



## Picture Play Acrylic Tray



Display your Baby Lock Radiance Picture Play projects in these beautiful acrylic trays. These would make a great gift and can be easily changed out for different holidays or decor trends. The trays are designed for needlepoint or photography, which make them a clever way to display picture play designs.

# Supplies



- Baby Lock Radiance
- Baby Lock 10 5/8" X 10 5/8" hoop OR optional 10" X 10" Magnetic hoop
- W Embroidery Foot & Standard J Foot
- Digital Image to be used in Design - Must be in JPG, BMP, or PNG Format
- For this project, a chinoiserie wreath designs was purchased from Etsy. Click [HERE](#) for the artwork use.
- If you find that the artwork purchased is too large, you may need to resize it in software prior to bringing it into the Radiance.
- Base fabric for stitch out. Make this larger than the hoop of choice.
- If wanting to back and add piping, please allow for that as well.
- Baby Lock Tear Away Firm BLT103 or Stabilizer of Choice
- For this project, a blue velveteen fabric was used, so Hydro melt topping was also used to ensure that the stitches did not get buried into the nap of the fabric.
- Embroidery Thread of Choice
- Pre-wound Embroidery Bobbins of Choice
- Basic Sewing Supplies such as Scissors, Seam Ripper, etc.
- Acrylic Scalloped Tray for Needlepoint. An 8" X 8" tray was used in this example. Click [HERE](#) to see where to purchase. There are other styles available, and some come with a magnetic bottom piece which may not hold a stitched pattern as well as the tray.

## PROJECT PREPARATION

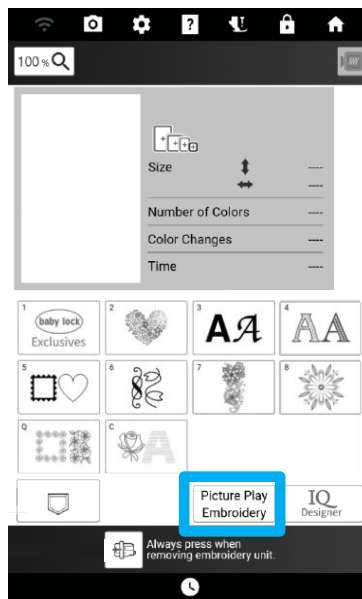
Read through the provided instructions to ensure you are familiar with the process. Ensure the image to be used is of high quality and has a clear and easy to distinguish subject. The sharpness, contrast, and brightness of the image should be strong to ensure satisfactory results when using Picture Play. If you are not familiar with the Picture Play features of your machine, take the time to read through the instructions provided in the User's Reference and Instruction Guide available for the machine (can be found digitally on the Baby Lock website or on the machine).

## Creating the Designs

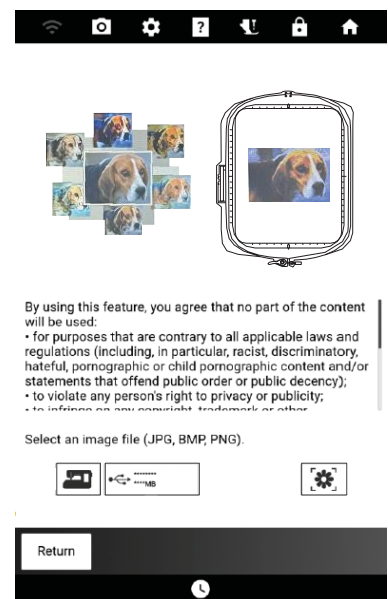
The following steps will walk you through the process of creating the designs using Picture Play and creating the tray. Due to the nature of Picture Play and the wide variety of images that can be used within the program, not all scenarios of image generation/editing can be covered within these instructions. It is important to familiarize yourself with the possibilities of the program to ensure the best results are achieved.



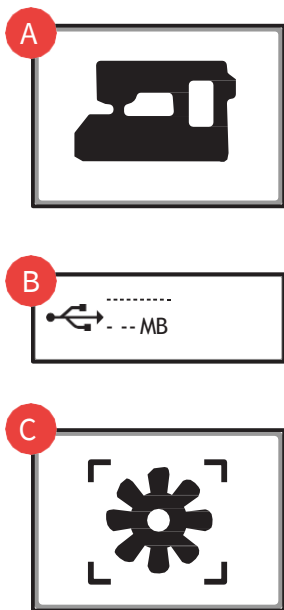
From the Home Screen, Select Embroidery.



