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Model: PP1 | Brand: Brother

1. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

The Brother Skitch Single-Needle Embroidery Machine is designed for personalizing various items with embroidery designs. It operates in conjunction with the Artspira mobile app, providing a seamless wireless experience for design creation and transfer. This compact machine offers a 4-inch by 4-inch embroidery area, making it suitable for a wide range of creative projects, from customizing apparel to crafting unique accessories.

Key features include:

- **Artspira App Integration:** Wireless design transfer via Bluetooth.
- **4" x 4" Embroidery Area:** Standard magnetic hoop included for versatile projects.
- **Free Arm Capability:** Ideal for embroidering on sleeves, hats, and other cylindrical items.
- **User-Friendly Features:** Quick-set bobbin, needle threader, bobbin winder, and thread trimming key.
- **Embroidery Speed:** Up to 400 stitches per minute (SPM).



Figure 1.1: The Brother Skitch PP1 Single-Needle Embroidery Machine.

The Skitch PP1 is an embroidery-only machine and does not function as a traditional sewing machine. It is intended for use with 120-volt power in the US; use in other regions may void the warranty.

2. SETUP

Before operating your Brother Skitch Embroidery Machine, ensure all components are present and properly set up. The machine requires the Artspira mobile app for operation, which can be downloaded to your smartphone or tablet.

2.1 Unpacking and Initial Inspection

Carefully remove the machine and all accessories from the packaging. Verify that all included components are present:

- Quick Reference Guide
- Scissor
- Cleaning brush
- Seam ripper
- Needle set
- 2 pre-wound bobbins
- Disc-shaped screwdriver
- Spool presser (mini, small, medium, large)
- Magnetic frame (4" x 4")
- Electric cord
- Embroidery thread (black)
- Felt
- Backing material



Download the Artspira* app to get access to over 400 designs

*Artspira App Download and Wireless Connection required for Machine Operation. Compatibility may vary by device and operating system.

Figure 2.2: Download the Artspira app to access designs and control your machine.

Once installed, open the Artspira app and follow the on-screen instructions to pair your mobile device with the Skitch machine via Bluetooth. No USB connection is required for design transfer.

3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Operating the Brother Skitch machine involves preparing your material, selecting or creating a design in the Artspira app, and initiating the embroidery process.

3.1 Preparing Your Material and Hoop

Place your fabric or item within the 4" x 4" magnetic hoop. The strong magnets help secure various materials, including towels, plush fabric, and denim, without leaving marks. Ensure the material is taut and smooth within the hoop to prevent puckering or uneven stitching.



4"x4" Magnetic Hoop Embroidery Area

Figure 3.1: The 4"x4" magnetic hoop provides a secure embroidery area.

For items like sleeves or pant legs, utilize the machine's free arm capability to easily position the material for embroidery.

3.2 Using the Artspira App for Design

The Artspira app is your creative hub. You can:

- **Create Designs:** Use built-in drawing tools to create line-art inspired embroidery designs directly on your mobile device.
- **Import Designs:** Import your own PES, PHC, PHX, or DST embroidery files. The free version allows storage of up to 20 designs.
- **Browse Designs:** Access a library of over 100 free embroidery artist designs upon machine registration, plus additional designs within the app.
- **Customize:** Edit existing designs, change colors, and add unique touches.



Figure 3.2: Create and manage your designs using the Artspira app.

Once your design is ready, send it wirelessly from the Artspira app to your Skitch machine via Bluetooth.

3.3 Threading and Bobbin Setup

The Skitch machine features a quick-set bobbin and a needle threader for ease of use. Follow the instructions in the Quick Reference Guide for proper upper thread and bobbin threading. Ensure the bobbin is correctly wound using the integrated bobbin winder.

3.4 Starting Embroidery

After preparing your material, selecting your design, and threading the machine, you can begin embroidering. The machine operates at a speed of up to 400 stitches per minute. Use the thread trimming key to cut threads as needed during the process.



Add Some
New Life to
Something
Old

Add custom embroidery designs to readymade clothes or even vintage apparel and show off your own personal style with the Skitch Single-Needle Embroidery Machine

Figure 3.3: Personalize items like denim jackets with custom embroidery.

4. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Brother Skitch Embroidery Machine.

4.1 Cleaning

Use the provided cleaning brush to regularly remove lint and dust from the bobbin area and around the needle plate. Accumulation of lint can affect stitch quality and machine performance. Always turn off and unplug the machine before cleaning.

4.2 Needle Replacement

Replace the needle regularly, especially if you notice skipped stitches, thread breakage, or dullness. Refer to the Quick Reference Guide for instructions on how to safely replace the needle.

