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(54) **Method for making a tridimensional embroidery pattern**

(57) A method for making a tridimensional embroidery pattern comprises a first method step of coupling a fabric material to be embroidered to a water soluble material plate or film, a second method step of embroidering,

by an embroidery yarn, the fabric-water soluble material plate laminated assembly, and a third step of dissolving the water soluble material plate, to allow the embroidery forming yarn to be held spaced from the fabric, thereby providing a desired tridimensional effect.

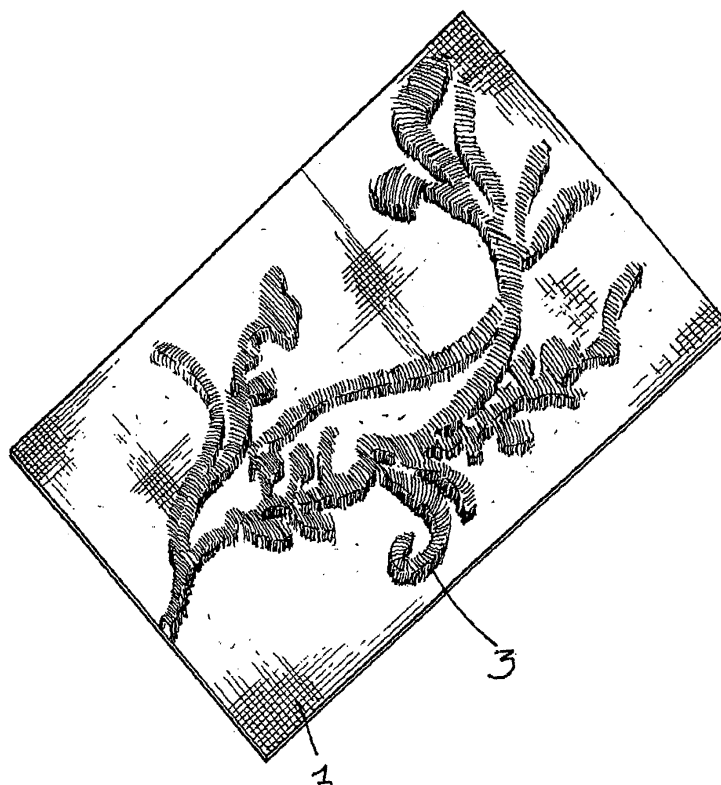


FIG. 1

Description

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention relates to a method for making a tridimensional embroidery pattern.

[0002] As is known, is at present very difficult to make tridimensional effect fabric embroidery patterns on automatic embroidering machines.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0003] Thus, the aim of the present invention is to provide a system for easily and quickly making tridimensional embroidery patterns on automatic embroidering machines.

[0004] Within the scope of the above mentioned aim, a main object of the invention is to provide such an embroidering method allowing to obtain a refined and high quality embroidered product.

[0005] Yet another object of the present invention is to provide such an embroidering method which, owing to its specifically designed operating features, is very reliable and safe in operation.

[0006] Yet another object of the present invention is to provide such an embroidering method which can be easily carried out and which, moreover, is very competitive from a mere economic standpoint.

[0007] According to the present invention, the above mentioned aim and objects, as well as yet other objects, which will become more apparent hereinafter, are achieved by a method for making a tridimensional embroidery pattern, characterized in that said method comprises a first method step of coupling a fabric material to be embroidered to a water soluble material plate, a second method step of embroidering, by a yarn, the fabric material-water soluble material plate coupled assembly, and a third method step of dissolving said water soluble material plate.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0008] Further characteristics and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent hereinafter from the following detailed disclosure of a preferred, though not exclusive, embodiment of the invention, which is illustrated, by way of an indicative, but not limitative example, in the accompanying drawings, where:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a fabric material piece embroidered by the embroidering method according to the present invention;
Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view of the fabric material embroidered piece or portion shown in figure 1;
Figure 3 is a further exploded perspective view showing a fabric material piece and a paper or water soluble material plate portion, before the embroidering operation proper;

Figure 4 is a further cross-sectional view of the fabric material-water soluble material plate coupled or laminated assembly, before the embroidering operation proper;

Figure 5 is yet another perspective view, showing an embroidery pattern on the fabric material-water soluble plate laminated assembly;

Figure 6 is yet another cross-sectional view, showing the embroidered pattern on the fabric material-water soluble material plate laminated assembly.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0009] With reference to the number references of the above mentioned figures, the tridimensional embroidering method according to the present invention, comprises a first method step of coupling a fabric material 1 to be embroidered to a water soluble material plate 2.

