

# Tiny Eiffel Tower Toy (To Fit Mini Stocking Ornament)

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Tiny Eiffel Tower stitches up in under 3 minutes. It sews entirely in the 4x4" hoop as a single stitch object with no color changes. When finished, the tower stands approximately 1.6" x 3.3" and fits nicely into the Mini Stocking Tree Ornaments.



You will need

- To make a single tower, two 3 x 4.5" pieces of felt in your chosen color -- light grey, pearl grey, or pale grey-blue felt work well. OR
- To make multiple towers, two 4x4.5" pieces of felt in your chosen color. This size will make two or three towers, depending on how they are positioned.
- Plastic wrap or Glad Press n Seal
- Tear-away stabilizer

# Tiny Eiffel Tower Toy 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. Make sure it's snug in the hoop.



2. Place a piece of tear-away stabilizer approximately 3.5" x 4.5" against the sticky Press N Seal in the center 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. With hoop still 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 two layers of tear-away.



4. Turn the hoop face down. Spray and place a two more pieces of tear-away stabilizer on the back of the hoop, centring them over the tear-away that's already on the front. You will now have one felt layer and four layers of tear-away.



5. With the hoop still face down, add the second piece of felt, securing it with temporary adhesive. Add masking tape to the corners if you prefer. You should now have four pieces of stabilizer sandwiched between two felt pieces. The extra stabilizer will help to give the finished ornament a more rigid structure.



**NOTE:** In the photos, I will be stitching three towers at once, so am using felt and stabilizer in 4" x 4.5" size.

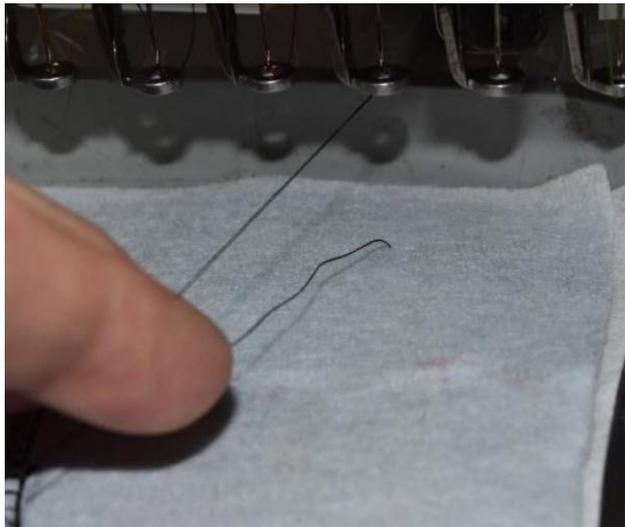
But to be honest, I intend to stitch them singly in future, as it doesn't actually save much time or materials, and it's a bit of a pain to do the trimming when there are three. If you are making a single tower, place the 3x4.5" felt and stabilizer in the center of the hoop. The procedure is identical.



6. Change the bobbin to black thread for the entire stitch-out.



7. Carefully place the hoop into the machine. Take one stitch and pull the bobbin thread to the top side. Lightly hold the thread ends out of the way, and begin stitching.

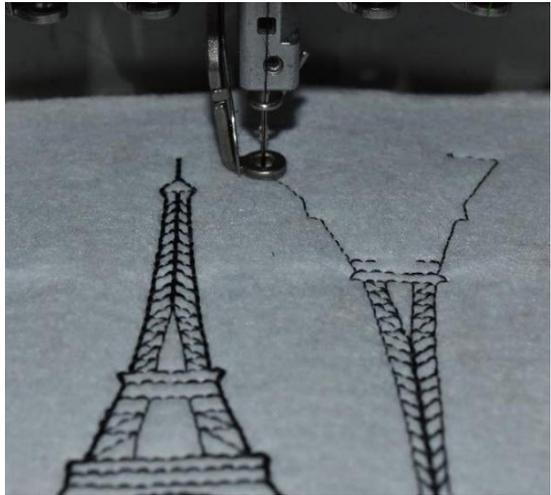


8. Take several stitches, then pause the machine and trim the thread tails. This method will keep the stitches neat on the back side of your work and will eliminate those pesky birds nests on the underside.



9. Stitch the design all the way to the end.

I am making three towers in the illustration, so will draw the thread tails to the top again at the start of each stitch-out.



10. Remove the hoop from the machine. Unhoop the finished design.



11. If you have stitched multiple towers, carefully cut them apart through all layers. If you have stitched only the one tower, go directly to the next step.



12. Gently pull away the plastic and the tear-away stabilizer. It's best to do this one layer at a time so as not to damage the stitch-out.



13. You can use a hemostat to help remove stubborn bits of stabilizer or plastic. Work gently!



14. Once you have removed all the layers of stabilizer and plastic, it's time to trim the design.



15. Use small sharp scissors to carefully trim around the edge of the stitching, leaving a border of about 1/8" or so. Work carefully and aim for a smooth cut, as this will be the finished edge of your toy.



16. The trimmed and completed Eiffel Tower is slightly stiffened by the four layers of stabilizer, and will keep its shape if it is handled gently. However, it may soften over time if it's bent or crushed.



17. It's just the right size to tuck into this Evening in Paris Mini Stocking Ornament.