4.3 Storage

When not in use, store the machine in a clean, dry place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Cover the machine to protect it from dust.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section provides solutions to common issues you might encounter with your Brother Skitch Embroidery Machine.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Thread Shredding or Breaking	Incorrect threading, dull or bent needle, incorrect tension, poor thread quality, lint in bobbin case.	Re-thread the machine and bobbin correctly. Replace the needle. Adjust tension. Use high-quality embroidery thread. Clean the bobbin area.
Skipped Stitches	Incorrect needle insertion, wrong needle type for fabric, dull needle, improper threading.	Ensure needle is inserted correctly and fully. Use appropriate needle for your fabric. Replace needle. Check threading path.
Machine Not Responding / App Connectivity Issues	Bluetooth not connected, app glitch, device compatibility, no wireless network.	Ensure Bluetooth is enabled on your device and machine. Restart the app and machine. Verify your device and operating system are compatible. Check wireless network connection.
Design Not Transferring	Bluetooth connection issue, app error, design file format.	Confirm successful Bluetooth pairing. Restart app and machine. Ensure design is in a supported format (PES, PHC, PHX, DST).
Hoop Marks on Fabric	Excessive hooping pressure.	The magnetic hoop is designed to minimize marks. Ensure you are not applying excessive pressure when hooping.

If you encounter persistent issues not covered here, please refer to the detailed troubleshooting section in the full user manual or contact Brother customer support.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Product Dimensions (D x W x H)	20.01" x 11.89" x 17.95"
Item Weight	22 pounds
Model Number	PP1
Embroidery Area	4" x 4" (100mm x 100mm)
Embroidery Speed	Up to 400 stitches per minute (SPM)
Connectivity	Bluetooth (requires Artspira mobile app)
Power Requirement	120 volts (US market)

Feature	Specification
Color	Grey/Black
UPC	012502674399

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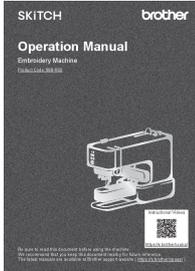
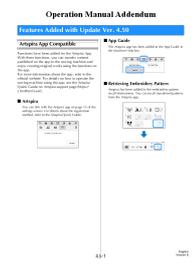
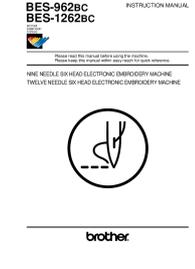
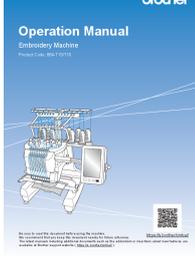
Figure 6.1: Dimensions of the Skitch PP1 Embroidery Machine.

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This product is intended for sale and use only in the US at 120 volts. Any other use or sale may void the warranty. For specific warranty details and terms, please refer to the documentation included with your product or visit the official Brother manufacturer's website.

For support regarding the Artspira app, including details on the Artspira+ Subscription Plan, please visit the manufacturer's website for full plan and pricing details. Subscription plans may be subject to monthly fees and can be canceled at any time, with no refunds or prorations provided.

For technical assistance or service inquiries, please contact Brother customer support. Contact information can typically be found on the manufacturer's website or in your product's Quick Reference Guide.

	<p>Brother SKITCH PP1 Operation Manual</p> <p>Comprehensive operation manual for the Brother SKITCH PP1 embroidery machine, covering setup, embroidery process, maintenance, troubleshooting, and terms of use. Includes safety instructions and product specifications.</p>
	<p>Brother PR1060W Entrepreneur Pro W: Advanced 10-Needle Embroidery Machine</p> <p>Discover the Brother PR1060W Entrepreneur Pro W, a 10-needle embroidery machine offering advanced features, a large 8"x14" embroidery area, built-in software, and wireless connectivity for enhanced productivity. Ideal for professional and advanced hobbyist embroidery.</p>
	<p>Brother Operation Manual Addendum Ver. 4.50 - Artspira App Features</p> <p>This addendum details new features in the Brother Operation Manual for Update Version 4.50, focusing on Artspira App compatibility, the App Guide, and retrieving embroidery patterns.</p>
	<p>Brother 888-M20 Operation Manual: Embroidery and Sewing Machine</p> <p>This operation manual provides comprehensive instructions for the Brother 888-M20 embroidery and sewing machine, covering setup, operation, maintenance, and safety guidelines for household use.</p>
	<p>Brother BES-962BC & BES-1262BC Electronic Embroidery Machine Instruction Manual</p> <p>Comprehensive instruction manual for Brother BES-962BC (9-needle) and BES-1262BC (12-needle) six-head electronic embroidery machines. Covers safety, installation, operation, software, maintenance, and troubleshooting.</p>
	<p>Brother 884-T15/T16 Embroidery Machine Operation Manual Setup, Use, and Safety Guide</p> <p>This operation manual provides comprehensive instructions for the Brother 884-T15/T16 embroidery machine. Learn about setup, operation, safety precautions, maintenance, and advanced features to ensure optimal use and longevity of your Brother embroidery equipment.</p>