

## **Directions for Monogrammed Party Invitations / February2002**

(This project utilizes letters from our Diamond Monogram Set 1.)

### *Step 1. Print the instructions.*

These are .pdf files, and require Adobe Acrobat Reader software in order to view and print.

### *Step 2. Review instructions and materials required (materials list at the end of these instructions).*

### *Step 3. Merge Designs.*

Combine the letters of your choice. For our example we chose A,B. The Diamond Monogram Set 1 is designed to create two-letter combinations that form a diamond shape, with corner brackets to complete the diamond shape.

Merge the two letters of your choice within your embroidery software, along with the diamond corner brackets, then save the combination under a new filename.

### *Step 4. Sew the monogram*

We used an off-white lightweight cotton.

Hoop the felt along with appropriate stabilizer. In order to keep the fabric flat, we used an adhesive backed medium-weight tear away stabilizer. Another alternative would be to fuse a layer of medium-weight stabilizer to the fabric utilizing Wonder-Under, or a similar heat fusible pellon.

### *Step 5. Trim the Fabric.*

Trim the fabric so that there is a small amount of excess extending beyond the boundary of the oval, but the trimmed embroidered fabric is smaller than the card panel that has the oval cutout.

### *Step 6. Attach the fabric to the card.*

We used a strong transparent tape. Place the fabric so that the monogram is correctly positioned within the oval, then tape the fabric to the back of the card on all four sides.

### *Step 7. Bond the interior flap to the back of the oval cutout.*

These cards have three panels - left and right, with a die-cut center panel. The card is designed so that the right hand panel folds against the back side of the cutout panel. The left side then becomes the surface on which you write your message, or attach a printed panel with the party details.

We used double-sided tape to attach the right and center panels together, which hides the back side of the embroidery.

**Congratulations! Your project is complete.**

Sources for Materials

*Die-Cut card with oval opening and envelopes*

There are many sources for this type of card, and they can be frequently found in local craft and art supply stores.

The ones we used are manufactured by Paper Creations in Appleton, WI. They have nice colors available, and the paper type, weight, and texture are high-quality. They are available through retail dealers in the US, and online at:

<http://www.papercreations.com/valuecards.htm>