[0010] In particular, said fabric material 1 can comprise any desired tulle, cotton, flax, polyester or non-woven fabrics.

[0011] The water soluble plate 2, in turn, can comprise a foamed or extruded polystyrene material having a thickness of 4-5 mm, for example of a type commercially known with the product name "Depron".

[0012] After having coupled the fabric material 1 to the plate 2, an embroidery pattern is embroidered on the thus laminated assembly, by using any desired types of embroidering yarn 3, and loom machines, such as a Schiffler loom, providing a vertical type of embroidery, with an embroidery height of 150 cm or less, depending on the contingent requirements.

[0013] In particular, it is possible to achieve embroidered patterns on 16 yd fabric pieces, by using any desired type of embroidery stitches such as full, filet, chain stitches, and so on.

[0014] According to the invention, after having completed the embroidered pattern, the water soluble material plate or film 2 is dissolved, thereby leaving embroidered pattern forming yarn 3 spaced from the fabric material 1, as it is schematically shown in figure 2; thus such spacing between the yarn 3 and base fabric material 1 will provide the desired tridimensional effect.

[0015] It has been found that the invention fully achieves the intended aim and objects.

[0016] In fact, the invention provides a method allowing to make, on any desired embroidering machines, tridimensional effect embroidered patterns, thereby providing high quality and refined embroidered fabric material products.

[0017] In practicing the invention, the used materials, as well as the contingent size and shapes, can be any, depending on requirements.

Claims

1. A method for making a tridimensional embroidery

pattern on an automatic embroidering machine,
characterized in that said method comprises a first
method step of coupling a fabric material to be em-
broidered to a water soluble material plate or film, a
second method step of embroidering, by an embroi- 5
dering yarn, the fabric material-water soluble mate-
rial plate laminated assembly, and a third method
step of dissolving said water soluble material plate.

2. A method according to claim 1, 10
characterized in that said fabric material comprises
a tulle, cotton, flax, polyester, or non-woven fabrics.
3. A method according to claim 1 or 2, **characterized**
in that said water soluble material plate is a water 15
soluble paper comprising foamed or extruded poly-
styrene.
4. A method according to one or more of the preceding
claims, **characterized in that** said foamed or ex- 20
truded polystyrene plate has a thickness from about
4 to 5 mm.
5. A method according to one or more of the preceding
claims, **characterized in that** said water soluble ma- 25
terial plate comprises a foamed or extruded polysty-
rene material, of a type commercially known with the
product name "Depron",
6. A method according to one or more of the preceding 30
claims, **characterized in that** the embroidering step
is performed on a Schiffly loom, providing both ver-
tical embroidered patterns with an embroidering
height of 150 cm or less, and embroidered patterns
on 16 yd fabric pieces. 35
7. A method according to one or more of the preceding
claims, **characterized in that** said method is adapt- 40
ed to provide embroidery full, filet, and chain stitches.
8. A method according to one or more of the preceding
claims, **characterized in that** said method compris-
es one or more of the disclosed and/or illustrated
characteristics. 45

