

Guide to Belt Packs

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My new **Belt Pack** design collection includes embroidery panels for creating belt packs with up to five zippers. For each **belt pack** there are two embroidery designs. The first is a rectangular panel for creating the pack itself. The panels are available in sizes to fit 200 mm x 360 mm, 230 mm x 300 mm, 240mm x 360mm, and 260mm x 360mm hoops. The second design, stitched in a 130 mm x 180 mm hoop, includes two **strap sleeves** to be sewn into the side seams of the **belt pack**. After the body of the **belt pack** is sewn and turned right side out, it will be easy to tuck the ends of an adjustable belt into the openings in the **strap sleeves** and stitch them in place.

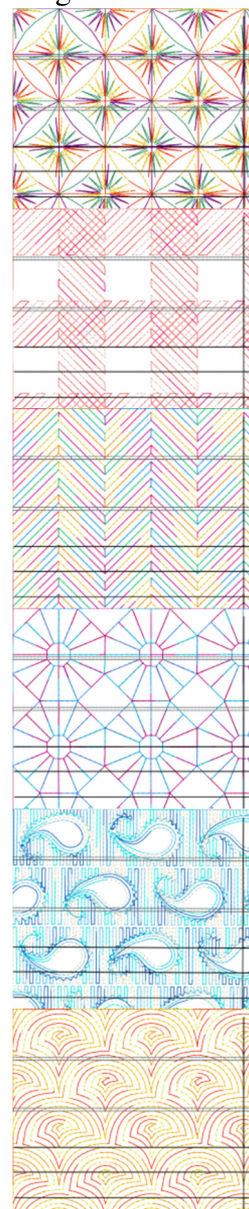
The **belt pack** panel designs include seven thread colors. The first is for the background fill for the panel. I suggest variegated thread for this part of the design. The second color appears four times in the design (colors 2, 3, 5, and 6). Each instance of the color is for stitching a separate pair of guide lines; you will cut between these lines in order to add an additional zipper pocket. Following the instructions provided with the designs, choose which pockets to add to your belt pack. Delete all the other guide line pairs, or omit stitching them. You may use your color sorting function to eliminate the color stops. Be sure to choose a thread color that you will be able to on top of your fabric and first thread color. The third color appears twice in the design (colors 4 and 7). Each occurrence provides vertical and horizontal centering lines for adding a name or other design on top of the background. Choose which horizontal line you use according to which zipper pockets you add; see instructions for details.

The **strap sleeve** designs include one color (to match or coordinate with the **belt pack** panel) and cut lines for cutwork needles. You will need to trim small uncut sections of the outline; these “secure points” keep the fabric from distorting in the hoop. If you don’t have the needles, cut the panels slightly outside the outer line of stitching.

Finished lengths for the 360 mm designs are approximately 7” and for the 300 mm length approximately 5 3/4”. The approximate widths for the 200, 230, 240, and 260 mm panels, not counting the strap sleeves, are 7”, 8 1/4”, 8 5/8”, and 9 1/2”, respectively. Each strap sleeve adds almost 2” to the width.

Designs are available in .dst, .exp, .hus, .jef, .pes, .vip, .vp3, and .xxx formats. Designs in .pes and .jef formats are only available in sizes for which the corresponding embroidery machines have hoops. Please check your own hoop collection to determine which design sizes you can use.

There are six different fill patterns available in this collection: cathedral windows, gingham, herringbone, octagon, paisley, and shell. They are shown at right. In these screen images you can also see the guide lines and centering lines mentioned above.



The chart below shows two names for all designs as well as the stitch counts and dimensions in inches. The upper name is displayed with the screen image at the www.AnnTheGran.com website. The lower name is the name of the embroidery design file. The actual file names include the hoop size in millimeters. For example, the Cathedral Windows belt pack that fits in the 260 mm x 360 mm hoop is named **BP_CW_260x360**. If you mouse to a design, you will see the second design name at the bottom of your browser. Designs are available as a **belt pack** and **strap sleeve** pair, as a complete set of all 24 **belt pack** designs and 6 **strap sleeve** designs, a set of all 6 **belt pack** fill pattern designs in a single hoop size with 6 **strap sleeve** designs included, and as a set of all 4 hoop sizes for a single **belt pack** fill pattern design with the corresponding **strap sleeve** design included.

Design	Stitch Counts and Dimensions (w x h)				
	200 x 360 hoop	230 x 300 hoop	240 x 360 hoop	260 x 360 hoop	130 x 180 hoop
Cathedral Windows Belt Pack <i>BP_CW</i>	34,860 7.72" x 14.05"	29,181 8.93" x 11.66"	29,031 9.27" x 14.05"	28,759 9.96" x 14.05"	11,281 4.86" x 6.3"
Gingham Belt Pack <i>BP_ghingham</i>	13,063 7.72" x 14.05"	11,391 8.93" x 11.66"	29,013 9.27" x 14.05"	17,974 9.96" x 14.05"	7,491 4.86" x 6.3"
Herringbone Belt Pack <i>BP_h-bone</i>	17,504 7.72" x 14.05"	15,052 8.93" x 11.66"	17,484 9.27" x 14.05"	17,312 9.96" x 14.05"	8,017 4.86" x 6.3"
Octagon Belt Pack <i>BP_CW_octagon</i>	14,903 7.72" x 14.05"	14,952 8.93" x 11.66"	15,294 9.27" x 14.05"	15,271 9.96" x 14.05"	8,985 4.86" x 6.3"
Paisley Belt Pack <i>BP_CW_paisley</i>	28,254 7.72" x 14.05"	27,350 8.93" x 11.66"	33,758 9.27" x 14.05"	36,070 9.96" x 14.05"	9,411 4.86" x 6.3"
Shell Back Pack <i>BP_CW_shell</i>	13,811 7.72" x 14.05"	12,563 8.93" x 11.66"	17,050 9.27" x 14.05"	17,287 9.96" x 14.05"	8,853 4.86" x 6.3"