

Bag of Cheesies Ornament

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This Bag of Cheesies ornament design stitches in the 4x4" hoop. The ornament is finished with a conventional sewing machine once embroidery is complete.

It is approximately 1.9" w x 2.9" h when the final sewing is done.



You will need

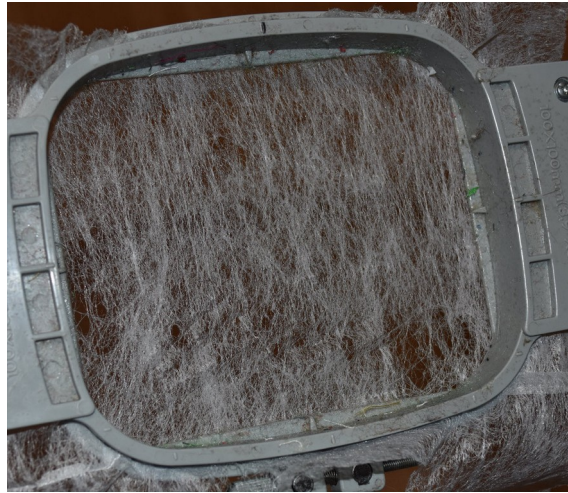
- One piece of orange felt approximately 4x4.5"
- One piece of dark blue felt, approximately 1.5x4.5"
- A small amount of polyester fiber stuffing

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Instructions

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1. For this ornament, you really want the lightest stabilizer you can find. The stitched ornament needs to be pliable enough that it can be turned right side out and stuffed. Tear-away or cut-away stabilizers tend to be too heavy and stiffen the toy too much, so should be avoided. You can use lightweight sew-in interfacing, water-soluble stabilizer, or a piece of organza or tulle.



You can even use plastic wrap as stabilizer on this project, or recycle a plastic bag. In the photos, I'm actually using an exhausted dryer sheet, which works well to hold the felt, but nowadays I almost always use plastic bags for stabilizer on little felt projects like this one.

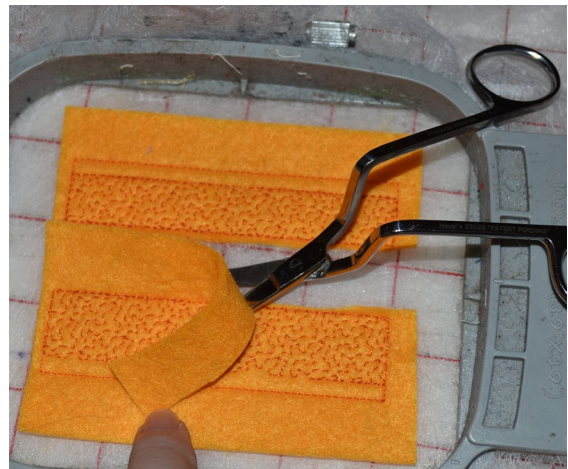
2. Centre one piece of light orange felt (4x4.5") on the hooped stabilizer. You can tape the corners if you like, to keep the felt from shifting, or lightly spray the felt with temporary adhesive before pressing it into position.



3. Place the hoop in the machine and stitch the first color. I am using a darker shade of orange thread so it will show up on the light orange felt.



4. Remove the hoop from the machine. With a pair of bent scissors or a sharp pair of nail scissors, trim away the centre strip of felt, being careful not to cut the stitching.



5. Place the strip of blue felt over the gap. Tape the ends in position if you like, and return the hoop to the machine, being careful not to shift the felt strip. Stitch the remaining two colours.



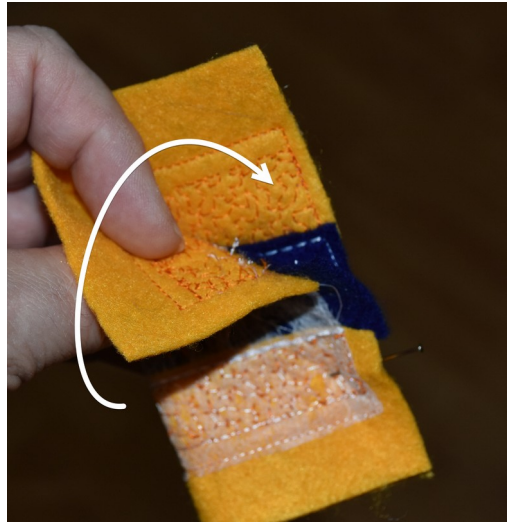
6. Remove the hoop from the machine and use the bent scissors to trim the edges of the blue strip, leaving a narrow border. Be careful not to cut the stitching.



7. Unhoop the design and trim away the stabilizer from around the edges.



8. Fold the stitch-out in half, right sides facing, so that the short edges of the design meet along the stitched edge. Align the edges of the blue strip so they match. Pin along the open edge.



9. With a conventional sewing machine, stitch along the pinned edge, just inside the embroidered panel, to form a tube. Leave both ends open.



10. Turn the tube right side out. Work carefully so as not to distort the felt as you turn.

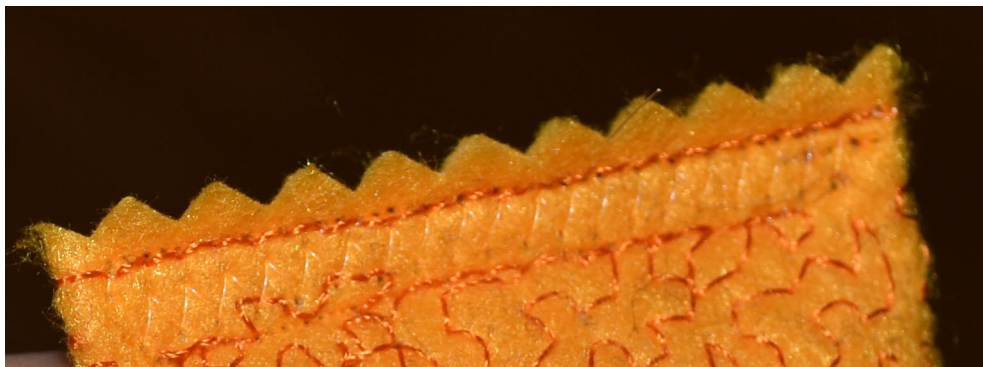


11. Flatten the tube so that the word “cheesies” is on the front.



12. With matching (orange) thread, or invisible (nylon) thread, stitch across the bottom of the tube along the pre-stitched lines, to form a small pouch that is open at the top.

To make the appearance of the bag “seal”, I stitched two lines of straight stitch with a narrow line of zigzag between.



13. Use pinking shears to trim just outside the stitching line. Cut close to, but not through, the line of stitching.



14. Fill the open bag with a small amount of polyester stuffing.



15. Once the bag is stuffed, close up the top by stitching across along the existing stitch lines, exactly as you did for the bottom of the bag.



16. Once again, use pinking shears to trim the top, cutting close to, but not through, the line of stitching.



17. Use a skewer or an awl to make a tiny hole in the upper corner of the bag, just big enough to accommodate a hook or a hanging loop.



18. A whole row of yummy cheesies, ready for the tree!