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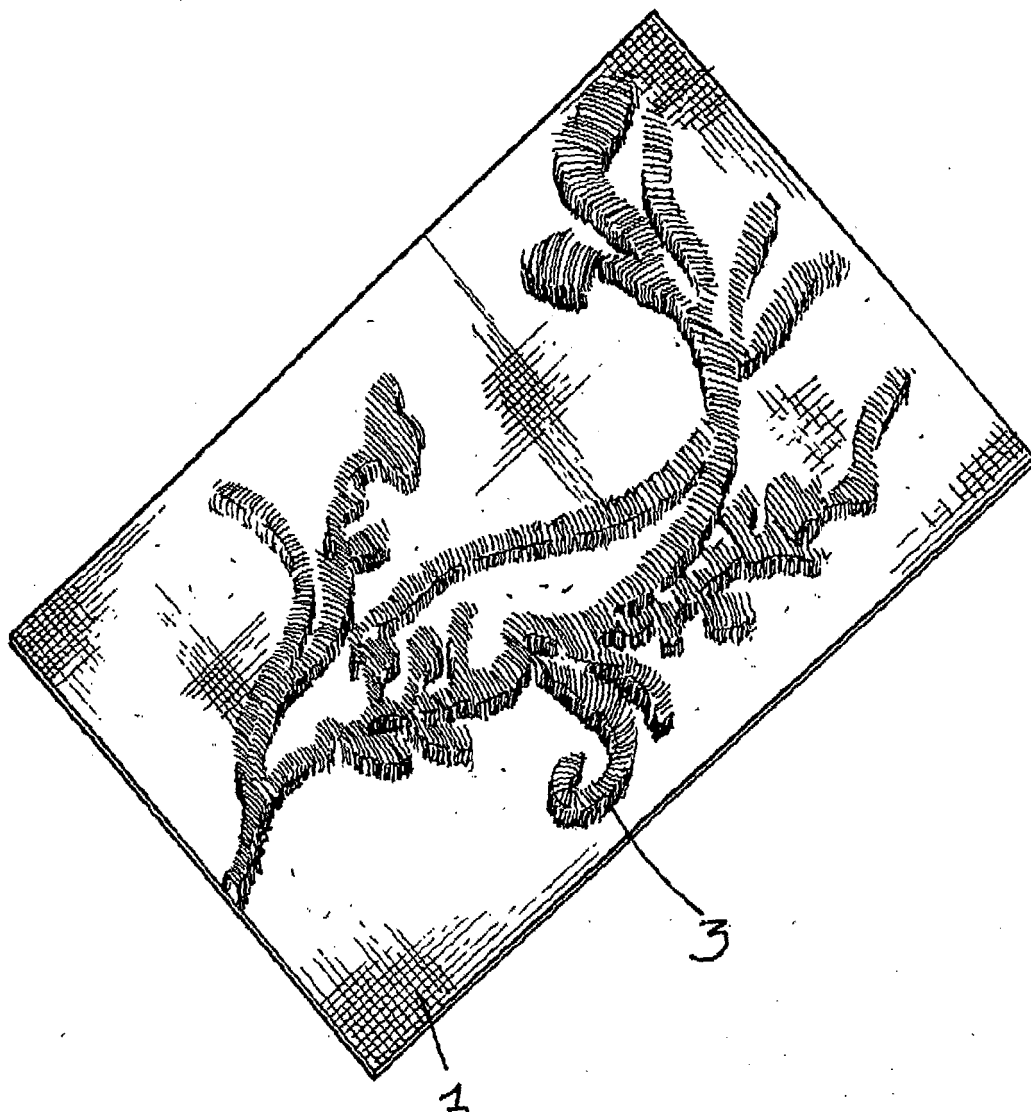


