

Training:

HAPPY HCD-1501 Operations & Maintenance

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Proper Machine Setup: Environment

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Temperature and Humidity-Controlled Environment

Set up/store your machine in a temperature and humidity-controlled environment to prevent long-term corrosion and to protect the electronics. Don't keep your machine anywhere you wouldn't keep a laptop or desktop computer!

Clean, Protected Electrical Power

grounded outlets: Your machine uses standard 110v household current. Be sure you connect it to a grounded 3-prong outlet like the one shown here. This is standard in most U.S. homes and businesses today, but some older buildings may only have 2-prong outlets.

surge protection: Protect your machine against occasional power spikes (from electrical storms or electrical wiring problems) with at least a basic surge protector. The electronics on your machine can be very expensive to replace. Higher-end surge protectors and UPS units are able to protect against higher energy strikes, and often come with a quarantee.

Steady Table / Mounting Surface

Your machine will perform better (especially at higher speeds) when operated on a strong, level and steady mounting surface. Although on wheels, the optional stand provides plenty of stability, and even more when the wheel brakes are applied at all 4 corners.



Standard 3-prong 110v outlet





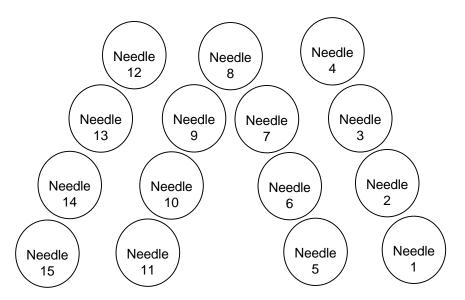
Optional machine stand with accessory shelf, casters and wheel brakes



Proper Machine Setup: Upper Thread

UPPER THREAD

-Proper Thread Routing: All threads **must** be routed correctly at all points along the path through the sewing head.



Layout of Cone/Needle Sequence

Needle numbers are arranged right to left, lowest number to highest.

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General Thread Route

Thread must pass up from cones through guide holes in thread tree and through every specific point along the face of the sewing head. Thread must be "docked" at the thread holder spring.



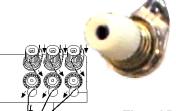
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UPPER THREAD - complete route through moving head



Upper Tensioner

Thread only makes ½ turn – make sure it passes to the left between the 2 metal discs.

Thread Break Sensor

Thread this like the upper tensioner – $\frac{1}{2}$ turn to the left. Make sure the thread falls in the groove as shown.



Lower Tensioner

Thread makes 1 full turn clockwise around the base of the knob – make sure it runs in the V-shaped groove of the spoked wheel.

Take-Up Levers

Thread makes 1 full turn clockwise around the base of the knob – make sure it runs in the V-shaped groove of the spoked wheel.

- **-Proper Thread Routing:** All threads **must** be routed correctly at all points along the path through the sewing head.
- -Practice good thread "Discipline": After threading all needles, ensure there is no slack anywhere along the thread path. Make sure to:
 - -**Pull all threads** to ensure thread feeds smoothly and turns the break sensor, and all slack is removed from around thread cones
 - "**Dock" all thread ends** from each needle onto the thread-holding spring. Prevents thread from coming loose and catching where not desired.

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Proper Machine Setup: Bobbin loading and Tension check/adjustment

RE-LOADING THE BOBBIN CORRECTLY

The bobbin will need to be replaced frequently, allowing only 30,000 to 60,000 stitches per spool. This has to be done correctly every time.



1. Ensure bobbin turns clockwise. Pull thread through this slit.



2. Feed thread through eye at the end of the tension flap.



Pass thread under wire loop at the top front of the bobbin case.

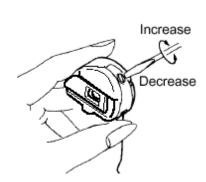
CHECKING TENSION

- The "yo-yo" test is very exact in checking tension. Perform this quick check each time you re-load the bobbin. Practice until you are comfortable doing this.
- Check bobbin tension frequently when changing bobbins.

TAKE CARE TO RE-INSERT THE RELOADED BOBBIN CASE FULLY!

Your machine will not sew any stitches unless this is done. At worst, the needle & needle bar may strike the side of a poorly-inserted bobbin case, breaking the needle and possibly putting needle depth out of adjustment for that needle.





Make small adjustments

no more than a ¼ or
½ turn in either
direction before rechecking tension.



Sewing Controls

Basic Sewing Controls

On this page, learn the function of the important sewing controls.

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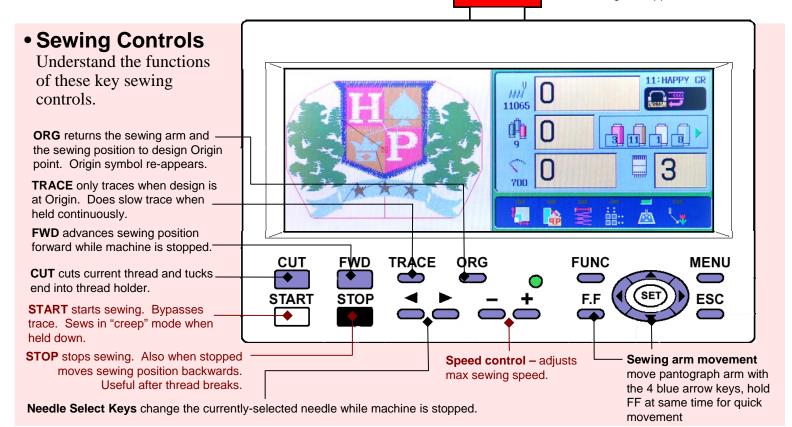
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Color Code

Items in black – function only when machine is stopped.

