

Instructions given for mechanical front-loading bobbin machine



Perfect Pressie Parcels

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Recipe:

1 x 20cm x 20cm Base fabric backed with interfacing

1 x Dotty fabric for snow backed with heat n bond

1 x 4cm x 4cm Black and white applique parcel backed with heat n bond

1 x 4cm x 4cm White and black applique parcel backed with heat n bond

2 x Black bows

All shapes will be ironed on to the base fabric using heat n bond ready to sew.

To start thread the machine with white thread on the top, we will use bobbin thread on the bobbin throughout.

As we are using decorative stitches and a Satin Stitch, the clear buttonhole foot gives better visibility, it will also allow for the satin stitch to travel under the foot.

1. **Decorative Stitch.** Select a decorative stitch on the Stitch Selector dial and S.S. on the Length dial. Use this stitch to sew across the top of the snow.

2. **Straight Stitch.** Change to purple thread. Select straight stitch on Selector dial and 2.5 on the Length dial. Use this stitch to sew around the inside of the parcels, do a few back stitches to secure your stitching at the beginning and the end.





3. **Satin Stitch.** Set machine to create a satin stitch, (if there is no stitch adjustment dial turn the Selector dial so that it is set between **B** and **C** this will allow you to have a narrow zig zag). Set the Length dial so that it is approximately halfway along the setting for the buttonhole, if you go too close to '0' the machine will just stitch on the spot!

Now use this stitch to create the ribbon on the parcels, stitch across the centre both vertically and horizontally (see image below).

4. **Darning Plate.** If you cannot lower the feed dogs on your machine comes it probably comes with a Darning Plate (see image below) once you have fitted this to the machine, be sure to bring up the bobbin thread so that it does not get trapped under the darning plate.



Select Straight Stitch on the Selector dial, the stitch Length doesn't matter because the darning plate is fitted, and the fabric will not feed through the machine.

Position the bow in place and sew approximately six stitches to hold the bow in place, leave a long tail and pull through to the reverse side once stitching is completed.

Tips

Start with the needle in your work to prevent the thread pulling out of the needle when you start sewing.

If your machine does not have a needle threader, cut the thread at an angle instead of straight as this helps it go through the needle.

Using the clear foot allows better visibility and allows decorative and satin stitches to pass under the foot without getting caught.

If you are close to the end of stitching and only have a few stitches left to go, use the balance wheel by turning it towards you to prevent you from going too far with your stitching.