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Hooping a Cap

Hooping caps is very easy when broken down into steps. Each area should be secured working left to right. Also remember you will have an opportunity to work out any wrinkles at the end.

- 1. Use a 3-3/4" x 15" piece of backing to hoop most caps.

 HINT: Cut several pieces, roll into small tube and put a rubber band around it to create curved backing pieces which will curve around cap framing device and stay in place.
- 2. Place backing piece up to ridge in cap frame.



3. Flip sweatband away from inside of cap.



4. Lay cap onto cap framing device.



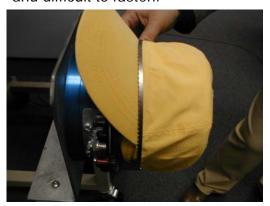
5. Line cap center ¾" to 1" to the left of the cap frame center.

HINT: Lining up the cap left of center allows for shifting that happens when fastening the strap.



- 6. Place the right hand on the center of the cap to keep it from shifting.
- 7. Take the strap in your left hand and place the 4 large teeth onto the body of the cap.

HINT: You may need to scrunch the sweatband to get the 4 large teeth to fit onto the cap body. Also make sure the teeth are not on the seam, which will make the strap very tight and difficult to fasten.





- 8. Remove your right hand from the cap. Line the small teeth on the strap with the seam above the brim. Push the teeth into the seam working from left to right.
- 9. When you get to the right side of the cap, flip bracket into place and position the 4 large teeth on the right onto the body of the cap.

HINT: You may need to pull on the cap by the large teeth to eliminate the tuck.



10. Fasten strap and pull up to latch securely into place.

HINT: If strap is difficult to fasten, loosen 2 screws on fastening bracket and finish latching strap. Tighten screws tightly and cap frame is adjusted to the cap style being used.

11. Grasp bottom of cap with both hands and tighten for a smooth sewing surface. Free up one hand to insert the gathering clip while continuing to grasp cap at bottom.

HINT: The clip is very flexible and you can insert into one groove and flex it out to fit into groove on opposite side.



- 12. If there are diagonal wrinkles on the sides of cap, grasp the clip with one hand and pull down and towards you to work out the diagonal wrinkle. Repeat for the opposite side.
- 13. Push on red levers to release cap frame from framing device.

14. Rotate cap frame to left or right and slide over cylinder arm and under needles. Turn cap frame to center brim behind needles. Push cap frame into place (you can hear it snap into place) and pull back to verify it is attached securely.



15. Move current needle (red dot needle), with the jog keys to center of cap.

HINT: Make sure bottom of design clears the presser foot by about ½ ".This will eliminate hitting the hoop frame and breaking needles.

Hooping the Back of a Cap Using a 12cm Round Hoop



- 1. Place a piece of shelf liner or non-skid padding (used under rugs) on the corner of a table.
- 2. Spray adhesive on a piece of tearaway and place on inside of cap back. Smooth out wrinkles from front side of cap. Place the bottom ring close to the table corner and fit cap back over bottom ring.



- 3. Fit the cap back over the bottom ring.
- 4. Line up hoop top notches on hoop top with center back and edges of cap back cut out.



5. Push down to complete hooping.