Items in red – function when machine is running or stopped.





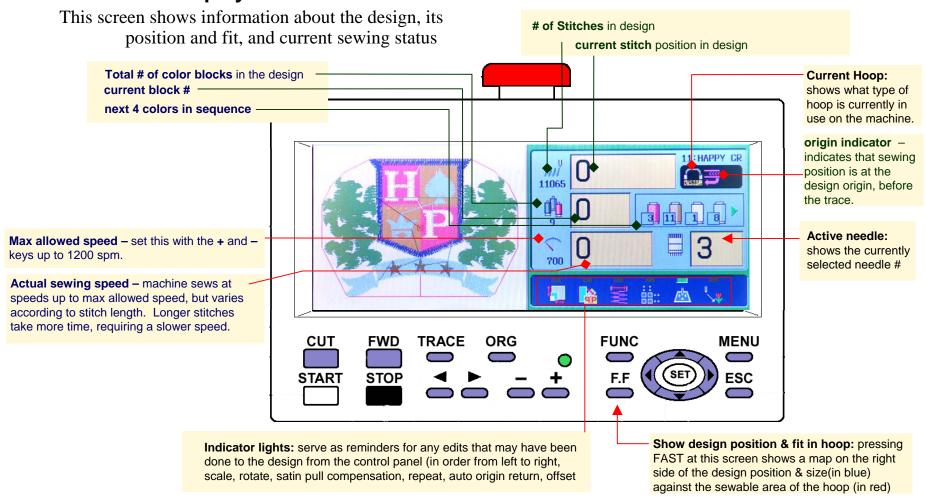
Main Screen Information

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Information Display on the main Drive screen





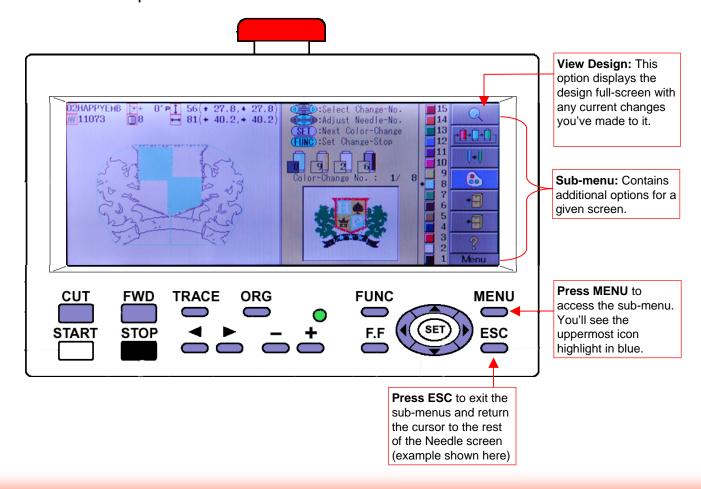
General Tips in Navigating Main Menu Screens

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In many of the screens accessed from the main menu, there are additional options that can be accessed in the same way. In the sample screen shown below, we've illustrated a few simple rules:





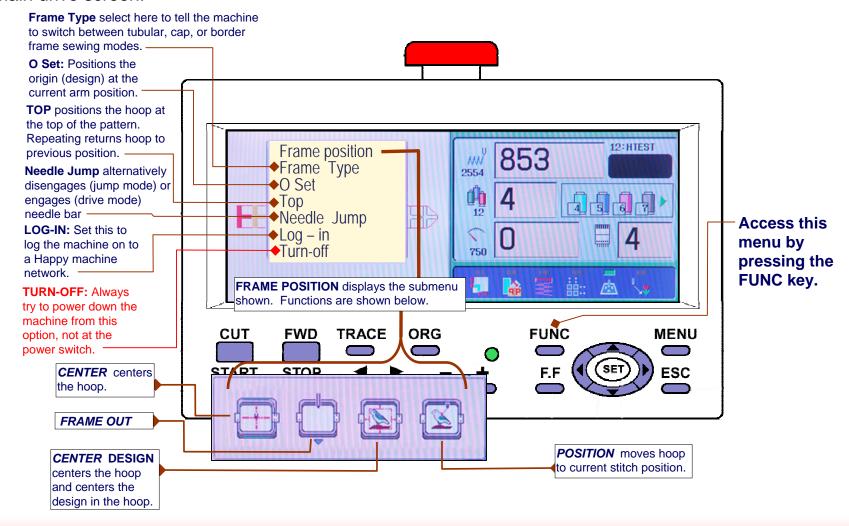
The Function Screen

The FUNC menu allows quick access for key machine functions directly in the main drive screen.