FIG. 1

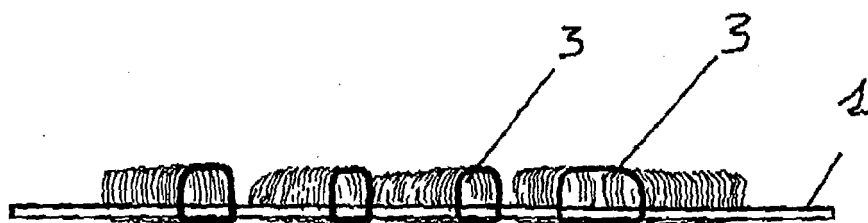
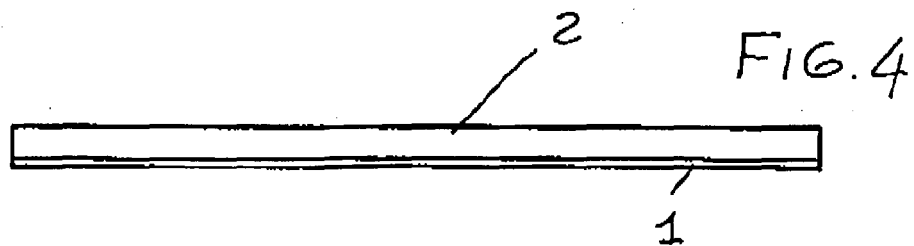
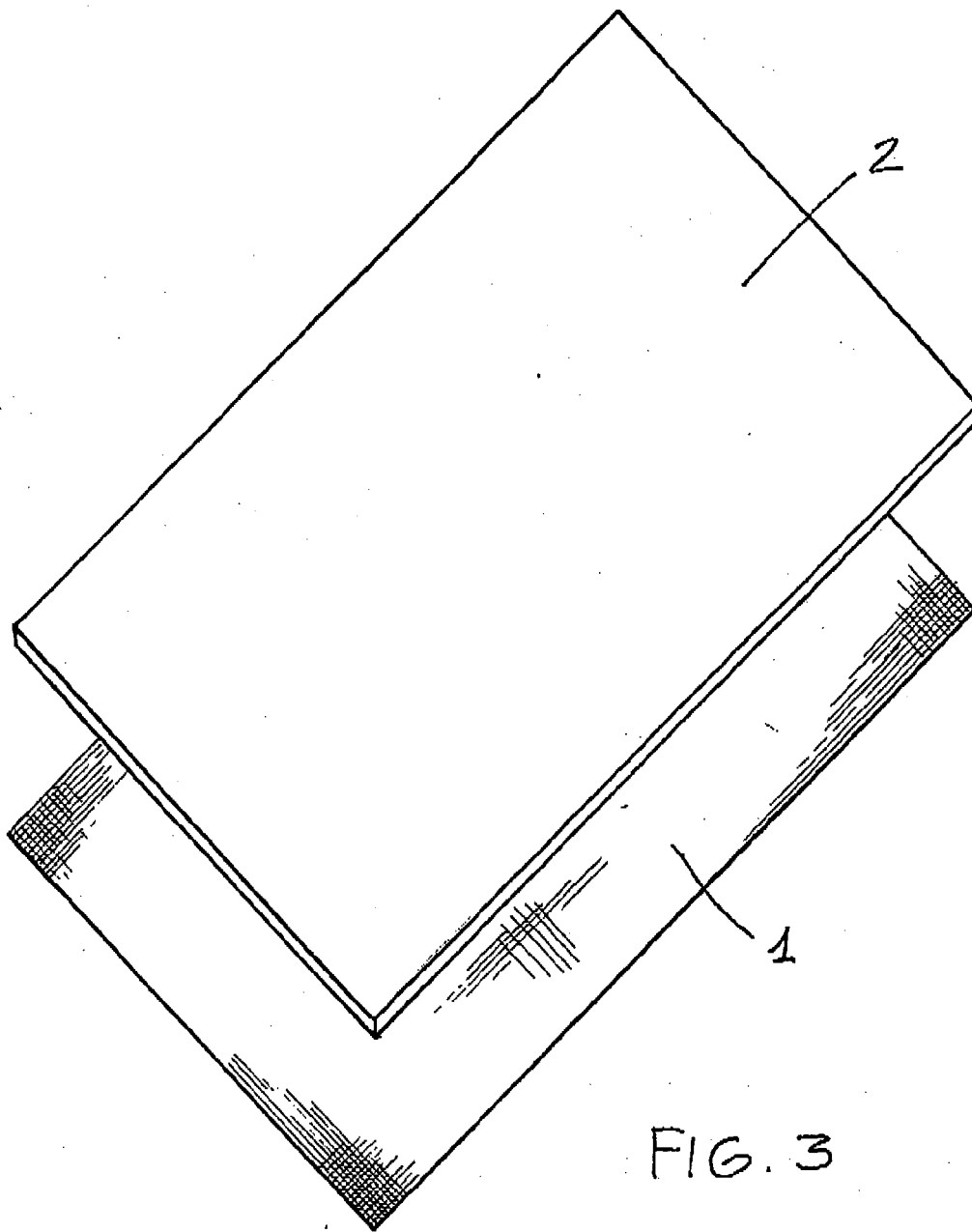