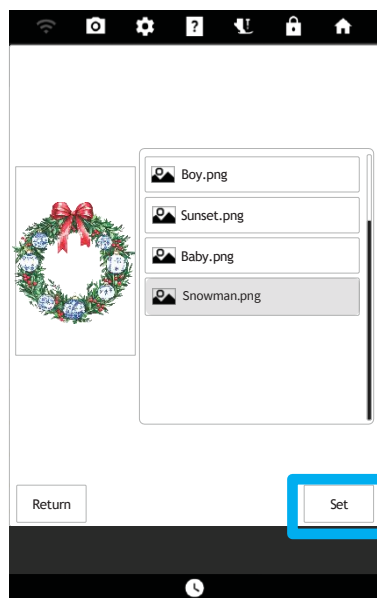
On the Pattern Selection Screen, Select Picture Play Embroidery.



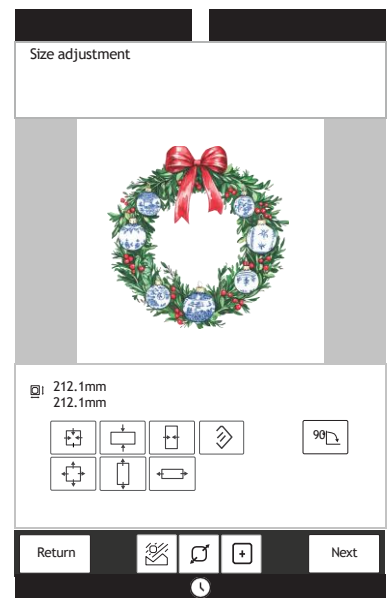
The Image Selection Screen will open. Read through the provided information and select the location of the desired image file.



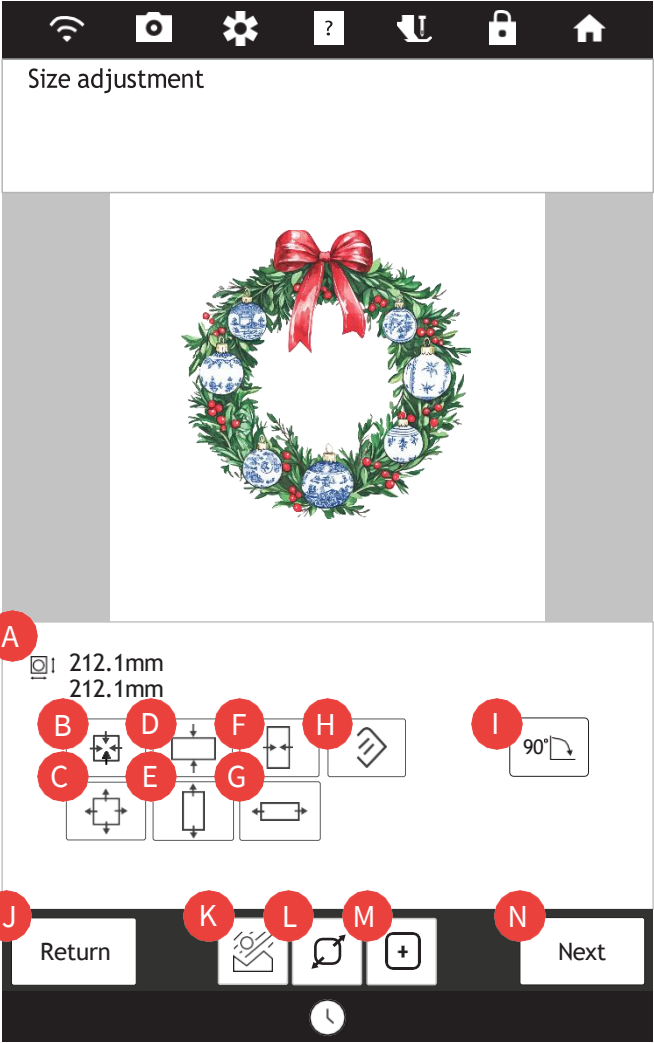
The image can be retrieved from the (A) Internal Memory (this will be the most recently opened image), (B) USB Media, or the (C) IQ Intuition Positioning App.

