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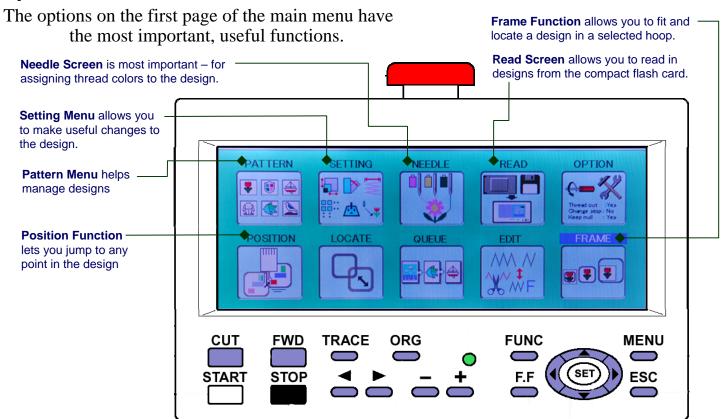
The 6 Important Main Menu Screens

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Important Main Menu Features





Important Main Menu Screens: Needle Screen

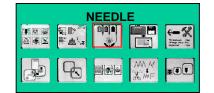
Designs sew in a sequence of *color blocks*. In order that your machine sews each color block with the correct color in the correct order, you can set that color sequence in the Needle screen, shown here.

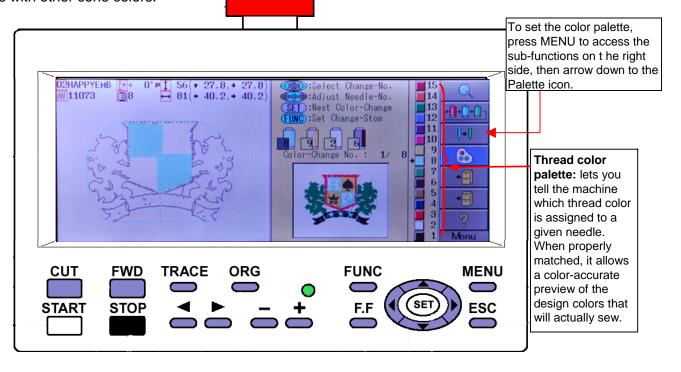
First match the thread color palette to the actual thread colors installed on the machine. You'll only need to do this once for all colors, then only for any time you replace thread cones with other cone colors.

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NEXT: THE COLOR PALETTE



Important Main Menu Screens: Needle Screen

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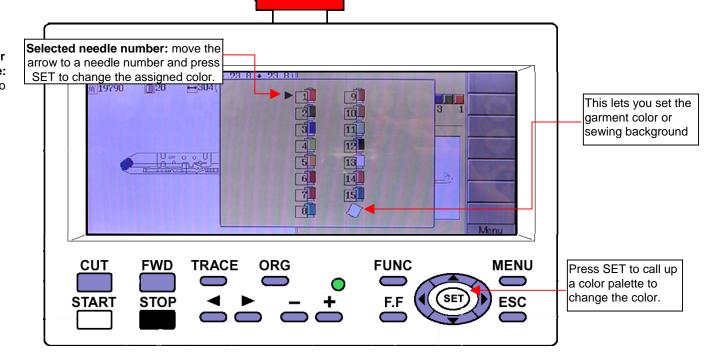
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How to Change the color assigned to each needle: Use the blue arrow keys to move the pointer to the needle whose color you wish to change. Then, press SET, calling up a color palette. Use the arrow keys to choose a different color and finally press SET.



NEXT: HOW TO SET THE COLOR SEQUENCE

Currently-selected color



Important Main Menu Screens: Needle Screen

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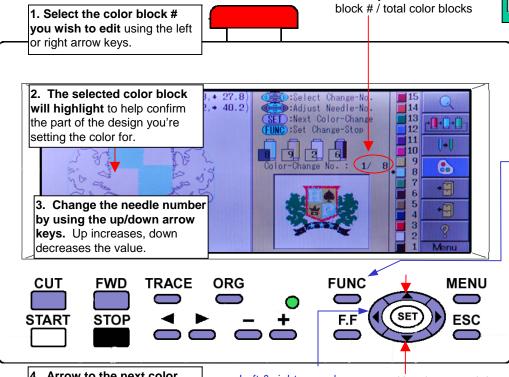
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How to Set the Color Block Sequence for A Design:

Follow steps 1-4 on the right to set the color sequence for a design. When finished, press ESC to return to the main menu, and/or ESC again to return to the main sewing screen.

Note: if a color block isn't assigned a needle #, that block will show a needle # of zero. When reaching that color block number during sewing, the machine will stop and prompt the operator to select a color.



Only 4 color blocks show in the list. To navigate to other color blocks, press the left or right arrow key to shift and show color blocks earlier or later in sequence.

Appliqué: Pressing the FUNC key when the arrow is next to a particular color block sets a stop command (marked by an asterisk *) causing the machine to sew that color and stop before continuing.

4. Arrow to the next color and continue until a needle# is selected for all the color blocks in the design.

Left & right arrow keys select the color block number.

Use the up and down arrow keys to choose the needle number for the desired color.



The control panel can store a maximum of 1,000,000 stitches of designs, or 99 designs total. The Pattern screen lets you choose from these designs if you wish to sew a design other than the current active design, as well as perform other design management functions such as deleting, re-naming, duplicating and locking designs.

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Additional Options (access

these by pressing MENU)

View pattern full-screen

Delete 1 or more patterns

Select trace types (slower

outline trace or faster but

less accurate area trace)

Re-name selected pattern

Duplicate selected pattern

There are more options -

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shown on the next page.

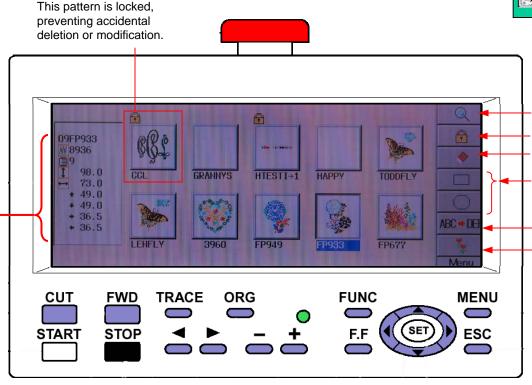
Lock selected pattern

How to choose a design in the Pattern menu:

- 1.Use the blue arrow keys to select a pattern.
- 2.Press the SET key to make that pattern the active pattern.
- **3.Press ESC** to return to the main menu.

