

It's Sew Easy Series 1900

Show#1905-1 Dress up with Machine Embroidery

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Dress up with machine Embroidery! See how machine embroidery can turn a plain kimono wrap dress into a fashion statement that shows off your creativity. In this segment we'll turn line art into stitches using a simple app for the Stellaire embroidery machine, creating an embroidery design that fits the pattern style and the fabric choice. You'll also see a neat self-fabric binding used instead of using a standard facing.

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Are you ready? Let's go sew!

Materials and supplies featured in this show:

- [Brother Stellaire](#) XJ1 Sewing and Embroidery machine with My Design Snap mobile app to capture an image and send it to the machine for creating embroidery data.
Resources for using this app: [CLICK HERE](#) to download the My Design Snap App Assistant book from Brother. In addition, you'll find a Brother support video on YouTube with steps for [Converting a Line Drawing to Embroidery Data](#).
- [Brother ScanNCut](#) DX Innov-ís Edition SDX225
- Embroidery supplies including Brother [SA5815](#) adhesive backed stabilizer.
- [Pattern tracing cloth](#) or paper for creating sleeve band pattern.
- Featured pattern: [Simplicity 8925](#) Kimono Wrap Dress Pattern for knits only.



Note: You can substitute most any pattern with an easy fitting full sleeve for the dress pattern shown here. Feel free to experiment with adding designs to other areas of your custom-made garment or consider embroidering on ready-mades using the general ideas presented here.

Notes about creating a line art embroidery design to decorate the dress: You'll find the Brother My Design Feature included with several Brother model machines. With this built-in program you can create original embroidery designs using imported line art like I did in this segment, by using shapes built-in to the machine, or by drawing lines directly on the screen. I chose to use a line art image included with the built-in menu of the Brother ScanNCut. My main goal was to create an interesting design that would be compatible with the medium weight knit fabric selected for my dress. Creating an original design gives you control over size, stitch type, density, and more! My Design Center serves as a built-in design creation program that's easy to use and does not require computer expertise. Explore your options and review the My Design Center section of your machine manual for more details.

Tips and Techniques featured in this show

Convert your pattern from a standard facing to a self-bound finish:

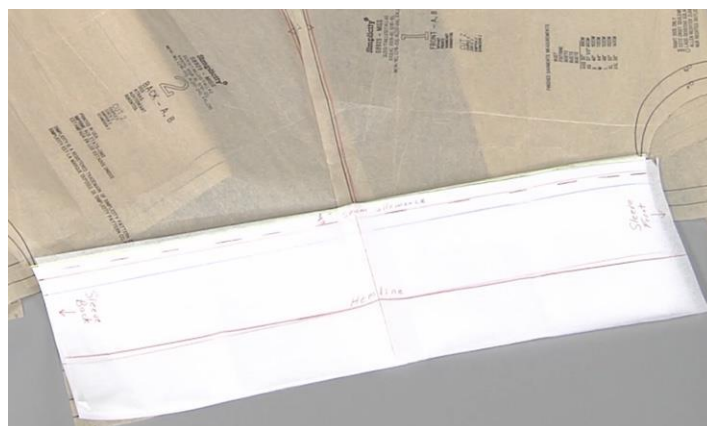
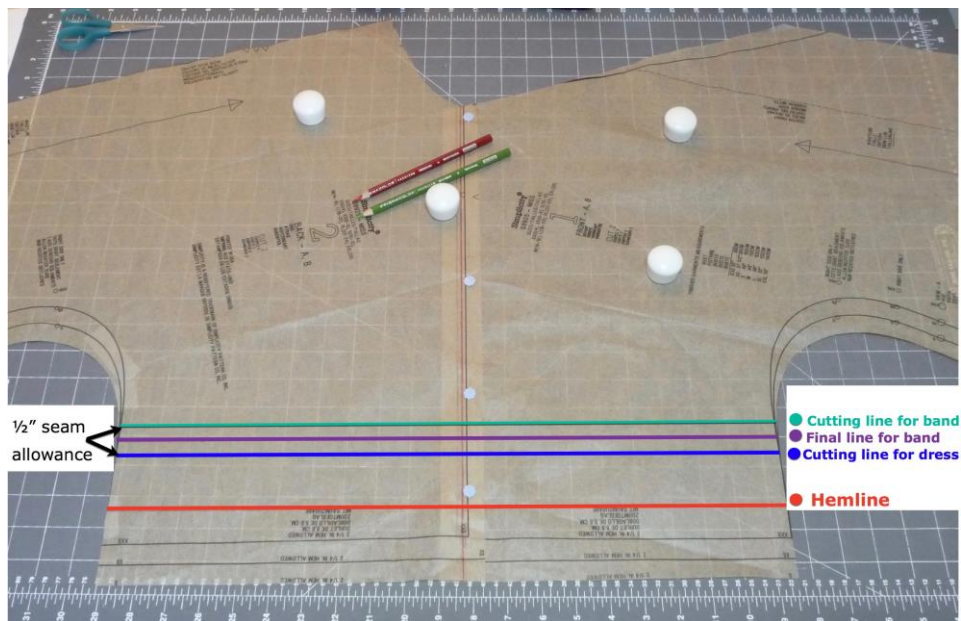
- I prefer to eliminate facing whenever possible, especially for knit garments. Binding edges with stretchy fabric cut on the cross grain gives a look of high quality ready-to-wear. Visit the 1900 BONUS FILES Section of letsgosew.com for a free step-by-step tutorial on this technique.

Check the neckline for desired coverage before cutting out your dress:

- Consider placing your pattern on your dress form or on your actual body, matching up the shoulder line to see where the neckline will fall. Place tissue underneath and roughly draw a new line to raise the neckline if necessary. Next, place on a flat surface and use a curved fashion ruler to true up the lines. When in doubt, add more than you think you will need. You can always trim excess during a trial fitting.