Once the source is selected, a list of saved files will be shown. Select the file to view a preview image. Once the design is selected, choose Set.



The Size Adjustment page will open. Refer to the following page of information on available adjustments on this page.

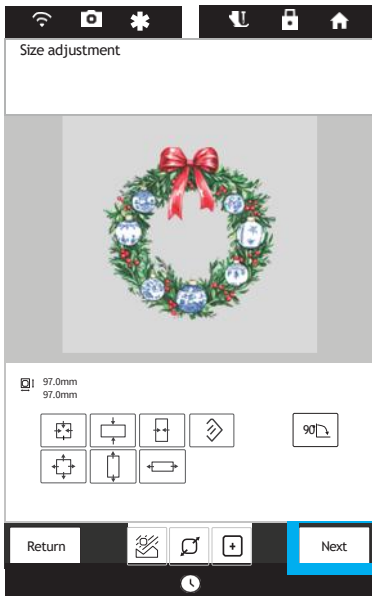


The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for image editing. At the top, there is a status bar with icons for Wi-Fi, camera, settings, help, undo, lock, and home. Below this is a title bar that says "Size adjustment". The main area displays a Christmas wreath with a red bow and blue ornaments. At the bottom, there is a toolbar with several icons: a "Return" button, a background removal tool, a frame tool, a size adjustment tool, and a "Next" button. A legend on the right side of the page explains the icons and their functions, labeled A through N.

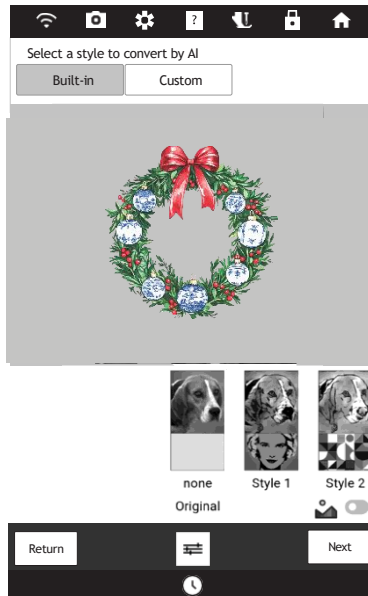
- A**  Image Size
- B**  Reduce Size Proportionately
- C**  Increase Size Proportionately
- D**  Reduce Height
- E**  Increase Height
- F**  Reduce Width
- G**  Increase Width
- H**  Reset Size to Original
- I**  Rotate 90 degrees to the Right
- J**  Exit Size Adjustment and Return to Previous Screen
- K**  Background Removal Tool
- L**  Frame an Area of the Image
- M**  Change Size to Fit Selected Embroidery Frame Size
- N**  Accept all Changes and Move to Next Screen

Use the Size Keys (B, C, D, E, F, G) to adjust the image size so that it measures approximately 7” in both height and width. This size will need to be adjusted to be appropriate for the specific tray that you have selected. Begin with the outside tray size and reduce that size slightly to adjust for the thickness of the final fabric project. This will be the finished size of the stitch out.





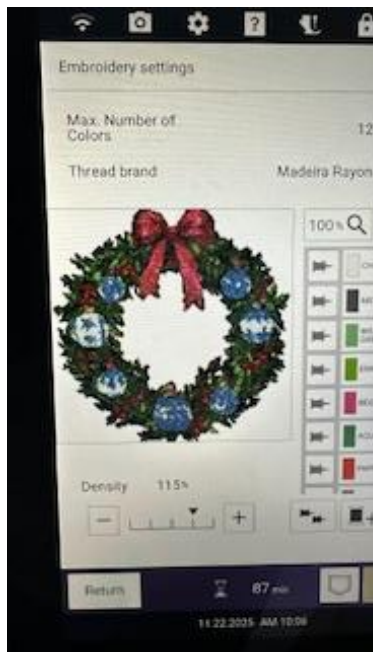
The design now has a frame applied and is a circular shape. Select Next to proceed to Selecting the Conversion Method.