Design Information – shows:

- Design name & number
- Stitch count
- # of color changes
- Height in mm
- Width in mm
- Distances from origin point to top & bottom edges
- Distances from origin point to left & right edges



NEXT: 2nd page of right side menu options



Pattern Screen, right side options page 2

Shown here are the options on the second page of the right side menu.

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FWD

STOP

CUT

START

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Store designs in folder groups With firmware 1.24, you can divide designs into folder groups. This indicator shows what folder group you're in. © Group Main 02НАРРУЕМВ Harpy Lily Kory 11073 HAPPY15 LILY 80.4 27.8 27.8 Jason 40.2

TRACE

Second page of right-side menu options

Save design back to flash drive (card or USB stick) Move design to folder Create new folder

Sort designs by order loaded or alphabetically **Thread break report** for

selected design: shows break locations (stitch #) of last 30 thread breaks in a design. Useful for troubleshooting.

NEXT: THE SETTING SCREEN

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FUNC

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The Setting screen allows you to perform some useful modifications to the current pattern. Any changes made to a design in the Setting screen will be saved with that design and will be remembered as long as the design stays in the control panel memory.

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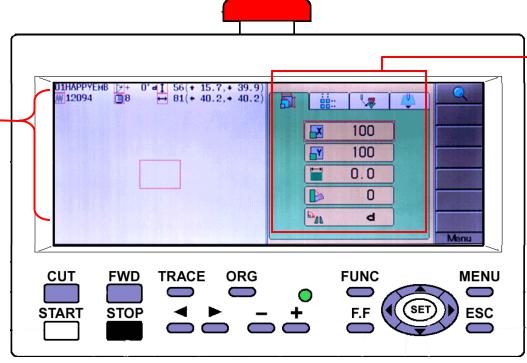
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Left side of the Setting screen shows:

- Design information
- Outline of the design to display what's being done to the design i.e. rotation, new size, etc.



The Setting screen is divided into 4 tabbed sub-screens. The functions on each tab are described on the next 4 pages.

NEXT: SETTING SCREEN 1st TAB



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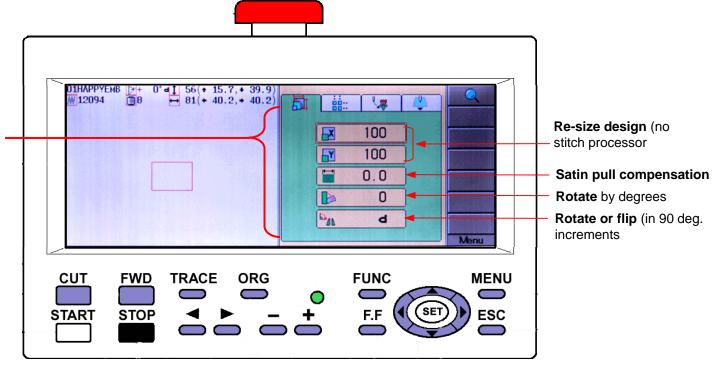
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1st Tab: useful design editing functions

The functions found on the default first tab perform the most common edits: re-scale, satin pull compensation, and design rotation.



NEXT: SETTING SCREEN 2nd TAB



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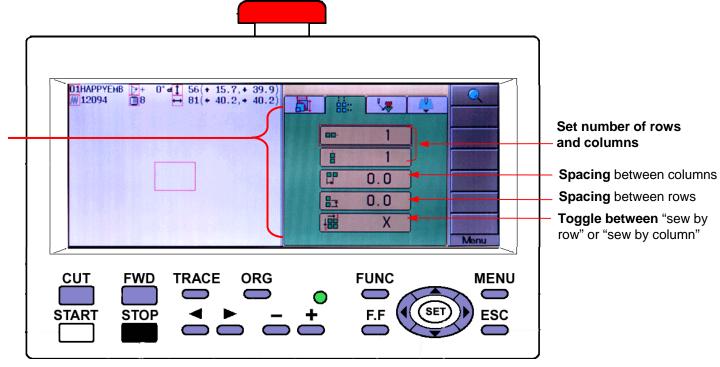
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2nd Tab: Repeat Function: This can be useful if you wish to sew the same design repeatedly on a large hoop i.e. to create a series of patches.



NEXT: SETTING SCREEN 3rd TAB



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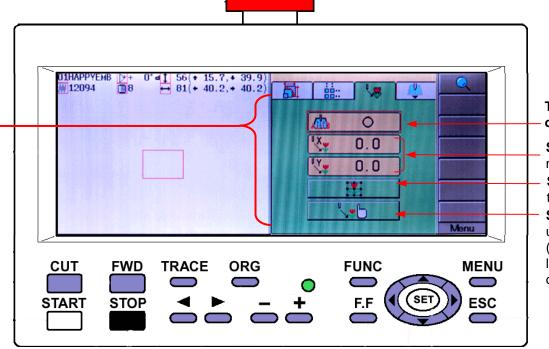
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3rd Tab: Offset: This function allows you to program a design to sew a design offset from center by a given distance in mm in the X and Y directions. Note that –Y values move the design lower in the hoop and vice-versa. -X values move the design to the left in the hoop and vice-versa.



