

## Hooping

Sheer fabrics should be hooped in a hoop or holding fixture rather than using any type of adhesive holding method. Hoop the fabric entirely in the hoop, and hoop the stabilizer entirely in the hoop. Use the smallest hoop that will accommodate the embroidery design.

If your hoops have any burrs or rough spots, avoid snagging the fabric by wrapping the hoop (page 98, fig. 8-4) with twill tape or a self-adherent wrap such as VetWrap, Pet Wrap, or a human version sold at the drug or grocery store. A wrapped hoop also provides a better grip on sheer fabrics.

Alternately, hoop a layer of tissue, matte side down, between the fabric and the inner ring of the hoop (fig. 9-4). Tear a window in the tissue that is large enough for the embroidery in the area where the embroidery will be applied. The tissue provides a buffer layer between the hoop and the fabric and is an acceptable alternative to wrapping the hoop.



*Fig. 9-4. A simple buffer of tissue, matte side facing fabric provides grip and avoids marring of delicate sheer fabrics.*