

Artist's Palette Ornament

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Make up this Artist's Palette Ornament using felt in a colour of your choosing (in the sample shown, I'm using tan/light brown).



When stitched, the Artist's Palette Felt Ornament measures approximately

3.5" wide x 2.9" tall (84x73mm) and sews entirely in the 4x4" hoop (100x100mm). Stitching time is approximately 5 minutes, not including set-up.

You will need:

Two pieces of felt approximately 4" x 4" (I'm using tan)

Medium tear-away stabilizer

Plastic wrap (optional)

A hole punch approx. .33" (8.5mm) in diameter (optional)

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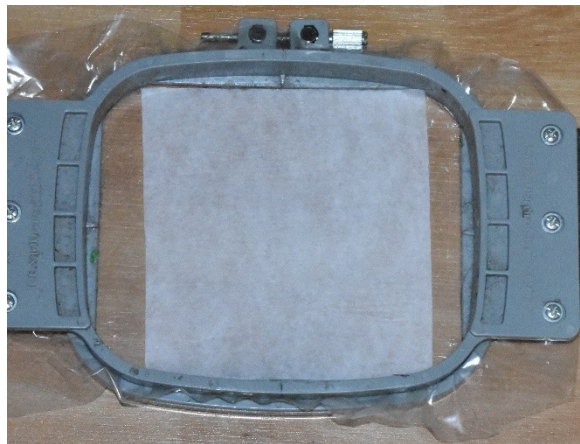
1. Hoop a single layer of Glad Press N Seal in the 4x4" hoop with the sticky side up.

You can substitute regular plastic wrap or even a plastic bag if that's what you have available. Make sure it's snug.



2. Place a piece of tear-away stabilizer approximately 4.5" x 4.0" against the sticky Press N Seal in the center of the hoop, pressing to hold it in place. If you're using plain plastic, lightly spray the stabilizer with temporary adhesive and press into place.

Lightly spray a second piece of stabilizer with temporary adhesive and place it on top of the first piece of tear-away.



NOTE: If you prefer not to use plastic, you can hoop a double layer of tear-away stabilizer instead. I just use the plastic method to conserve stabilizer.

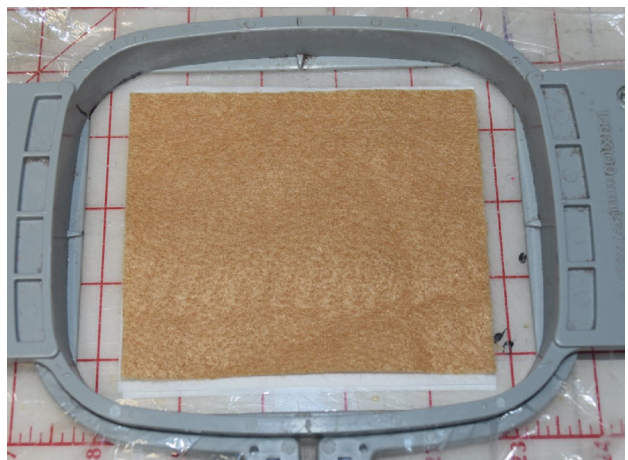
The rest of the instructions are identical.



3. Turn the hoop face down. Spray and place an additional 4.5" x 4.0" piece of tear-away stabilizer on the back of the hoop, centring it over the tear-away that's already on the front. You should now have three layers of tear-away in place.



4. Turn the hoop face up. Lightly spray one of the felt pieces and centre it in the hoop, making sure it adheres.



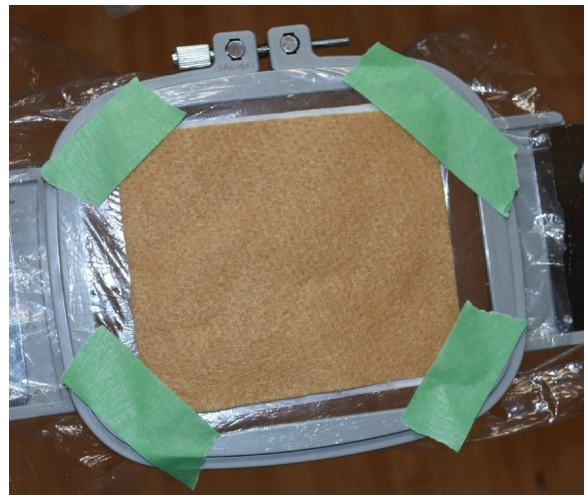
5. Place the hoop in the machine and stitch up to but not including the final colour, stopping before the final outline sews. Remove the hoop from the machine, but do not unhoop the design.



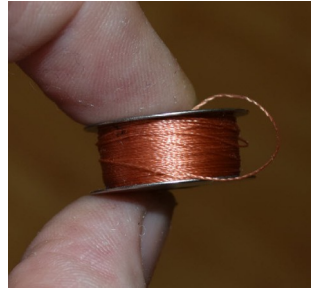
6. Turn the hoop face down. You will be able to see the stitching on the back of the stabilizer.



7. Lay the remaining piece of felt over the back of the hoop so that it completely covers the stitching. Hold it in position with masking tape in the corners.



8. Change the bobbin thread to match the top thread.

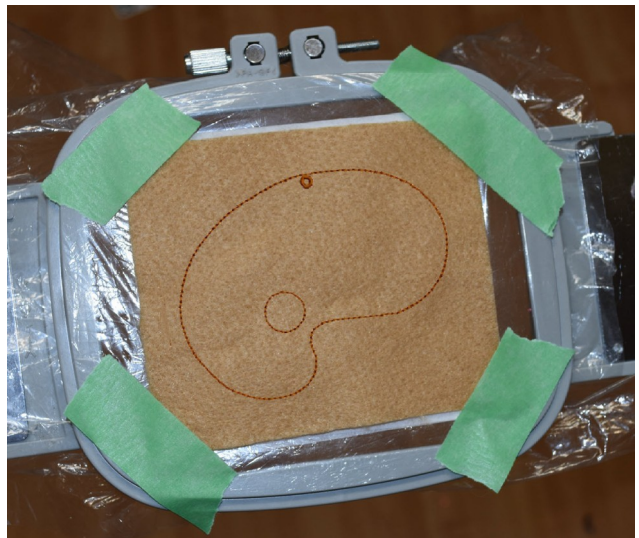


9. Once the bobbin has been changed, carefully place the hoop in the machine and stitch the final color, which will bind front and back together and form the eyelet.



10. Remove the hoop from the machine. The previous stitching will be completely enclosed beneath the backing.

Remove the tape and unhoop the design.



11. Remove the tear-away stabilizer from around the design. It should pull out easily. If bits of stabilizer still cling to the seam, you can use a hemostat or tweezers to gently ease them loose. Gripping the stabilizer only and not the felt, gently work the bits of stabilizer free.



12. With sharp scissors, trim around the edge of the design, leaving a narrow border of felt around the outline stitching.



13. Using a skewer, awl, stylus, or just the point of a small scissors, poke a hole through the stitched eyelet to allow for a hook or a string.



14. Carefully cut out the thumb hole opening. You can use small sharp scissors for this, or if you've got one, a hole punch. I've used an 8.5mm (1/3") leather punch with a cutting mat and mallet – it cuts a very neat hole.



15. The finished Artist's Palette hanging from an ornament hook. It's going to look super cute on the tree.