Toggle auto origin on or off

Set offset distance in mm for X and Y values Set offset to a corner of the design

Set offset distance by using the arrow keys (sewing arm moves, letting you "eyeball" the offset)

NEXT: SETTING SCREEN 4th TAB



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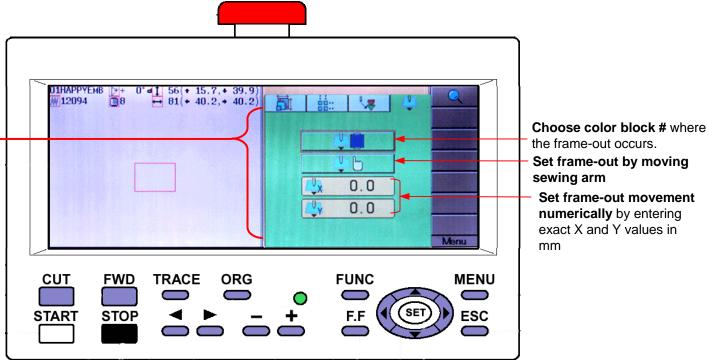
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4th Tab: Frame-out for applique

"Frame-Out" lets you command the machine to stop after sewing a specific color block number and then move the sewing arm towards you by a specific, pre-programmed distance. As an example, this is useful when sewing appliqué, where sewing needs to pause after the marker stitch has been laid. However, it can also be done more simply in the Needle screen (see page 12 in this chapter)



NEXT: THE READ SCREEN

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Important Main Menu Screens: Read Screen

The Read screen is used to read designs from a compact flash card or USB jump drive.

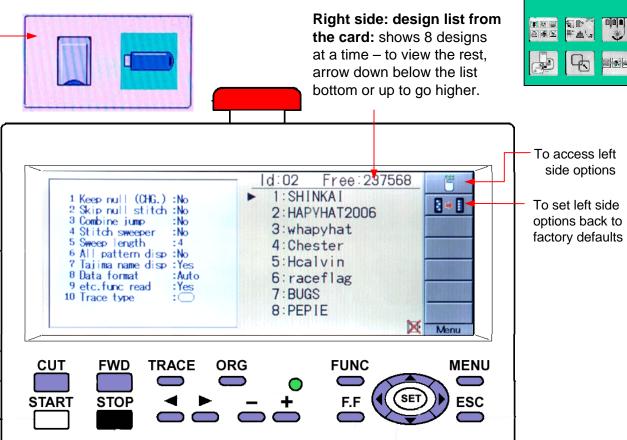
Choose CF card or USB Jump drive from the selections shown on the right when first selecting "READ".

Left side: "read settings" for the design: allows you to adjust the way the machine reads in a design. Some useful features are illustrated here.

combine jump – net effect reduces the number of trims in a design

stitch sweeper – always turn on. removes problematic short stitches.

sweep length –lets you set the max size of the stitches it deletes in tenths of a mm. 4 is the recommended value.



NEXT: THE POSITION FUNCTION



Important Main Menu Screens: Position

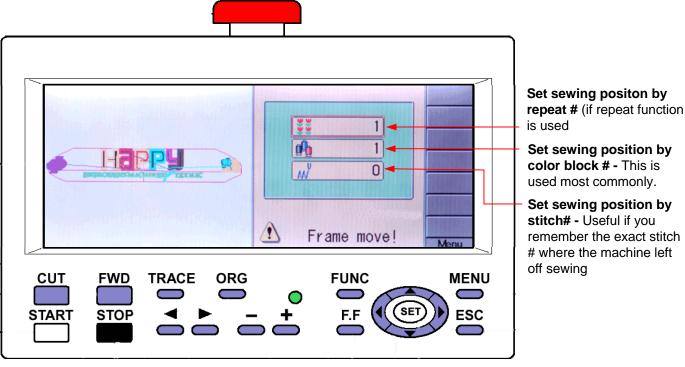
Use the Position function if you wish to start sewing a design at any point other than the beginning. Note that this is not used to return to position after a power fail recovery or sewing interruption: in those cases, use the Position option accessed from the FUNC key (when in the main "drive" screen)

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NEXT: THE FRAME FUNCTION



The Frame function lets you choose a hoop for a design, check the design fit and adjust the design position within the hoop.

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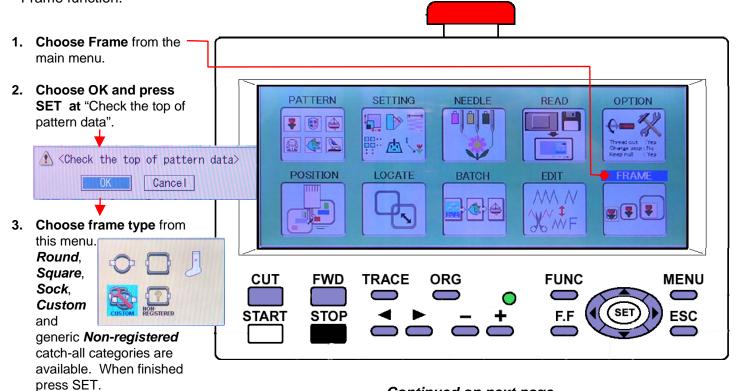
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HOW TO USE THE "FRAME" FUNCTION

Follow the steps on this page and the next to use the Frame function.



