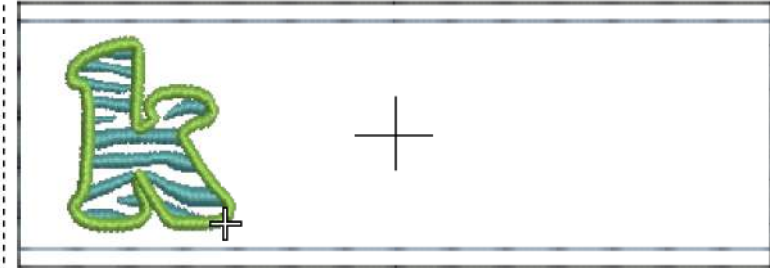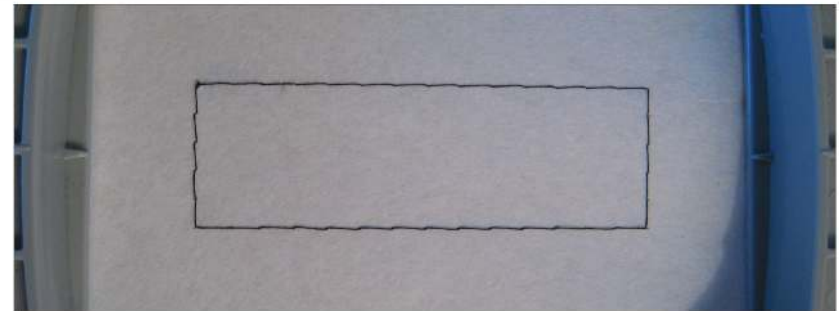# AKDesigns Boutique

How To Use the Ribbon Template

1. Open template design [pictured - blue thread is placement stitch and black thread is basting stitch]
2. Save As new design so that you don't write over the original file.
3. Insert/Merge the design that you want to stitch on the ribbon.
4. Center design horizontally, so that design will be in the middle of the ribbon [in the middle of the template].
5. Hoop your stabilizer & put hoop in machine.

6. Start stitching [1st color] – a **Placement Stitch** will stitch first – you'll use this as a guideline for where your ribbon needs to be placed.

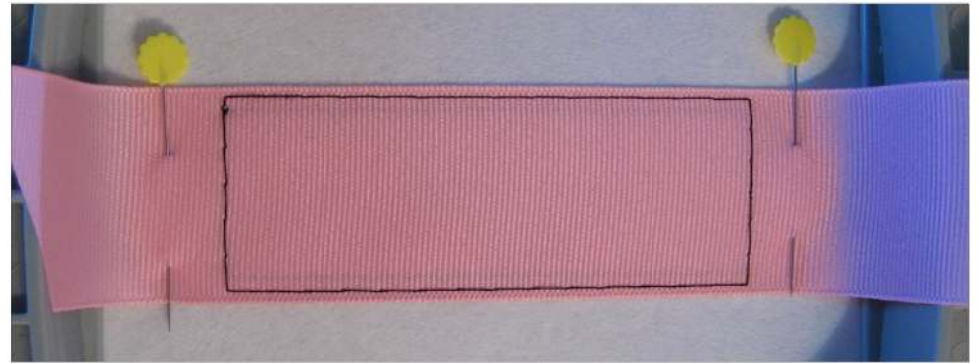   **Note:** You can remove the hoop from the machine if needed, but don't unhoop the stabilizer.

7. Place the ribbon on top of the placement stitch. You can hold the fabric in place or spray with a little adhesive before putting in place (*easier*). Plus, if you have room, pins are always helpful. The more stable the ribbon, the better your stitch out will be.
8. Put hoop back in machine.

9. Start stitching again [2nd color] - a **Basting Stitch** will stitch. This stitch will hold your ribbon in place while your design stitches.

NOTE: This will also be a good time to determine if you centered your ribbon properly ~ if the basting stitch is too high or too low, your design will be too high or too low as well.

10. Start stitching again – this time, your design will stitch.
11. Stitch out all of your design.
12. Remove the basting stitches.
13. Tear away all stabilizer & press if needed.

Tips:

- Use a tear-away or solvy stabilizer. If you use solvy, you might want to use 2 pieces.
- Use sharp point needles ~ 75/11 or 80/12

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