

ITH Maple Leaf Ornament with Piper or Highland Dancer

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This applique-style ornament sews over fashion fabric on a foundation of colored felt. Choose either a Piper or Highland Dancer and stitch over tartan or plaid fabric to complete the Scottish theme.



The finished Maple Leaf applique ornament measures approximately 3.9" wide x 6" tall (99x81mm). It stitches entirely in the 4x4" hoop (100x100mm) in approximately 10 minutes.

The small eyelet stitched at the peak of the leaf allows the ornament to hang from a hook or a string.

You will need

- One 4.5" square of tartan or fashion fabric
- Two 4.5" squares of felt in a color to match your tartan or fashion fabric
- Medium weight tear-away stabilizer

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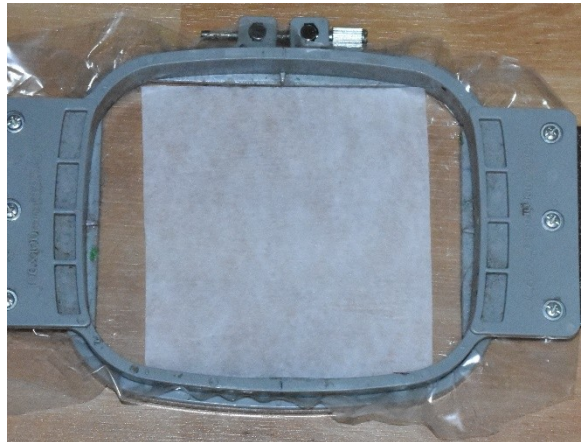
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1. Hoop a single layer of Glad Press N Seal in the 4x4" hoop with the sticky side up.

You can substitute regular plastic wrap or even a plastic bag. Make sure it's snug in the hoop.



2. Place a piece of tear-away stabilizer approximately 4.5" x 4" 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.



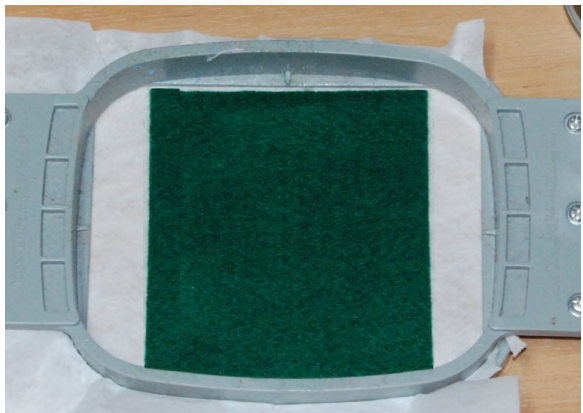
NOTE: If you prefer not to use the plastic method, you can hoop a double layer of tear-away stabilizer instead, then proceed as follows.



3. Turn the hoop face down. Spray and place an additional 4.5" x 4" 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. You will now have one felt layer and three layers of tear-away.



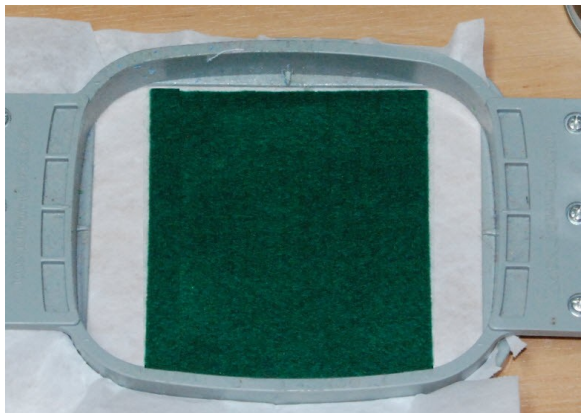
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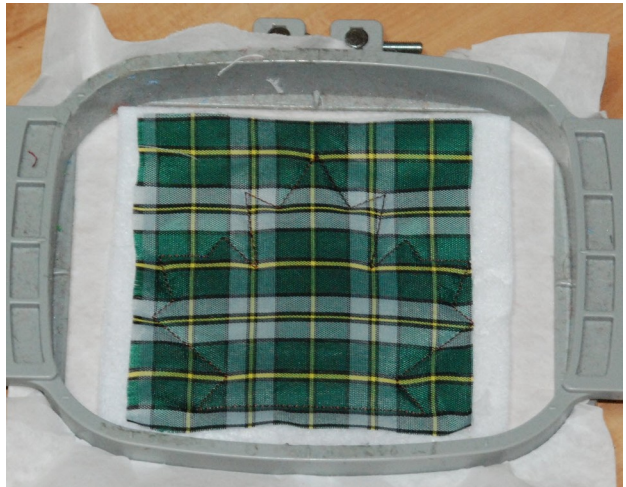
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5. If you are using a patterned applique fabric, lightly spray it with temporary adhesive and place it over the felt in the hoop. Place the hoop in the machine and stitch the first color.



