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Our FREE Brother design download this month is a little leaf border design. Learn how to embroider on ribbon and then use the embellished ribbon to trim tiebacks. We created our tiebacks to coordinate with our pillow project this month. You can add these tiebacks to custom made curtains or a set you purchase ready-made. Either way, these tiebacks will give your room a fresh new look. It is easy to update your home décor with your Brother Sewing and Embroidery machine!

Materials and Supplies

- [Brother](#) Combination Machine or a Brother Embroidery Machine with 4-inch or larger hoop capability, and a Brother Sewing Machine for construction.
- [Brother Embroidery Thread and Brother Bobbin Thread](#).
- [Embroidery Needle](#)
- [Brother FREE Design of the Month](#), LittleLeafBorder.pes
- [Brother Stabilizer](#)
- Temporary embroidery adhesive spray as needed.
- Basic sewing notions including a wash out marker.
- Ready-made or custom made curtains or drapes.
- Four small curtain rings for tieback holders.
- Small cup hooks to attach tiebacks to wall or window frame.



Fabric and Ribbon Requirements for Two Tiebacks

- Two pieces of grosgrain ribbon measuring 1 1/2-inches wide.
- Two strips of home décor fabric measuring 3 1/2-inches wide. Please see instructions in Step 1. to determine the length needed for ribbon and fabric strips.

Instructions for Creating Tiebacks

1. Hang curtains on your drapery rod. To use a tape measure to simulate a tieback, loop the tape measure from front to back around the drawn panel. Record the measurement of the loop to determine tieback length. Using the recorded measurement, cut a set of two 3 1/2-inch-wide strips of fabric for each tieback. Layer each set of tieback strips with the right sides together and long edges matching. Sew long edges using a 1/4-inch seam allowance. Turn right sides out and press. Fold and turn under 1/2-inch on each of the short raw ends, turning the raw edge to the inside. Proceed to the next step, leaving the ends folded, but open.

2. Cut a piece of ribbon for each tieback, having the length measure eight to ten inches longer than your tie back to allow for hooping the ribbon. Place a length of ribbon over your partially finished tieback. Mark the space you need to fill for the embroidery to show on the front side of the tieback.

3. Set up machine for embroidery. Transfer the Free design. Using your preferred method or the one presented below, embroider leaf designs along the center of your ribbon, positioning the designs so they show from the front side when curtains are tied back.

Notes about the LittleLeafBorder.pes Embroidery Design

- At the machine we rotated the design 90 degrees to the right to stitch lengthwise in the 4 X 4 inch hoop.
- We used the following Brother thread colors for our design:

Color Order :

Basic Name

- | | | |
|----|---|-------------|
| 1: |  | FRESH GREEN |
| 2: |  | MOSS GREEN |
| 3: |  | DEEP GREEN |

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4. Use your own preferred method or follow our method below for embroidering on the ribbon. In this example we used a standard 4-inch hoop. If you are using a larger hoop or using a machine with Edit mode you can add motifs and embroider several motifs in one hooping. Measure and space your motifs evenly across the ribbon. We embroidered three motifs end to end across the ribbon.

Steps for embroidering the ribbon:

- Begin by hooping a piece of Brother [SA5810](#) tear away stabilizer, cutting the piece several inches larger than the area you wish to embroider. Mark the center of the ribbon. Mark the center of the first motif. Lightly spray the wrong side of the ribbon with temporary adhesive, following the manufacturer's directions and spraying only the area you need to embroider. **Tip:** As an alternative you can use low tack tape to hold the ribbon in place during embroidery.
- To accurately hoop the ribbon, place the template grid in the inner ring of the hoop and align the markings on the template with the markings on the ribbon. Insert the inner ring into the outer ring of the hoop, taking care to keep the ribbon in the center. *See **Figure #1**. **Tip:** We suggest you visit the [Tutorial Section](#) of Brothersews.com for more information on using the template grid included with your hoop. You will also find an alternative method for embroidering on ribbon in this Tutorial section.
- Stitch the first motif lengthwise along the ribbon, re-hooping and repeating the alignment technique to stitch the necessary motifs for your ribbon length. *See **Figure #2a and #2b**.

5. Remove marks and lightly press ribbons. Center ribbon on tieback. *See **Figure #3**. Trim excess ribbon and tuck raw ends of into the folded ends of tieback. Topstitch ribbon in place along the length of the tieback. **Tip:** The edge joining foot is ideal for this task. Close each end of the tiebacks by top-stitching close to the folded edge.

Figure #1

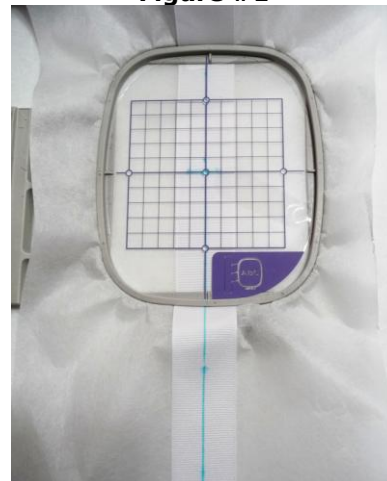


Figure #2a

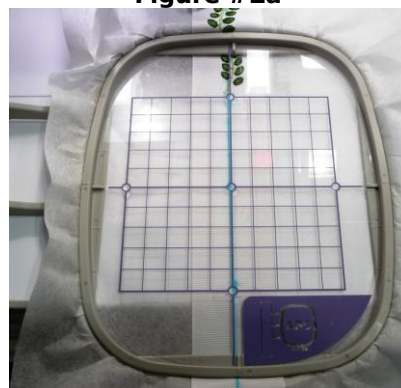


Figure #2b

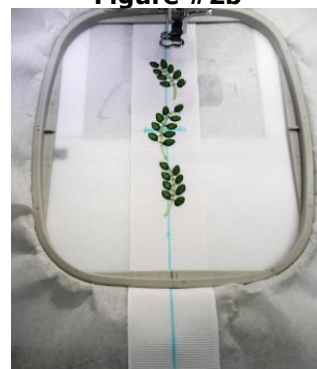


Figure #3



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6. For each tieback, hand-sew a curtain ring to the wrong side of each end. *See **Figure #4**.

7. Mount your cup hooks on the wall or window trim at the desired level for your curtains. To tie the curtains wrap the tieback around the drape and then slip the rings over your mounted cup hook.

Enjoy your new home decor!

Figure #4