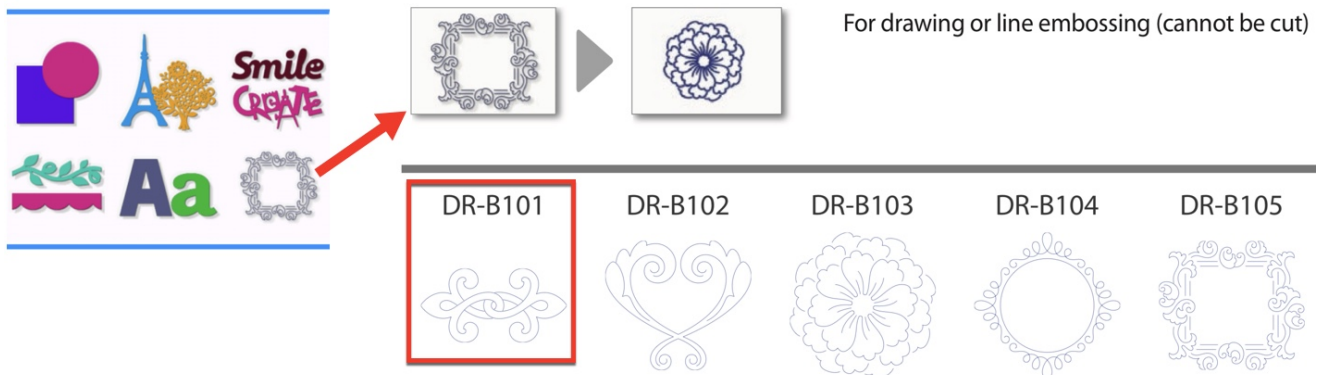
Prepare pattern for the separate embroidered band:

- Begin by overlapping the shoulder seams to form a full sleeve. Decide on the final size of your design and mark off an area on the pattern that will fit your embroidery design. Note the hem allowance and make sure the design fits within the space. In the examples shown below my band piece measures 6-inches deep. I traced the band area to form a separate pattern piece for the sleeve band and then cut the dress pattern pieces on the line indicated. Note that you'll need to add seam allowance to both pieces.



Create a line art embroidery motif using an image from ScanNCut SDX225:

- Set up ScanNCut for drawing with pen holder and included black pen. To draw outline, begin by placing plain white paper on ScanNCut low tack adhesive mat. Select line art motif from built-in menu. See example below:



- Move line art to draw image near the center of the paper. Note: You can re-size the image now or change the size when you create the embroidery design. Place the image under the specially marked hoop to capture the image. I used a 5" X 7" hoop to easily accommodate the band for my dress.

Create a lightweight embroidery design using My Design Center options:

- Capture the drawn image and use the wireless My Design Snap App to send image to the machine. Basic steps for creating design are as follows: Retrieve the image, touch SET, crop image close to drawing, touch OK, touch SET. Choose line type and color using LINE TOOL KEYS. See tools below:



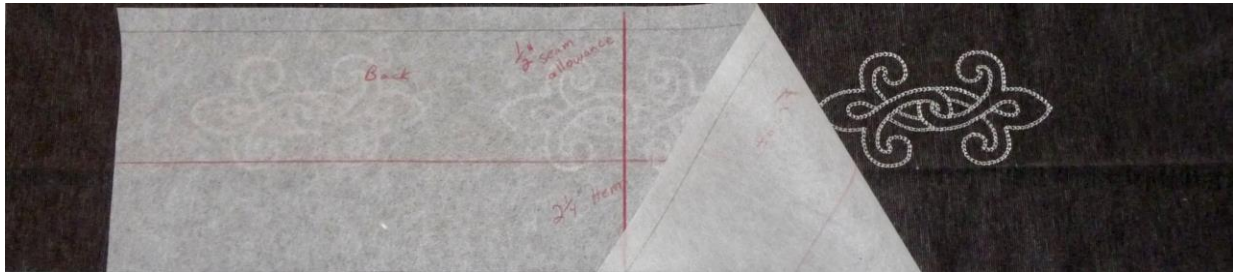
- After selecting the bucket tool, touch the connected lines with your finger or a stylus to turn lines into stitches. Touch NEXT to preview stitches and make changes. To create a lightweight, flexible design for the knit I changed the size to 1.40, and made the pattern repeat 2X for my diamond style chain stitch. To finish, touch SET >PREVIEW >OK >SET to convert to stitches, then touch OK and continue to embroidery screen to stitch design.

Note: Icons and screens may vary slightly from the version seen in this segment.



Embroider on a separate (oversized) band:

- Determine how many motifs you want to stitch. Cut a generously sized piece of fabric and stabilize with a full layer of the adhesive backed water soluble stabilizer.
- Embroider designs using your favorite method for connecting continuous designs. **Tip:** make sure designs fall within the open space between the hemline and the seamline.
- Place band pattern over embroidered piece with center of band matching center of motif. In the images below you'll see that I embroidered the motifs to finish along the fold of the hemline. Once the bands are embroidered and cut, you can finish construction of the dress.



Additional Resources:

- I invite you to visit me at my Sewing and Embroidery website www.letsqosew.com. You'll find online lessons, videos, free downloads, and lots of sewing and embroidery information and inspiration!
- Sign-up for letsqosew.com news [HERE](#).
- Find me on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).
- My book titled [Wrapped in Embroidery](#) includes three methods for creating continuous embroidery, tips for embroidering on garment weight fabrics, and more helpful information for embroidery enthusiasts.

Happy Sewing!

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