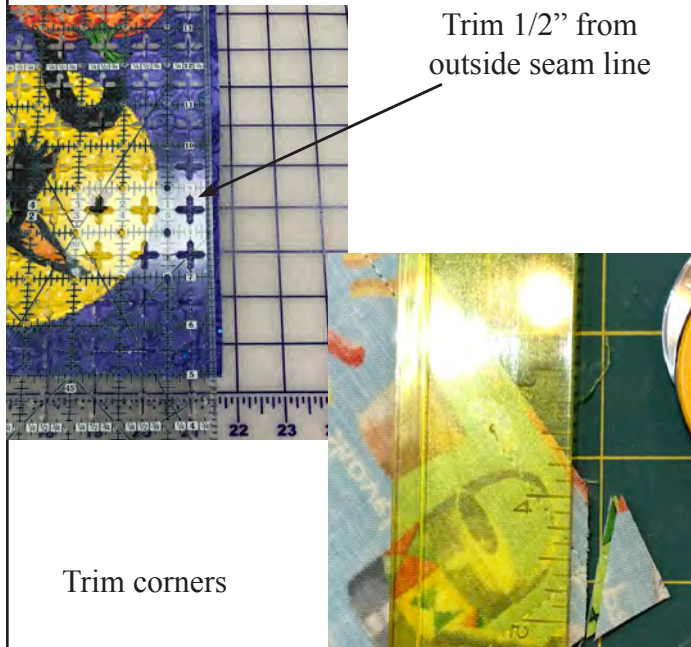
Step 24 - Assemble for the next step: the backing. Take your backing fabric pieces and hem one side of each piece of backing fabric along the 9" width. Press them well. You will then place the first piece, RSD, with the hemmed edge an inch or more past center. Then place the other piece RSD over that one about an inch plus past center. You want the finished edges to overlap each other by about 1.5" or so. Now tape down the center so that your machine will not catch the edges.



Step 25 - Stitch the next step. Return the hoop to the machine once the fabric is taped and smoothed down. You can also spray it with KK-2000 to hold it in place if you like. The machine will now stitch all the way around the mug rug, this will be your seam that you will use when measuring the seam allowance for the final trimming. Remove the hoop from the machine and unhoop your mug rug!!



Step 26 - Lets Finish this up!! Remove the tape from the mug rug. Now press your mug rug so it is nice and flat. Take your rotary cutter and your ruler and trim your mug rug. You should trim to 1/2" all the way around. Once your mug rug is trimmed, trim off the corners. Be careful to not get too close and cut your threads. This is your seam allowance.



Step 27 - Stitching the final touches. Turn your mug rug RSO and use a chop stick or other blunt object to push your corners out. Be careful to not get too aggressive and push through your corners. Iron your mug rug flat. You can finish off your mug rug by stitching 1/4" around the outside edge if desired.



Desiree's Tips on Threads

I love Thread! I collect it like fabric, it is beautiful and can add so much to your quilts, embroidery etc. I own lots of different threads, Rayon, Polyester, Cotton and even some Silk. I Love Sulky Threads!

- **Rayon** threads have a beautiful sheen and luster. They tolerate high heat from an iron. They will not tolerate bleaching or lots of machine washing.

- **Polyester** threads are also wonderful, come in lots of beautiful colors but don't tolerate as hot of an iron. They will tolerate multiple washings and more aggressive cleaning, even light bleaching. Polyester Threads are also stronger than Rayon.

- **Cotton** threads are our go to thread for sewing but lack the luster and shine of Rayon and Polyester thread for embroidery. They are perfect for assembling quilts etc. They will tolerate washing and years of use.

The thicker the thread the smaller the number. So for example a 40 wt is a thicker thread than a 60 wt.

A 40 wt is standard and a 60 wt is perfect for text or where you have more detail and need a finer thread when embroidering.



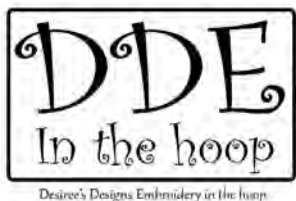
Congratulations

You have finished your mug rug. Sit back relax and enjoy a cup of witch's brew.

Happy Mug Rug!!



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