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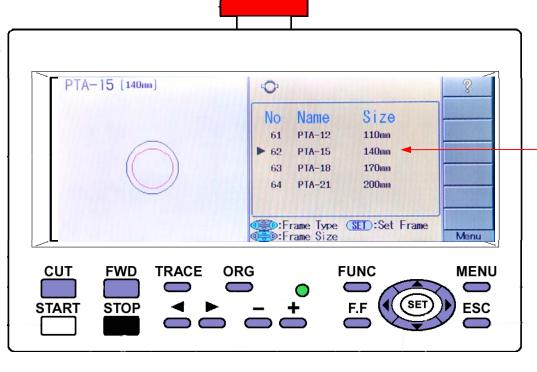


The Frame function performs the same function as the FAST button in the Main/Drive screen, (but with a few more options). It allows you to choose a hoop, then see/adjust position and fit.

HOW TO USE THE "FRAME" FUNCTION

Follow the steps on this page to use the Frame function. (continued from previous page)

- 4. A screen appears showing the available hoops for that category. In the example on the right, the Round hoop category was chosen, so a list of available round Happy hoops are shown. Sizes are indicated in mm in the right column (ignore the left column of 2-digit numbers). For example, if you wish to choose a 12cm hoop, choose "120".
- 5. Press SET to select the hoop. Design outline appears in blue. Red line is the safety margin for the hoop. Black outline is outline of hoop itself.



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Choose a hoop and press SET: the right side numbers indicate hoop size in mm. (The left side number is an internal reference # and not useful)



The Frame function performs the same function as the F.F button in the Main/Drive screen, (but with a few more options). It allows you to choose a hoop, then see/adjust position and fit.

HOW TO USE THE "FRAME" FUNCTION

Follow the steps on this page to use the Frame function. (continued from previous page)

6. Check position and fit, use the controls to adjust if needed or desired. For HAPPY hoops, the red outline is an accurate indicator of the safe, usable area and position in the hoop. Use the arrow keys to move the design position (blue outline) within the usable area. If the blue outline is too

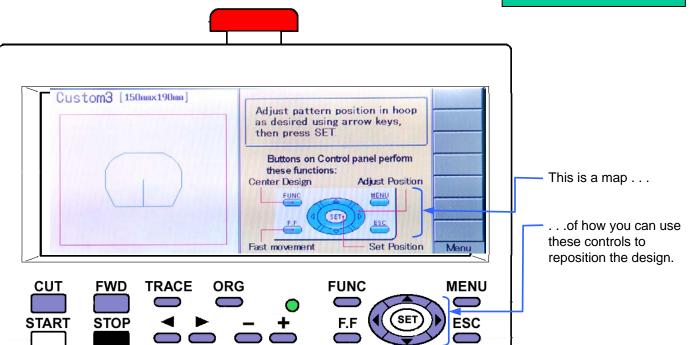
To auto-center the design in the hoop, you can press FUNC, as indicated by the control map on the right side of the screen.

big for the red area, it means

the design is too large for the

selected hoop.

7. Press SET to confirm and trace when finished before exiting back to the main menu and Drive screen.



NEXT: HOW TO SET UP FOR CUSTOM HOOP SIZES IN THE FRAME SCREEN

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On this page and the next, you'll learn how to use the "user" option in the Frame function to choose a non-standard hoop instead of the library of HAPPY hoops.

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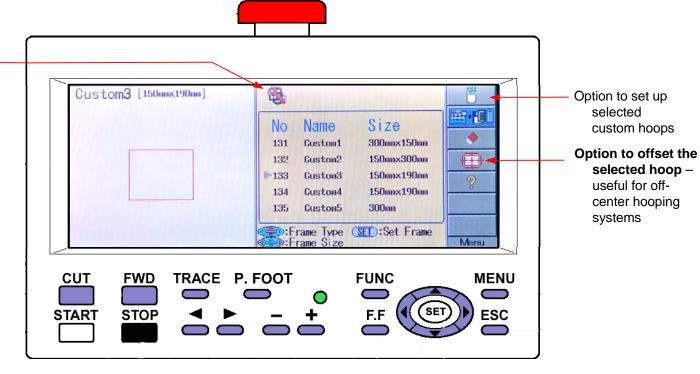
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STEPS FOR WORKING WITH CUSTOM SIZED HOOPS

- 1. Choose the Custom frames category for frame type using the left/right arrow keys
- arrow keys.

 2. Select 1 of the 5 available slots and press SET to select a user-defined frame.
- 3. To edit/set up a selected user-defined frame, press MENU after selecting it. This allows you to choose the Data Entry mode for that hoop. (shown top right).



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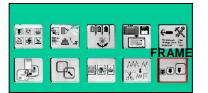


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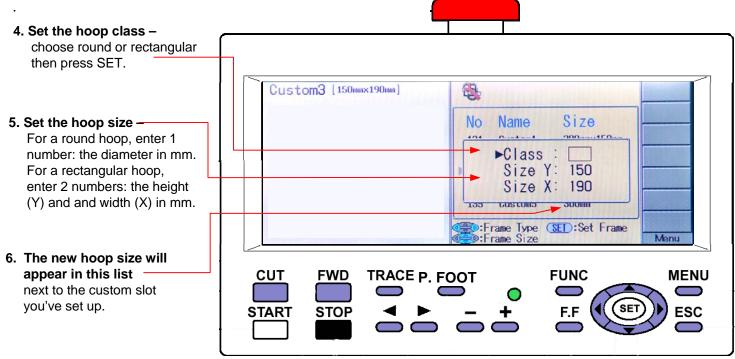
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NOTE: On 3rd-party hoops, actual sewing area may differ from hoop's stated size, based on hoop shape presser foot clearance and other factors. Always test sewing area after entering hoop dimensions. This is especially true of square/rectangular hoops.

