

Reversible Christmas Ornaments

Read through all instructions before you start

What you need to have:

Water soluble stabilizer

Small buttons

5x7 hoop

Glue gun

Felt (different colors)

Ribbon

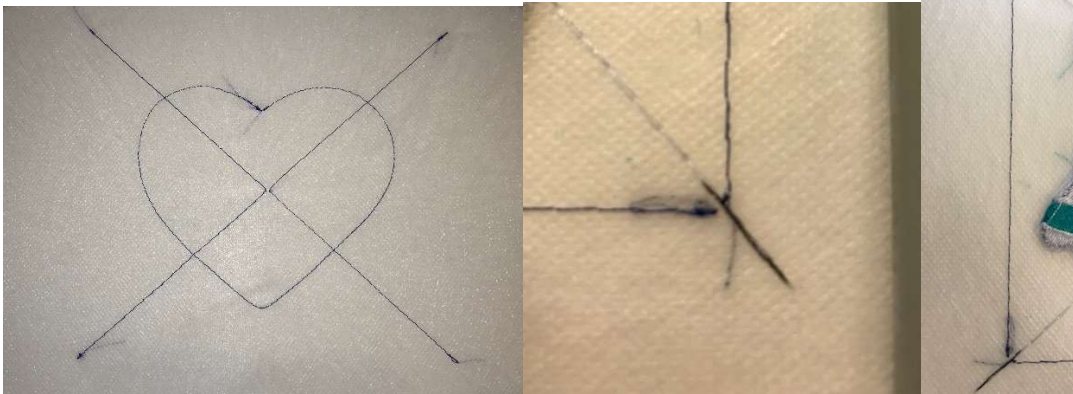
Pins

Fine tip black marker

1. Hoop water soluble stabilizer in your 5 x 7 hoop.



2. There are two files for each ornament. Start by using the file that has the letter "a" after the number.
3. The first stitching will be part of the alignment for the two halves. Use the same color thread as the satin stitching and if needed use a fine point black magic marker to darken a half inch from each end of the X. This is so you can see it through the stabilizer, making it easier to align.



4. Sew the placement stitch.

5. Remove the hoop from the machine, but not the stabilizer from the hoop.
6. Place a big enough piece of felt down to cover the placement stitching



7. Put the hoop back in the machine and continue embroidering
8. Embroider the tack down stitch.
9. Remove the hoop from the machine (not the stabilizer from the hoop) and cut around the tack down stitching being careful not to cut the actual stitching.



10. Return the hoop to the embroidery machine. Continue embroidering the design.
11. The last stitching will be a square. Again use a dark color thread as it will help you align the two halves together. Take the first half off the machine and out of the hoop. Put aside until needed.

12. Hoop a new piece of water soluble stabilizer in your 5 x7 hoop and follow steps 2 through 10. Use the second part of the design, which is the one that has the letter “b” after the number.
13. After the alignment square is sewn take the hoop out of your embroidery machine(not the stabilizer out of the hoop) and turn the hoop over so you are looking the wrong side of the design.



14. This is also when you want to add the ribbon so you will be able to hang the ornament. Create a loop with your ribbon and use fabric glue on the ends to glue them together. Then place more glue on both sides of the loop ends. From the back of the hoop slip the ribbon in between the two sides of the ornament at the top.



15. Take the first half of the ornament (the one that you set aside earlier) and apply fabric glue to the wrong side of the design.

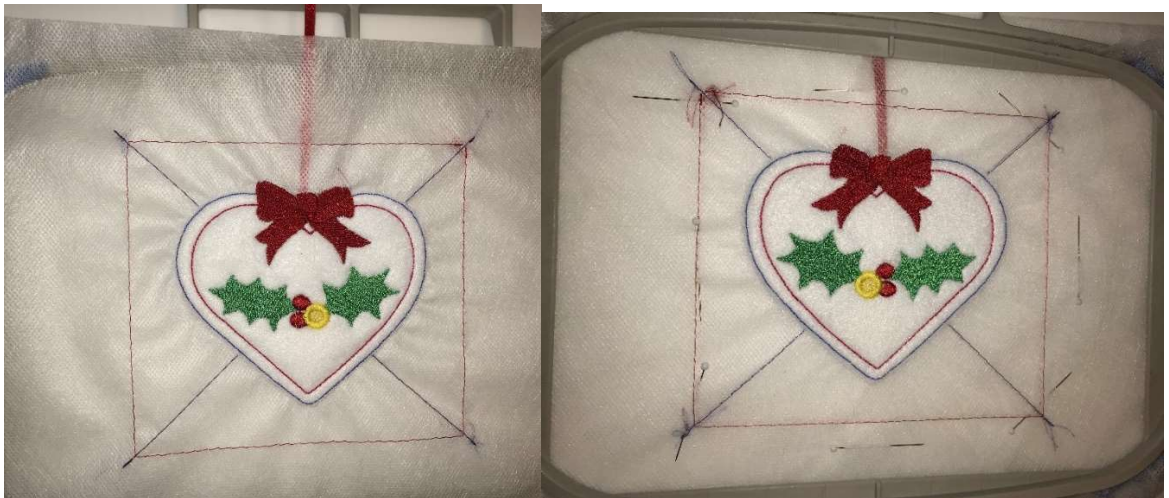


16. Place the first half of the ornament onto the half still in the hoop, making sure you use the square and the X to line everything up.



Turn the hoop back to the correct side and press to make sure both pieces are stuck together. If you lay the hoop on a white surface it is easier to see the alignment stitching and to make sure everything is lined up. I use pins on the front side of the design to make sure everything stays where I want it. **Make sure the pins are not anywhere near where your embroidery foot or needle will be going. The pins you use should be on the outside of the alignment square.**

17. You can also hold the hoop up to a light and see how everything looks.



18. Place the hoop back into your embroidery machine, **make sure your bobbin thread matches your top thread** and finish embroidering. Always using matching bobbin thread to whatever color is being used on the top thread at this point.

19. Take the hoop out of the machine and the piece out of the hoop.

20. Cut all the extra stabilizer off from around your ornament making sure you don't cut the ribbon.



21. Run your ornament under hot water and run your finger all around the edge of the ornament getting rid of the excesses stabilizer.



22. Take your ornament and press each side on an absorbent towel.



23. Hang ornament up to dry.



24. The star, Christmas tree and the gingerbread man have marks so you know where to glue the buttons on. Remember to put the buttons on both sides using a glue gun.

Enjoy

Tips:

Remember to switch your bobbin thread colors at the end to match the top satin stitch thread.

Remember to put your ribbon loop on your ornament.

Make sure the ribbon loop is in the correct position when embroidering the last satin stitching.

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