FIG. 2



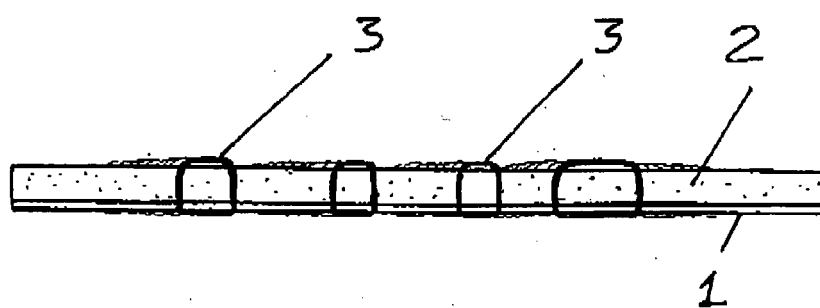
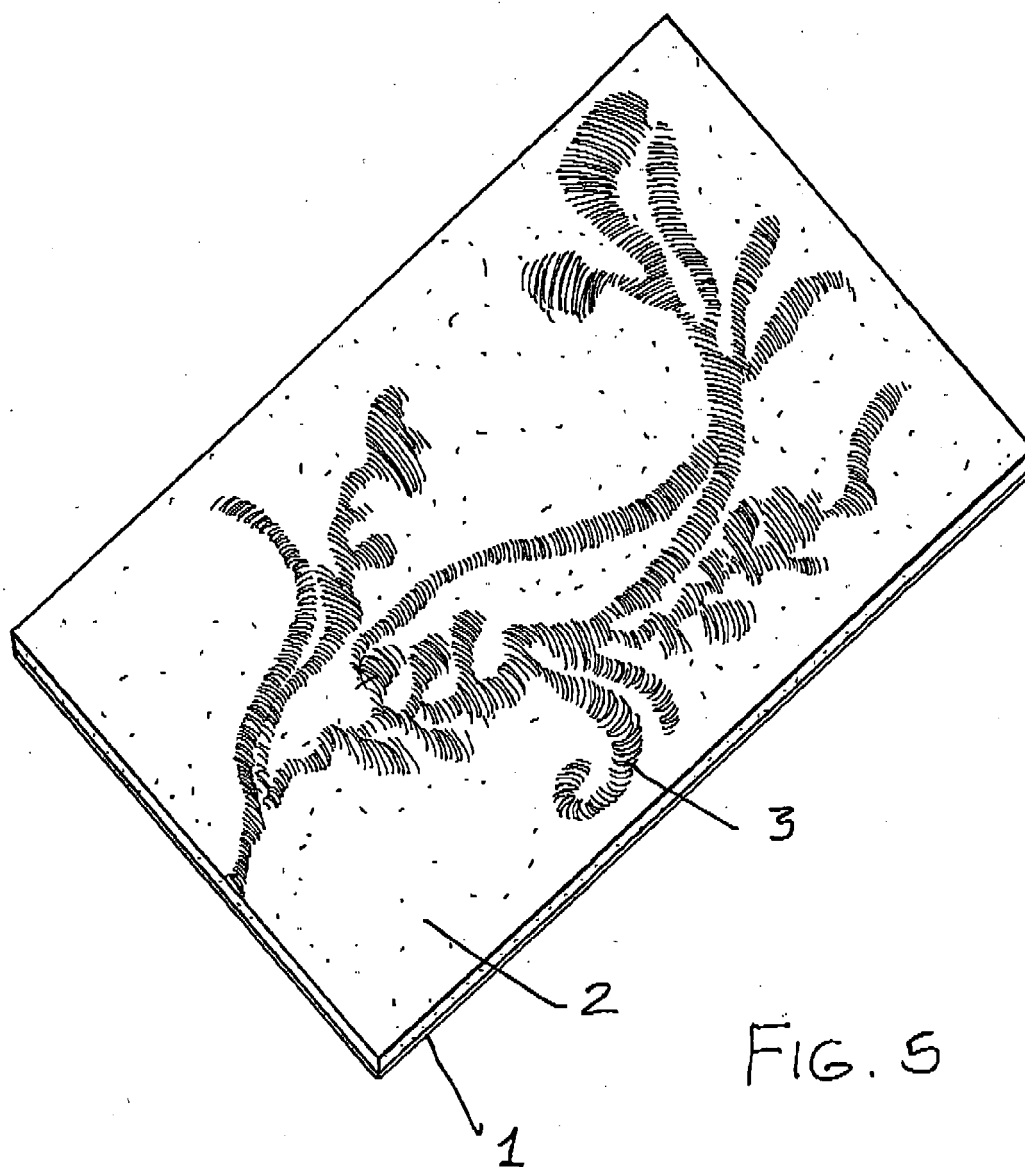


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