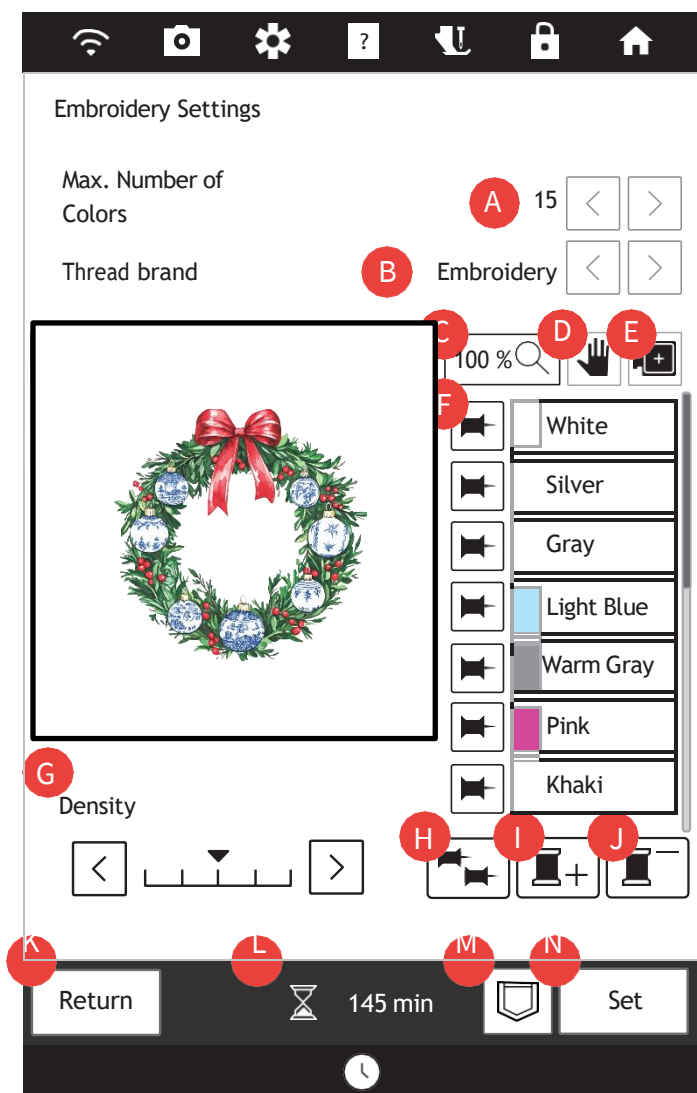


For the example, the Original Conversion will be used. Image adjustments can be made here if needed. Refer to the User's Manual for details.



The image is converted to embroidery and adjustments can be made as needed. See the following page for details on editing the image.





