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Hooping Frame Basic Inventory

Hooping Frames and Hoops are interchangeable terms usually meaning the same thing although there are some devices that are truly frames and not hoops such as your cap frames. I have been in this business for over 35 years and we all started out using the term hoops so please don't get confused when I refer to either the hoops or the hooping frames when I mean the same thing in most situations.

There are basic hooping frames that you will need for your everyday production although your inventory needs will depend on what your niche market is. I have found that the basic inventory requires at least two hooping frames of each size per machine head, but in the more popular sizes for your market, you will need some additional frames to maintain a constant production flow.

The 12cm and the 15cm frames are the most widely used in this industry for most applications. I have also found that at least 6 hoops of each one of these sizes per head works best for me. I can be hooped ahead, and the machine is never waiting for me to catch up. In order to make the most of your actual machine running time, you must keep it running as much as possible. You are not making any money if the machine is not in constant motion.

This is the list of the inventory that I have in my small in-home studio with two machine heads.

- 4 - 9 cm frames
- 12 - 12 cm frames
- 12 - 15 cm frames
- 4 - 18 cm frames
- 4 - 21 cm frames
- 6 - 30 cm square frames -12" square
- 4 - 270 Cap frames
- 4 - Large jacket back frames-whatever size that will fit your machine. Each machine requires a different size.

I also have 4 - 6" x 12" hoops that have interchangeable arms that can be used for either a jacket back one liner or for vertical applications on sleeves or legs.

There are other types of frames that are available in today's markets, but the list above is your basic inventory that will work great to get you started with your production.

If you are embroidering on a lot of tote bags or other hard to hoop items there are clamping systems that work very well for these types of applications. This is not a must for your inventory, but they are very helpful when you are faced with very hard to hoop items.



Hoop Tech Clamping Systems

I have **two clamping systems**, but they are available in 3 sizes. They can be purchased from SM Cristall Co. in Buffalo, NY. They also have a location in Chicago, IL. They carry all types of embroidery supplies, hoops, hooping devices and systems.

Magnetic Hoops

There is also another hoop that I have recently purchased and highly recommend. **It is a magnetic hoop called The Mighty Hoop.** There are a variety of sizes that it is available in but the one that I purchased is for a jacket back. It is extremely helpful if you do the heavy Carhart Jackets. I have even found it great for horse blankets pads and towels.



It is a very easy hoop to use. You lay down the bottom piece, lay your garment in place and lay the top piece down. You must make sure that it is totally lined up correctly before attaching the top

piece. The top piece literally grabs the bottom piece and holds it very tightly. I have found this hoop to be a huge addition to my inventory. It is a little pricey, but the length of time that it takes to hoop a garment with it makes the price worth it. It also is very easy on the hands. If you have arthritis or have any issues with your hands, this hoop is well worth it! They are available in several different sizes and work great with the **HoopMaster**.

You can purchase this hoop through Cristal Threads in Buffalo, NY. They also have an office in Chicago, IL. Their phone number is 1-800-800-9983. Make sure you tell Jeff that I told you to call. They take very good care of my students.