

BABY LOCK *Radiance* TIPS FOR SUCCESS



COUCHING THE FILL ALPHABET DESIGNS

The Yarn Couching Fill Alphabet collection was introduced on the machines after the first tab of open single run designs were a success! Setting up for these designs is the same for all the Yarn Couching Embroidery Designs. The stitching of these designs creates a more textural result. Use them as intended to create words and initials, or get creative using them as shapes to create some unique embroidery with your Radiance!

- Be sure that you have enough bobbin thread and embroidery thread to complete the pattern. While you can replace the bobbin in the process of couching, it is a little bit more involved than during regular embroidery since you will also be dealing with the yarn.
- The Couching Alphabet Patterns are found under the second tab of the “C”, or Couching, category on the Pattern Selection Screen.
- Use yarn that can be easily compressed by the couching stitches. This is TYPICALLY a worsted weight, multi-ply acrylic or wool yarn. Cotton and linen yarns do not compress as easily and cause the yarn to be pushed to one side by the needle instead of being stitched. Avoid yarns that are thin, fuzzy, or of varying thickness.
- Embroidery Couching designs cannot be combined with other types of embroidery into a single design due to the requirement of the specialized Y foot and automatic safety adjustments enacted by the machine when stitching embroidery couching. To combine multiple design types into a single-hooped project, treat the various types of embroidery as individual layers, designing/creating each style as its own stitch-out.
- A tutorial video showing the process of calibrating the Y Embroidery Foot is included in the machine’s Help Videos, which can be accessed by scanning the QR Code provided under the Help Icon found on the machine’s screen. Using the video as reference, ensure the foot is properly aligned with the needle being aligned with the left half of the Y foot opening. Once the foot has been properly aligned it should not require alignment with each use, only when the user notices the stitch formation needs adjustment.
- The machine speed will automatically slow and the foot height will raise any time an embroidery couching design is selected. Additional foot height adjustments may be needed depending on the designs and fabric choices.
- If stitching designs repeatedly, use the stitch simulator preview to view the stitch order. This will aid in determining if you need to rotate a design or re-sequence your designs for optimal stitching.
- If stitching multiple couching designs to create a pattern, turn off the End Trim Function. This will allow for more control of the movement in between designs and eliminate any pull of the fabric.
- If the thread breaks, it is easy to move backwards in the stitching to stitch over the area where the thread break occurred. Be sure to leave long thread tails that can be pulled to the back of the work OR can be caught under the couching as you stitch.
- The Baby Lock Magnetic Frames work amazingly well with all of the Couching Designs.



For more information on how to set-up for success with Yarn Couching, refer to the Embroidering Yarn Couching Tip sheet.

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