

# Tiny Zombie Toy (To Fit Mini Stocking Ornament)

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Tiny Zombie stitches up in approximately 5 minutes. He sews almost entirely in the 4x4" hoop except for a line of machine stitching to close him up after stuffing. He When finished, he stands approximately 1.7" x 3" and fits nicely into the Mini Stocking Tree Ornaments.



You will need

- Two 3x4.5" pieces of felt in a color of your choice (I am using purple, but grey, blue, or dull green would also work)
- A tiny amount of polyester fiber stuffing

# Tiny Zombie Toy Instructions

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1. Hoop a single layer of Glad Press N Seal or even 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:** *Not all machines will tolerate the cling wrap used in this way (for example, mine does, but my sister's doesn't). If you can't use the cling wrap, choose a lightweight wash-away stabilizer instead.*



*You really want the lightest thing you can find to stabilize 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.*

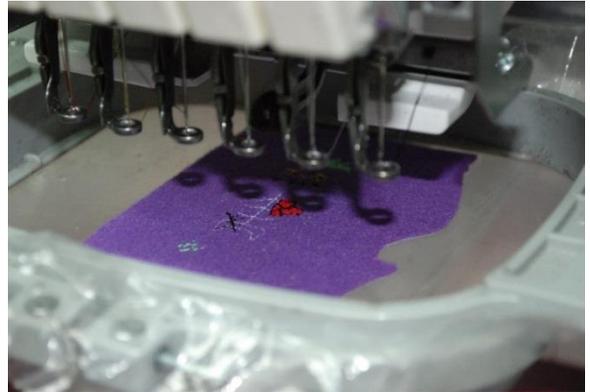
*Having recently read that sturdy plastic bags can be used as stabilizer in some cases, I decided to try it for these tiny toys, and am happy to report that it worked well, at least for my machine. Although I'm using the Press N Seal in the photos that follow, I now always use plastic for making these tiny toys.*

2. Place a piece of purple felt (or color of your choice) approximately 3" x 4.5" against the sticky Press N Seal in the center of the hoop, pressing to hold it in place. (I am using a scrap of leftover felt, so it's a slightly odd shape.)

If you are using a non-stick stabilizer, you will need to lightly spray the felt with temporary adhesive before pressing it into position.



3. Place the hoop in the machine and stitch up to but not including the final color for each Zombie.



4. Remove the hoop from the machine but do not unhoop the design.



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

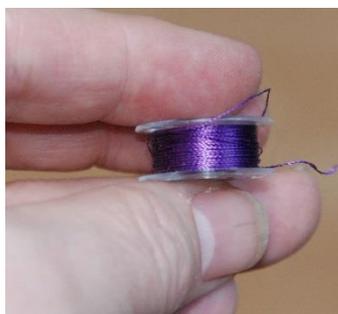


6. Lay a second piece of felt over the back of the hoop so that it completely covers the stitching. Hold it in place with masking tape as shown.



7. Change the bobbin thread to an appropriate color for the final line of stitching.

Once the bobbin has been changed, carefully return the hoop to the machine and stitch the final color.



8. Remove the hoop from the machine. Unhoop the design and trim around the zombie with small sharp scissors. Work carefully, making as smooth a cut as you can, since this will be the outer edge of your toy. As you trim, leave a border of about 1/8" around the stitching. Leave the segment above his head untrimmed for now, as shown in the pictures.



9. 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.



10. Using tiny bits of polyester stuffing (about the size of a pea), work stuffing into the toy using the skewer. Fill each leg, then arms, then the belly, and finally the head. Use just enough stuffing to give him some shape, but don't overfill him.



11. When you have finished stuffing the body, close the top of the head with a line of stitching by hand or machine, using invisible (nylon) thread. Sew carefully along the edge of the spikey hair. A straight-sew foot is helpful so you can see what you're doing.



12. When you have closed the top of top of the Zombie, trim the remaining waste away, leaving a border about 1/8" around the ears and top of the head. The Zombie is now complete and fits nicely into any of the Mini Stocking Ornaments on the site.

