

# Mounted Police Hat Ornament

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Make up this Mounted Police Hat ornament using red and tan felt. When complete, it measures approximately 3.9" wide and 2.4" tall (about 99x55 mm). It stitches entirely in the 4x4" hoop (100x100mm) in about 5 minutes.

You will need:

- Two pieces of red felt approx. 3" x 4.5"
- Two pieces of tan felt approx. 3" x 4.5"
- Medium weight BLACK cut-away stabilizer
- Plastic wrap (optional)

\*Normally I use tear-away for making ornaments but in this case I found that it's very difficult to get it to release from the tight inner curves of the maple leaf, even when I used a hemostat, and I ended up damaging the ornament. Since the cutaway stabilizer will be trimmed along with the felt, and a narrow line will show at the edge of the finished ornament, I am using black stabilizer because I prefer the look.

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## Instructions

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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, as I have done. Make sure it's snug.



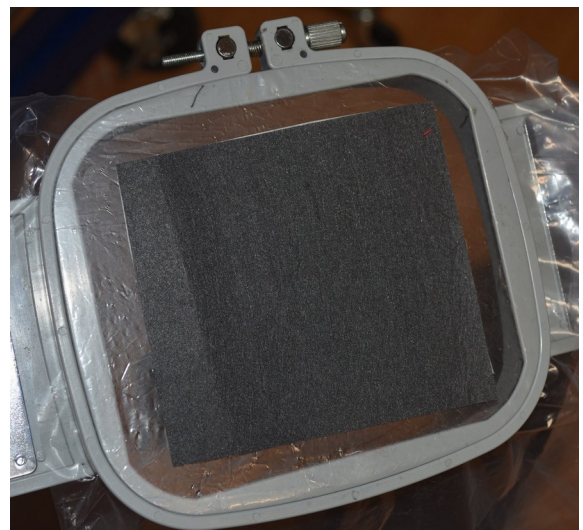
2. Place a piece of black cut-away stabilizer approximately 3.5" x 4.5" against the sticky Press N Seal in the centre of the hoop, pressing to hold it in place. Lightly spray a second piece of stabilizer with temporary adhesive and place it on top of the first piece of tear-away.



**NOTE:** If you prefer not to use the plastic method, you can hoop a double layer of cut-away stabilizer instead, then proceed as follows.



3. Turn the hoop face down. Spray and place an additional 3.5" x 4.5" piece of cut-away stabilizer on the back of the hoop, centring it over the cut-away that's already on the front. You should now have three layers of black cut-away in place.



4. Insert the hoop into the machine and stitch the first colour – the placement stitch for the felt appliques -- using any colour of thread. Remove the hoop from the machine.



5. With the hoop right side up, lightly spray one of the red felt pieces and position it so that it completely covers the leaf portion of the outline. Turn the hoop over.



6. With the hoop face down, lightly spray the second piece of red felt, and position it across the back of the hoop so that it completely covers the leaf portion of the outline. Tape the edges with masking tape.



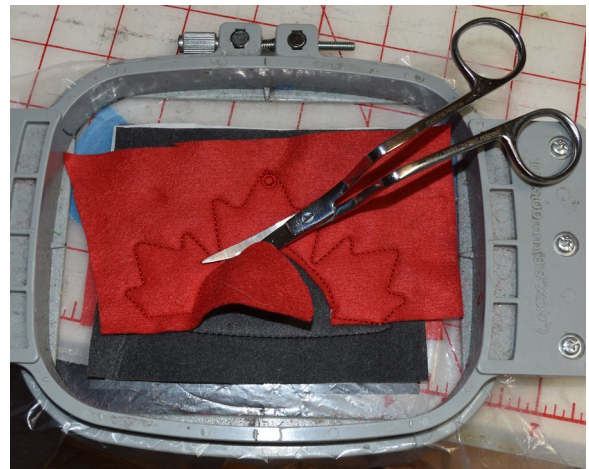
7. Change the bobbin thread to red. Carefully replace the hoop in the machine, taking care not to disturb the red felt on the back.



8. Stitch the next colour – the leaf outline – and pause the machine. Remove the hoop from the machine, but do not unhoop the design. Your stitchout should look like the photo.



9. Carefully trim the red felt just along the bottom edge on both front and back of the hoop.



Leave the rest of the leaf outline untrimmed for the time being.



10. With the hoop right side up, lightly spray one of the tan felt pieces and position it over the hat portion of the outline so that it covers the outline completely.



11. With the hoop face down, lightly spray the second piece of tan felt, and position it across the back of the hoop to completely cover the hat portion of the outline. Tape the edges with masking tape.



12. Change the bobbin thread to light brown. Carefully replace the hoop in the machine and stitch the next colour (the hat outline and shading).



Pause the machine and change the bobbin thread to dark brown. Stitch the final colour (the hat band).



13. Remove the stitched design from the machine.

Unhoop the design.



14. With sharp scissors, trim just the top edge of the hat, leaving a narrow border. Repeat on the reverse side, leaving the bottom of the hat untrimmed for now.





15. With sharp scissors, trim around the edge of the entire design, through all layers, leaving a narrow border around the outline stitching.

You may find it easier to trim around the edge of the leaf tips and then snip into the crevices of the leaf using the point of the scissors.

Cut as neatly and smoothly as you can, since this will be the edge of the finished ornament.



16. Using a skewer, awl, stylus, or just the point of a small scissors, carefully poke a hole through the stitched eyelet to allow for a hook or a string.  
Note the black outline showing between the red layers – a pretty effect.



17. The finished ornament looks the same from back or front.

