

# Tiny Hockey Trophy (To Fit Mini Stocking Ornament)

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*The Hockey Trophy toy stitches completely in the 4" hoop, except for a line of stitching by hand or machine to close the toy after stuffing.*

*It is approximately 1.3" wide x 3.1" tall when stitched and is just the right size to slip into the tiny stocking tree ornaments*



You will need

- Two 3x4.5" pieces of white, light grey, or silver felt (I am using a white with a bit of sparkle)
- A tiny amount of polyester fiber stuffing

# Tiny Hockey Trophy Instructions

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1. Hoop a single layer of Glad Press N Seal or regular cling wrap in the 4x4" hoop. If you prefer, you can also use a light-weight water soluble stabilizer. Whichever you choose, make sure it is snug in the hoop.

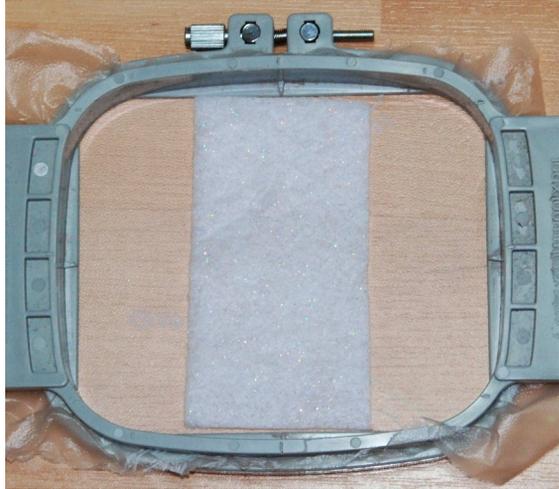


**Note:** Plastic wrap works well for this project, but if you prefer not to use it, choose a lightweight wash-away stabilizer instead.



You really want the lightest stabilizer you can find so the toy will be pliable enough that it can be stuffed when it's finished. Don't use tear-away or cut-away stabilizers, which tend to be too heavy and stiffen the toy too much. Having recently read that sturdy plastic bags can be used as stabilizer in some cases, I decided to try it for these tiny toys, and am happy to report that it worked well, at least for my machine. Although I am using Press N Seal in the photos, I now always use plastic bags for making the toys.

2. Lay one of the 3" x 4.5" felt pieces on the sticky surface in the center of the hoop and press in place. (I am using white sparkle felt for my trophy, but light grey or silver would be equally good).



3. Place the hoop in the machine and stitch up to but not including the last color. Remove the hoop from the machine but do not unhoop the design.



4. Turn the hoop face down. You will be able to see the stitching clearly.



5. Place a second piece of felt on the back of the hoop so that it completely covers the stitching. Use masking tape to hold the felt in position



6. Change the bobbin thread to an appropriate color for the final line of stitching. I am using a silver metallic thread to complement the sparkly felt. Once the bobbin has been changed, carefully return the hoop to the machine and stitch the final color.



7. Remove the hoop from the machine. Your stitched design is complete and can be removed from the hoop for stuffing and finishing.



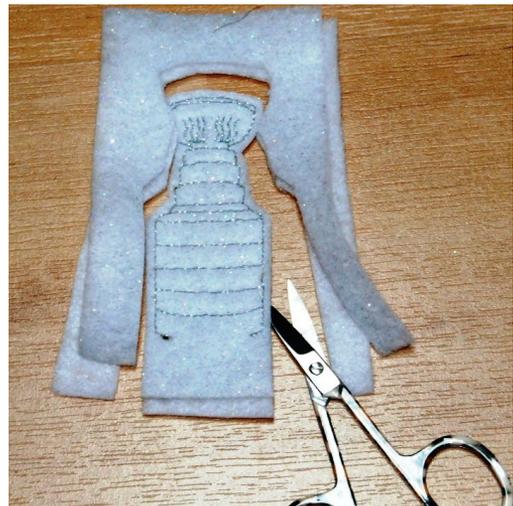
8. Unhoop the design and remove the plastic wrap. It should tear out easily.

If you are using a stabilizer other than plastic, trim it away in the next step.



9. With small sharp scissors, trim neatly around the edges of the toy, leaving a border of about 1/8" around the stitching and leaving the bottom untrimmed as shown in the picture.

Work carefully, making as smooth a cut as you can, since this will be the outer edge of your toy.



10. The next step is to add a tiny bit of polyester stuffing to the toy, just enough to give it shape. I use a thin bamboo skewer as a stuffing tool.



11. Using tiny bits of polyester stuffing (about the size of a pea), work stuffing into the toy using the skewer. Fill the top cup section first and then the body of the trophy, right to the bottom.



12. When the body of the toy has been filled, stitch the bottom closed by hand or machine, using matching thread.



13. Trim the excess felt away from the bottom of the toy, leaving about 1/8" border. It's complete and ready to be tucked into a Mini Sock ornament (see next page).



14. The Tiny Hockey Trophy looks great tucked into a Mini Stocking ornament. I've chosen some with a sports theme.

