

Cleaning hoops and making hoop protectors *by Janice Henning*

3 or 4 large sheets of plain mylar plastic.
1 bottle of 92% (or close to that) Isopropyl alcohol
Permanent marking pen such as Sharpie fine point
Used tooth brush

Cleaning the hoops

We really only need to clean the inner hoop because the fabric is covering the outer hoop when we spray it with the embroidery spray adhesive.

I use a long baking pan and I pour about ¼ of the bottle into the pan and lay the inner hoops in the pan to soak. After about 5 minutes, I use the tooth brush to brush away any sticky that might be left. I make sure that alcohol is in the grooves of the hoop too and try to get the brush in there too. If you have a clean jar you can pour the left over in the jar and use it again. Don't pour it back in the bottle with the fresh stuff. Make sure you mark it well so no one drinks it.

Then rinse with warm water and lay on a dishtowel to dry. Once you clean your hoops and make the hoop protectors, you probably won't ever have to clean them again.

Other hoop cleaning choices:

Formby's buildup remover
Sure Clean at Sally's Beauty Salons
Goo gone
Mennen's Electric Shave

Making the Hoop protectors:

We want this to resemble a frame that lays on top of the hoops to protect the hoop from getting adhesive spray on it. It will be very easy to wipe the frames with paper towel dipped in the alcohol.



Put the inner hoop inside the outer hoop and tighten it with the knob. Place it over a piece of plastic and draw a line about ½” from the outer edges. Then draw a line about 1/2” from the inner edges all around the hoop.

Cut on the outer lines and then use an Xacto knife or something to cut a X in the center so you can get your scissors through it to cut the inside lines you drew. This will make about 1 ½” plastic frame over the actual hoop so that when you spray the center part, no spray can get on the hoops.

Attention:

Never use adhesive spray near your machine. I like to use an aluminum foil baking pan about 4” deep or a shallow box with aluminum foil on the bottom that you can throw away. Lay the hoop inside with the guard on top. Make sure you are covering the hoop edges. Lightly spray into the center of the hoop about 6 to 10” away.

The pan can be easily cleaned with a paper towel dipped in the Isopropyl alcohol to remove the sticky,