

Lobster Candy Cane Holder Ornament

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Lobster Candy Cane Holder ornament stitches up quickly on red or orange felt. Make several to hold candy canes, lollipops, pencils, or other small tubular gift items.



The Lobster Candy Cane Holder sews diagonally in a 4x4" hoop, and when stitched measures approximately 3.6" x 4.6".

You will need

- *Two 4x4" pieces of red or orange felt*
- *Tear-away stabilizer*

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1. Hoop two layers of tear-away stabilizer in the 4x4" hoop.



2. Lightly spray a 4x4" square or red or orange felt with temporary adhesive, and center it on top of the hooped stabilizer.



3. Place the hoop in the machine and stitch the design up to the white catchlights in the eyes. Pause the machine and remove the hoop.



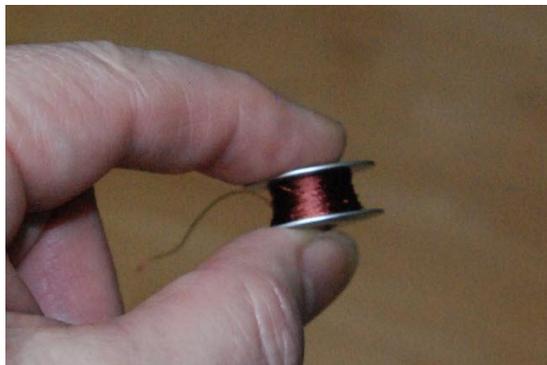
4. Remove the hoop from the machine and turn it face down. You will clearly see the stitched outlines.



5. Lightly spray a second piece of red felt and place it over the back of the hoop, covering all of the stitching.



5. Change the bobbin thread to reddish brown to sew the demarcation lines on the lobster's body. Return the hoop to the machine, taking care not to disturb the backing piece and stitch the next color.



7. Pause the machine again if you would like to change the bobbin thread to black for the outline of the claws. This color change isn't critical as you can use the brown bobbin if you wish.



8. Pause the machine again and change the bobbin to the red color you plan to use to sew the final satin outline of the lobster's body. In the example I have used a lighter color for contrast, but I would normally use a red close to the color of my felt.



9. Sew the final satin outline. When it has finished, remove the hoop from the machine. I have used a lighter than normal thread color so it will show in the photo.



10. Unhoop and carefully remove the tear-away stabilizer from around the stitched design. It should pull away easily.



11. Carefully trim around the edges of the design with scissors, leaving a narrow felt border around the outside of the satin stitching. You might find it easier to trim one layer at a time.



12. Using a skewer, stylus, heavy needle, or the point of very small sharp scissors, poke a hole through the eyelet. Be careful not to poke your finger as I always seem to do!



13. With very small sharp scissors, or with a surgical seam ripper, carefully cut the wavy buttonholes along the claws. Be careful not to cut the stitching. If you do accidentally cut the satin stitching, apply a drop of fray check to the threads.



14. Insert a candy cane through the buttonhole openings and insert a hook or cord for hanging the ornament.



You can insert the candy cane in front of or behind the claws, as shown. The Lobster Candy Cane Holder looks equally good from the back..