Next: Transferring Designs



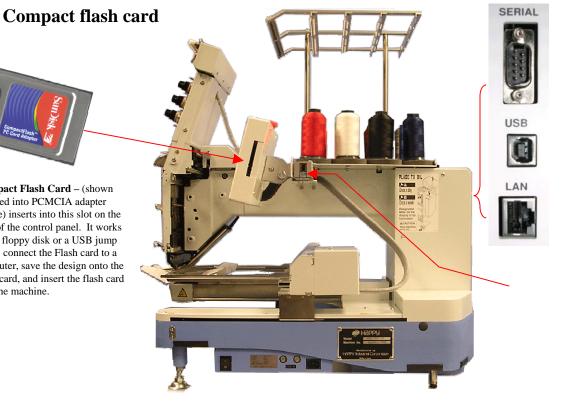
Transferring Designs into Your Machine

In this section, we provide detailed steps about the 2 most common ways to transfer a design into your machine to be sewn:

USB connection or



Compact Flash Card - (shown inserted into PCMCIA adapter sleeve) inserts into this slot on the side of the control panel. It works like a floppy disk or a USB jump drive: connect the Flash card to a computer, save the design onto the flash card, and insert the flash card into the machine.



On the following pages, we'll go over the steps for both methods in detail. Next: USB connection

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USB port is found on rear wall of machine with other ports. You can connect a Windows PC to the machine with a USB cable so you can transfer designs and perform other functions.





Transfer via USB Connection

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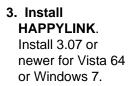
One-Time Set-up of the USB Connection (continued from last page)

Follow the steps on these pages to set up your PC for a USB connection. You'll only need to do this once.

1. Run the CD that came with your machine before connecting your HAPPY machine to your computer.



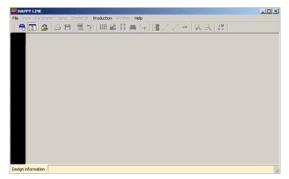
2. Wait for the CD install screen to appear.



 Click to install the appropriate USB driver for your Windows Operating system.



5. Launch the HAPPYLINK program you installed in Step 3.



HAPPYLINK program window

6. Click on File...Options until the dialog box shown below appears. Ensure that the dialog box is set as shown below, then click OK.



For 64-bit versions of Windows Vista and all versions of Windows 7, choose USB-COM. You'll have to find the port# after connecting your Happy machine via USB cable and letting the driver set up, as in the next page. Return to this screen here on the left after finding the virtual COM port# assigned to your HAPPY machine by Windows.



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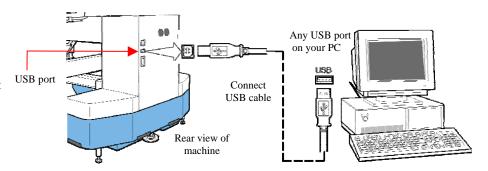
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One-Time Set-up of the USB Connection (continued from last page)

Follow the steps on these pages to set up your PC for a USB connection.

5. Ensure that your HAPPY machine is turned off, and connect a USB cable between your PC and the machine. You may use the cable that came with your machine or purchase a longer one at any computer supply store. Ensure that any USB cable you purchase is high-quality and under 16 feet.



6. Power on your HAPPY machine and watch your PC screen. Windows should detect the machine, starting the Hardware Installation Wizard, similar to what is shown below.



7. Continue through the prompts, ensuring that at some point, Windows identifies the new hardware as "02 Happy Embroidery Machine" for Windows XP / Vista 32, or, in Vista 64/Windows 7, lists it in the Device Manager under Ports. Be sure to note the port#.



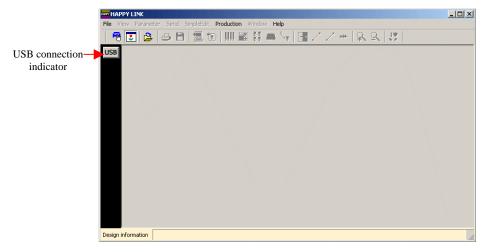
8. Continue until the message "Your new hardware is installed and ready to use" or a similar message appears.



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One-Time Set-up of the USB Connection (continued from last page)
Follow the 11 steps on these pages and the next to set up your PC for a USB connection.

11. Launch the HAPPYLINK program again. If you've done everything correctly, the USB connection indicator should appear as a solid grey icon in the top-left corner of the program bar as shown below.



NEXT: Actual Steps to Transfer a Design by USB Cable

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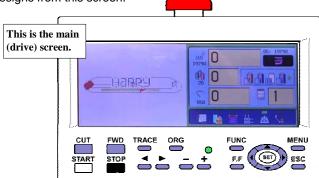


Transfer via USB Connection

Actual Steps to Transfer a Design by USB

Once you've properly set up HAPPYLINK and the USB drivers on your PC, you'll only need to follow the 5 steps on this page to actually transfer designs.

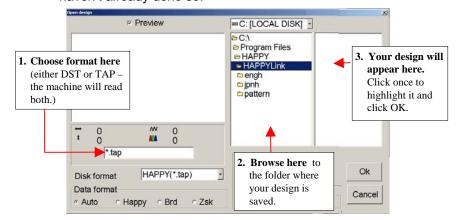
 Ensure that the machine is powered on and at the main (drive) screen. Your PC will only be able to transfer designs from this screen.