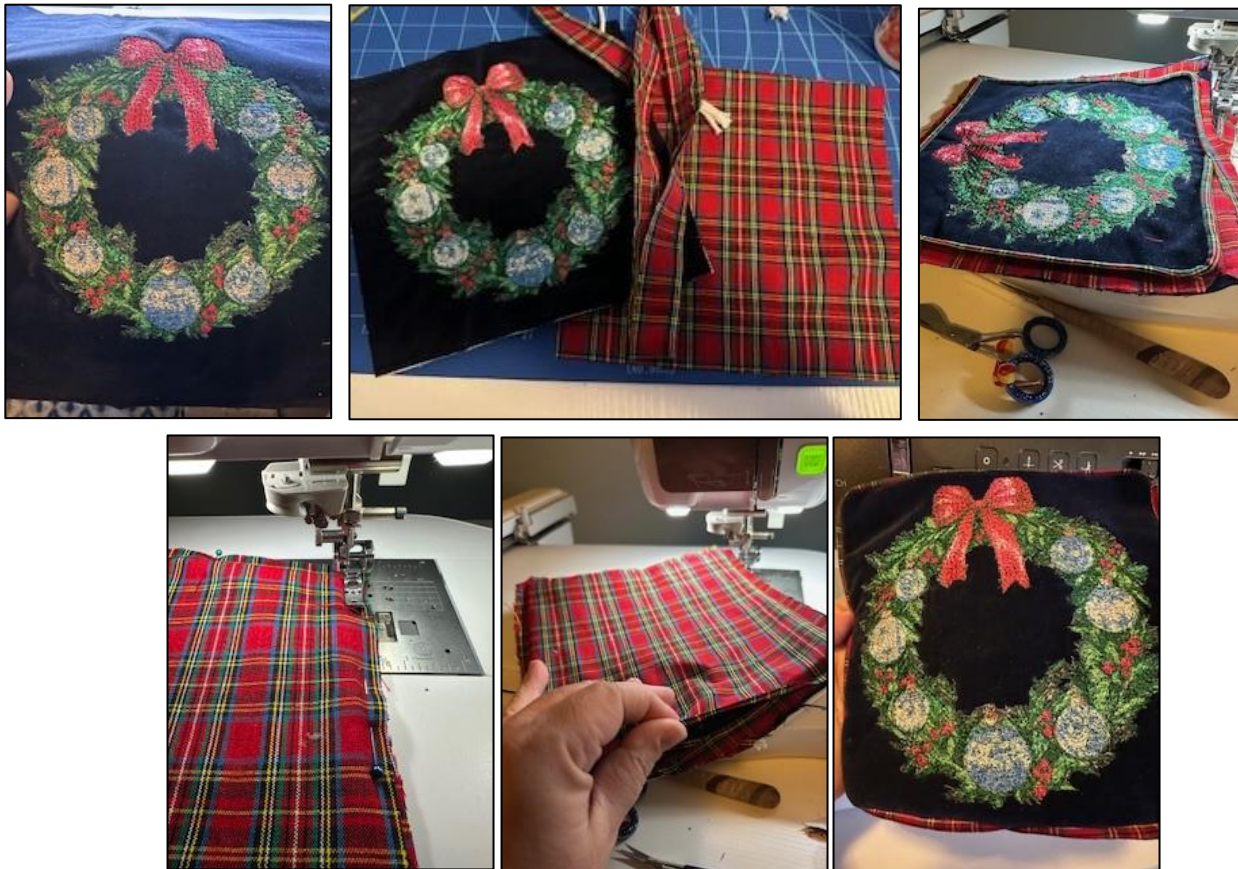
- A** Maximum number of colors in the design
- B** Selected Color Palette
- C** Zoom
- D** Hand Tool/Pan
- E** Hoop Preview/Stitch Simulator
- F** Color Steps
- G** Stitch Density
- H** Anchor all Colors
- I** Add Color from Selected Color Palette
- J** Delete Selected Color
- K** Return to Conversion Selection Screen
- L** Design Stitching Time
- M** Save to Memory
- N** Set Design and Exit to Embroidery Edit Screen

The resulting design can be adjusted, if needed, by changing the thread palette, maximum number of colors, and stitch density. It's recommended that you select the thread palette in which you have the largest number of threads as you want to use the exact color listed to guarantee the stitch results match the preview image. If you find that you do not have a recommended color in the currently show thread palette, you can replace that specific color by changing the thread palette, selecting the "Add Color from Selected Color Palette" icon (labeled above as I), and selecting a color in the new palette that matches. If the newly selected color inserts into the color steps in a position that is close to the color that is being replaced, you are safe to remove the old color step by selecting it and using the "Delete Selected Color" (labeled above as J). You may also find it necessary to audition different numbers in the "Maximum Number of Colors" selection. Not all designs will require the default 15 colors, some may require more. Once all desired changes have been made and you are happy with the preview, select Set and move the design over to Embroidery Edit.

All embroidery editing tools are available, if needed. For the sample, no changes were made. Advance to the Embroidery Layout screen. A Basting stitch was added to help hold the Hydro Melt topping. Hoop the stabilizer and fabric and load it into the machine. Stitch the design following the information on the screen. Once the design is complete, remove it from the hoop and trim the excess stabilizer away from the design, cutting closely to the edge but be careful to not cut into the design.



For the acrylic tray, a backing and piping were added to the insert to give it a finished look. You could certainly skip this step and just trim the edges of the fabric or finish the edges with a decorative stitch or serged edge. Be sure to measure the inside size of the tray and adjust your fabric based on that.





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