

## Embroidered Watch Band

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Make a one-of-a-kind watch band to color coordinate with your wardrobe. The watch bands are made of suede or vinyl and contrasting colors of suede add unique accents.

### Materials

Fashion Watch Bands Stitch Swag Collection available at Inspirations' dealers. [Click here](#) to find a dealer near you.

Suede for Watch Band Front and Back - two pieces: 2" x 9"

Suede or Vinyl for Tabs - two pieces: ½" x 3 ¼"

36mm (1 ⅜" – 1 ½") watch face and pins

Heavy weight wash away stabilizer

40-weight polyester embroidery thread or polyester matte thread

Bobbin thread

80/12 embroidery needle

Awl or rotating leather hole punch  
Four (4) ¼” rivets and tools  
Three (3) 11mm (3/8”) metal snaps and tools  
Quick dry glue

## **Tips**

- \*Recycle your old watch and use the watch face and pins, etc.
- \*Purchase an inexpensive watch and use the watch face and pins, etc.
- \*Be careful removing the bands from the original watch as the pins can easily separate.
- \*Test the length of the watch band before adding the snaps. Snap positioning marks are a suggestion. Place the snaps where the band is comfortable for you to wear.
- \*Rivets and the rivet tool can be purchased inexpensively as a package at craft stores and online and are frequently found in the leatherworking department.

Hoop heavy weight wash away stabilizer. Stitch color 1, the placement lines.  
Remove the hoop from the machine. Spray the wrong side of both the band face with temporary adhesive. Place the band face, right side out, on the placement line.

Put the hoop back on the machine. Stitch color 2, the leaves. Stitch color 3, the swirls. Stitch color 4, the light flower petals. Stitch color 5, the dark center and outer flower petals. Stitch color 6, the mini flower. Stitch color 7, the light rays. Stitch color 8, the dark rays, outline and center.

Spray the wrong side of the band lining with temporary adhesive. Turn the hoop over and place the band lining, right side out, over the placement lines.

Put the hoop back on the machine. NOTE: Change bobbin thread to match top thread. Stitch color 9, the topstitching.

Stitch color 10, the tab and snap marks.

Remove the hoop from the machine and remove the band from the hoop. Use a ruler and rotary cutter to trim excess fabric 1/8” from the topstitching. Set the band aside.

## **Assemble the Watch**

Cut one end of both tabs to a 45 degree angle.

Place the straight end of the tab over the top pin of the watch face and thread to the back so that about ¾” of the tab is on the back side. Place the other straight end of the tab over the bottom pin of the watch face and thread to the back so that about ¾” of the tab is on the back side. Adjust the tabs so they are the same length. Glue in place.

Place the tabs and watch face over the tab marks on the upper part of the band. Attach the upper tab to the band with one rivet. Attach the lower tab to the band with three rivets. Attach two snaps (decorative or smooth cap side) to the upper tab, evenly spaced.

Place the band around the wrist to make sure that two of the three marks on the bottom band will fasten to the opposite part of the snap. Remark if necessary. Attach the three snaps (studs) to the band.