



Lovely Letters Assembly



Use these assembly instructions to piece together your lovely letters...

Keep an eye out for the PERFECT floral border fabric...

Or wait for our fully digitized floral borders to release!

Overview: *This tutorial will help you trim, sew, and add borders to a lovely letter project of any size. You will need your completed L-O-V-E embroidery and fabric for the border, if desired. Dimensions provided are for the charm size letters, with the (5 inch), (6 inch), (7 inch), (8 inch) sizes following in parentheses as shown. It is recommended to print these instructions, then cross out unneeded sizes to prevent mistakes. Please read and understand all directions before beginning.*

1. Letter prep

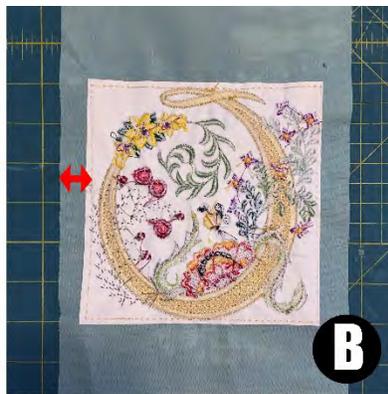
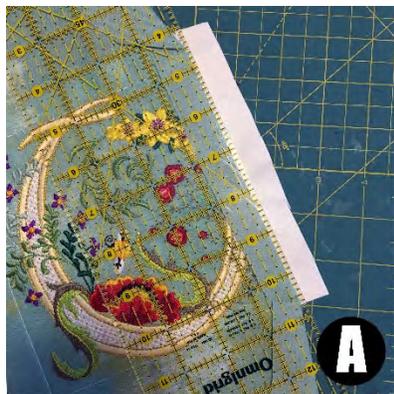
Lay your pieces out to form the word. First, we will be trimming the sides of each letter, EXCEPT we will not touch the left side of the first letter or the right side of the last letter, shown by the red arrows.



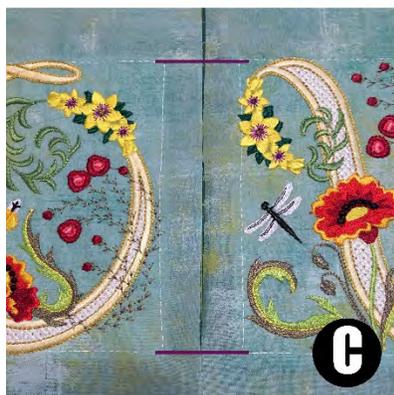
Put a piece of tape on these sides to remind yourself: DO NOT TRIM.

Now prep each individual letter. Peel back the fabric on the side of the letter, and lay a ruler on it, so the fabric is protected from your rotary cutter. (Photo A.) Trim off the excess stabilizer. Repeat on all sides of the letter. The back of your letter is now prepped as shown in Photo B.

Now trim the SIDES ONLY of the letters $\frac{1}{2}$ " (5/8") ($\frac{3}{4}$ ") ($\frac{7}{8}$ ") (1") away from the basting line as show



by the red arrows in Photo B. Turn your letter to the front. The width of the letter will now be approximately 4-3/4," (6") (7-1/4) (8-1/2") (9-3/4"). Due to the shrinkage with different fabrics and stabilizers, your letter may be a slightly different width. It is not important that they match our measurements; it is important that your letters are all trimmed to the same width.



2. Stitch

Using the basting lines as a guide, extend the lines off the edges of the fabric as shown in purple in Photo C. These lines are used to align the letters. Face adjoining letters right sides

together, with the purple guidelines matched. Stitch together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam; press open. The joined letters look as in Photo D. Note the fabric will not be aligned at the top and bottom. Continue until all letters are joined. Your project will look as in the photo on the following page.



3. Trim

Now, trim the top and bottom of your piece. Measure to see which of the letters has the least excess fabric; you can see that the top of our V is the smallest available border. Measure that smallest dimension on your piece—ours was 1-3/8" from the top of the basted line on the V to the edge of the fabric; we trimmed our top and bottom to 1-3/8" away from the basted guidelines across all letters. If you have a lot of excess fabric and are just looking for a nice proportion, an ideal measurements might be: 1-1/4" for the charm size, (1-1/2") (1-3/4") (2") (2-1/4"). Finally, trim the ends to the same dimension; if you don't have enough fabric, just measure the side with the smallest dimension and trim both ends to that size.

The project is now trimmed; pick out the basting lines from all letters.



4. Border Treatment

We are planning not only to complete the alphabet, but also to create fully embroidered floral borders. For a quicker finish, choose a lovely floral fabric and add them as borders to your piece.

First, measure the length of your piece. Cut two strips of fabric, 2" wide (2.5") (3") (3-1/2") (4") by the length measured. Pin a strip to the top of the piece, matching the center and the ends. Stitch. Repeat for the bottom border. Now measure the height, and repeat the same process, cutting two strips to the same width by the length you measured. If you want cornerstones, measure the height of the interior letter fabric only, then add 1/2" for seam allowances. Cut four cornerstones 2" square (2.5") (3") (3-1/2") (4"). and stitch them to each end of the side border. Finally, add these unit to the sides of you piece.

You now have a beautiful pieced top—it's up to you to decide how to finish it! You could make a bench pillow, a table runner, or a wall hanging, or just frame a single letter. We're sure it will be absolutely L-O-V-E-L-Y!



Thanks for joining us for the series... be sure to look for more letters being added through the spring. Upload your project photo to our Facebook customer project page to share your creations, get opinions, make friends, and see what others have made!



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