6. Pause the machine and remove the hoop, but do not unhoop the design.



6. Using curved scissors or sharp nail scissors, carefully trim away the excess felt and fabric from around the outside of the stitching line, cutting as close as possible to the stitching without cutting the stitches.



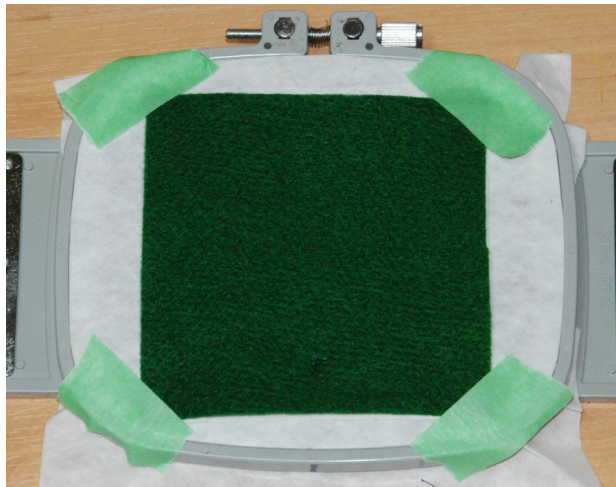
7. Return the hoop to the machine and stitch the next three colors, up to and including the Piper motif. Pause the machine when the Piper has stitched, and remove the hoop. Do not unhoop the design.



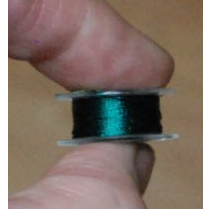
8. Turn the hoop face down. You will be able to clearly see the stitched design.



9. Place the second felt piece on the back of the hoop, completely covering the stitching. Tape the corners to keep it in place, and carefully return the hoop to the machine.



10. Change the bobbin thread to match the felt and return the hoop to the machine. Sew only the next color (an outline) and pause the machine again. Remove the hoop, but do not unhoop the design.



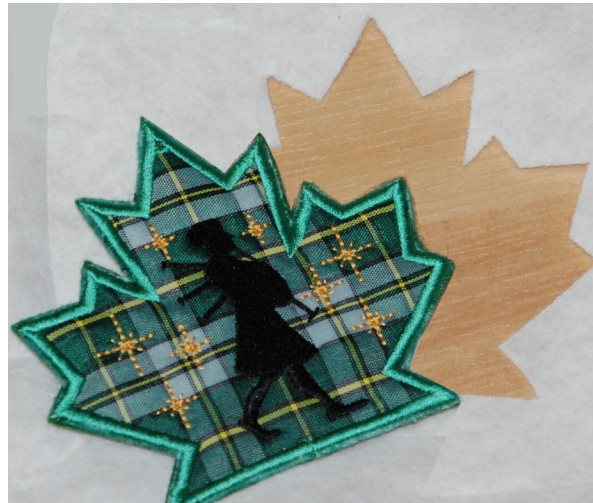
11. Turn the hoop face down. With curved scissors or a sharp pair of nail scissors, carefully trim the excess felt from around the outline stitch on the back of the hoop. Cut as close as possible to the stitching line without cutting through the stitches. Take care not to cut the string.



12. Return the hoop to the machine and sew the final satin stitch all around the edge of the maple leaf. Remove the hoop from the machine.



13. Unhoop the design and gently remove the tear-away stabilizer. It should detach easily.



14. Using a skewer, awl, stylus, or just the point of a small scissors, carefully poke a hole through the stitched eyelet at the point of the maple leaf, to accommodate a hook or a string for hanging.



15. The finished ornament, hanging from a hook.

