Easy Way to Find Placement with Continuous Designs:

While Placement Marks are certainly useful in keeping the stitch out straight, there are some negatives to using them. More threads going across the design, more stitches to remove later, and if your machine is acting up, more potential for problems at the stitch plate.

The following technique, using Floriani's Appli-Kay Wonder Tape, is a great alternative.



How to use it:

If the design has Placement Marks, forward to the outer most stitch. Or, if your machine has the ability to go to the outer corners of the design, use that function.



Cut a square of Appli-Kay Wonder Tape. Remove the paper backing.

Place the square under the needle, tacky side down. Manually drop the needle through the square.



To make the puncture point more visible, do this a few times. Do this for both lower corners.

The Appli-Kay Wonder Tape is very tacky, so it will not fall off of the fabric during handling. And, the squares can be reused several times.



Move the needle position to the upper left corner (via machine function or Placement Mark). Pull fabric up through the hoop. Lower the needle through the left puncture point. Lower the foot, to hold it in place. Straighten the fabric. Close or secure the hoop.



Move the needle position to the upper right corner. Make adjustments as necessary to insure the needle drops into the 2nd puncture point. (Adjustments may include reopening the hoop and making slight tugs, or, using the positioning functions of your machine) Go back to the upper left corner. Check to make sure the needle still lines up. Then, stitch out the design... it will be perfectly lined up!