

Embroidery for Men

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Men can wear embroidery too!
Be bold, subtle, bright or tone on tone!

SUPPLY LIST:

Project to stitch on- Shirts, jeans, blazers and caps are great items to embroider on for men- don't be afraid of using something with a pattern, i.e.- stripes, plaids, checks

Male-centric designs- Geometric/animal and nature designs are a great choice for a more reserved look. Don't shy away from florals- it's the latest fashion trend for men. Placement is key for menswear- think sleeves, chest, legs and the back- the shoulder area is a great place if you use one of the free-arm embroidery machines! Adult coloring books are great places to get inspirations and with the [Brother Dream machine](#), you can digitize most of them with ease right on the machine without the use of expensive software!



Stabilizer - Select one that is suitable for the fabric and embroidery design- visit [Brother.com](#) for suggestions and ideas and any of your favorite stabilizer manufacturers- most have suggestions on their website. Don't forget that most designs look best if you apply a topper for the threads to have an extra layer of support.

Threads- I love using a variety of threads- metallic, rayon, cotton- just make sure it's of the highest quality- most cone shaped threads perform best if used upright instead on horizontal.

Bobbins- With most embroidery designs, it is possible to use pre-wound bobbins. I personally prefer a cotton pre-wound.

Embellishments- I love the look of [crystals](#), vinyl and studs to enhance a design. Visit [Brother.com](#) and [your local Brother dealer](#) to see the latest [Scan-n-Cut machines](#) to accessorize any design!

Needles - needle size/type is based on the weight of fabric and use- select a needle appropriate to the selected fabric. I prefer a 80-90 topstitch- for medium to heavier weight fabrics so that I can use a variety of threads successfully.

Machines- I love machines with a larger hoop for men's embroidery. At home I have a single and multi-needle machines from [Brother](#) that allow embroidery in places without removing seams- [the Persona](#) and Brother multi-needle machines compliment any sewing studio!