- 5. Click the Send Pattern Icon. The design will transfer from your PC to the machine.



2. Connect the USB cable between machine and PC if you haven't already done so.



4. Open your design by clicking on File...Pattern Open.The above dialog box appears. Follow the directions indicated above, and your design should open (in grey tones) into HAPPYLINK.



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Which Compact Flash cards to buy

The slot located on the side of the machine's control panel accepts flash memory cards, to allow you to transfer designs into memory from a computer. To do this, you'll need to buy the 3 items shown on this page from most stores that sell computer or digital camera supplies.



USB "Jump" Drives are a little easier to work with they require no adapter and plug directly into the USB port behind the control panel. They are not as brand-specific. Larger capacity jump drives are more likely to work. Be sure the drive is formatted in FAT32 for capacities larger than 1Gb.



NEXT: ALTERNATE FORMS OF FLASH MEDIA



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Other Types of Flash memory (What not to Buy)

Your HAPPY machine was designed to accept other types of Flash cards, but none have worked as successfully as Sandisk-brand compact flash cards. For your assistance, we've identified other types of flash memory cards available below. We have attempted to show the cards approximately to scale with each other. Note that compatibility with these types may improve as revisions of the machine's on-board firmware and hardware are released.

GOOD



SanDisk brand Compact Flash card:

This has worked with the greatest success with HAPPY machines, and is widely available.



Jump Drive Brands: To date, most brands of USB jump drives have worked. Most larger capacity drives are even readable (4Gb, 8Gb, etc)



Other brands of compact Flash card: Some other types work, although not all.



Memory Stick: This has been the least successful of the other Flash media types



SD Card: Few brands of this type have been found to work.



Other Types of Adapter Sleeves: All-in-1 adapter sleeves have had limited success, even Sandisk brand.



SmartMedia Card: Few brands of this type have been found to work.

NEXT: HOW TO USE YOUR COMPACT FLASH CARD or JUMP DRIVE



Machine Setup

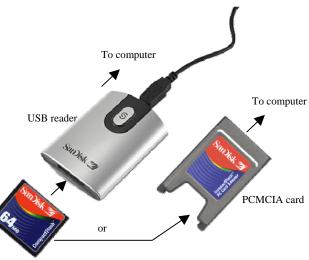
Control Panel 2

Design Transfer

How to Use CF Cards or USB Jump Drives to Transfer Designs

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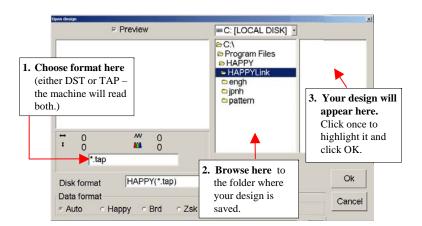
1. Connect the Compact Flash card or USB
Jump drive to your computer. For compact
Flash, nsert the card into a PCMCIA adapter first
(if your laptop has this type of slot) or otherwise
insert it into the USB reader.



For USB jump drives, just plug the drive into any available USB port on your PC.



2. Start HAPPYLINK and open the design you wish to transfer from File... Pattern Open. You'll see the dialog box below appear. Follow the directions.





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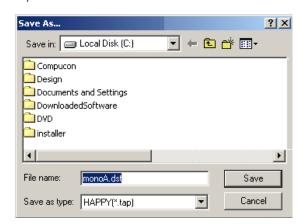
How to Use Compact Flash Cards to Transfer Designs

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3. (optional step) Set the color sequence. Click on the icon shown below to do so. Or if you choose, you can set colors in your machine.



4. Save the file to the Flash card or jump drive. Click on File...Save As. The dialog box shown below appears. Follow the directions below to save, *then close HAPPYLINK*.



5. Click on Safely Remove Hardware Icon to shut off the card. You'll find this icon at the lower-right edge of the screen near the clock. Continue until the message "It is now safe to remove" appears.





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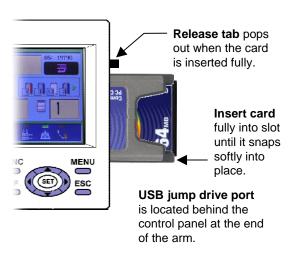
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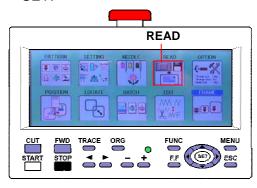
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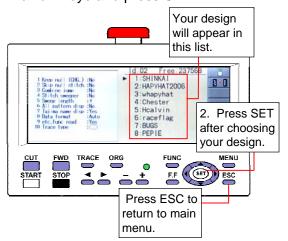
6. Insert the Flash card into the machine. You'll need to insert the card into the PCMCIA adapter sleeve.



7. Go to the Read screen in the control panel to read the card. From the main (drive) screen press MENU and click the blue arrow keys to go to the READ and press SET.



8. Find your design in the list. Any DST & TAP designs will show automatically in a list on the right. Choose your design with the blue arrow keys and press SET.



9. Press ESC to return to the main (drive) screen. Once the design is imported from the READ screen, press the ESC button until you've returned to the main Drive screen, where image of your design should now appear. (The next step will be to set the colors in the Needle screen.)

NEXT: CHAPTER 3: SEWING CHECKLIST, UPPER TENSION TEST