

Mounted Police (Redcoat) Ornament

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Make up this Mounted Police Coat ornament using red felt. When complete, it measures approximately 3.5" wide and 3.8" tall (about 90x95 mm). It stitches entirely in the 4x4" hoop (100x100mm) in about 11 minutes.

You will need:

- Two pieces of red felt approx. 3" x 4.5"
- Medium weight tear-away stabilizer
- Plastic wrap (optional)

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Instructions

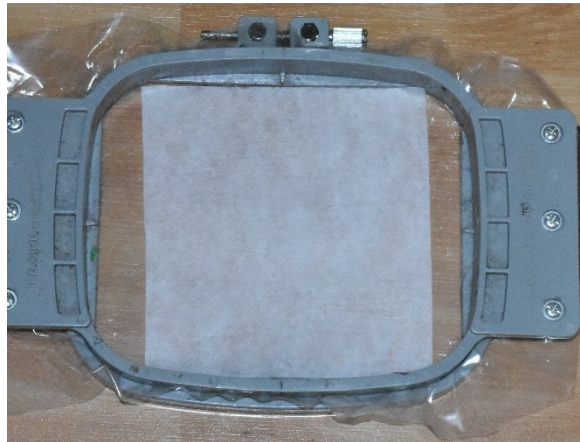
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1. Hoop a single layer of Glad Press N Seal in the 4x4" hoop with the sticky side up.

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.



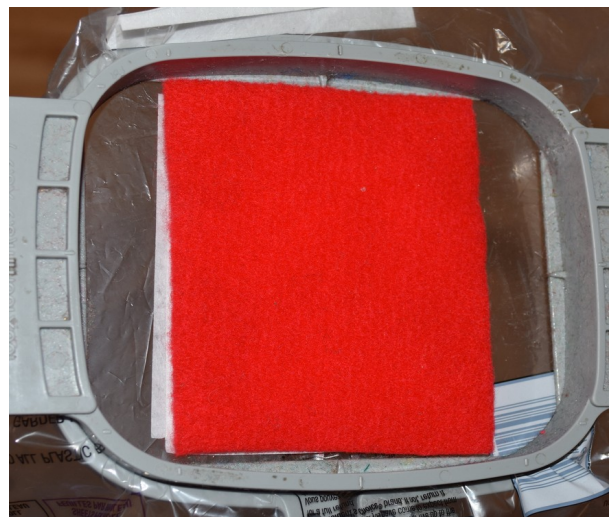
NOTE: If you prefer not to use the plastic method, you can hoop a double layer of tear-away stabilizer instead, then proceed as follows.



3. Turn the hoop face down. Spray and place an additional 3.5" x 4.5" 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.

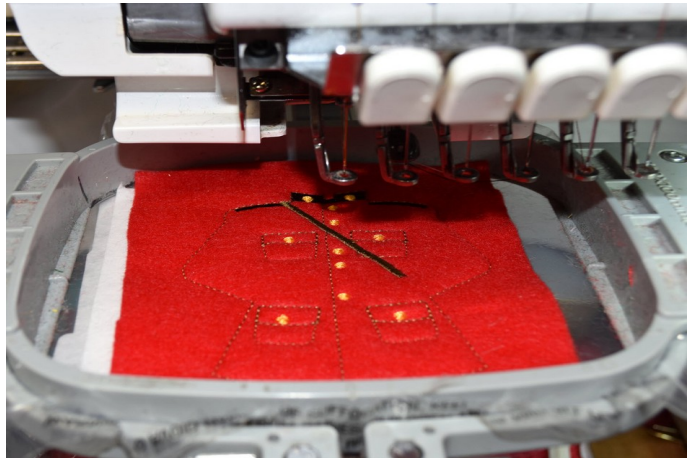


4. Turn the hoop face up. Lightly spray one of the felt pieces and centre it in the hoop, making sure it adheres. You will now have one felt layer and three layers of tear-away.



5. Place the hoop in the machine and stitch the first four colours. For contrast, I am using light brown thread for the outline of the coat, but you may prefer to use dark red.

Pause the machine.



6. Remove the hoop from the machine, but do not unhoop the design. Your stitchout should look like the photo – minus the nosey cat.



7. Turn the hoop face down. You will be able to clearly see the stitching through the back of the stabilizer.



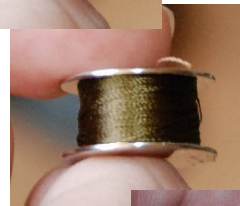
8. Place the second piece of felt on the back of the hoop so that it completely covers the stitching. Tape the corners to keep it in position, as I have done here.



9. Change the bobbin thread to light brown or dark red. Carefully replace the hoop in the machine and stitch the next colour.



Pause the machine and change the bobbin thread to dark brown. Stitch the belt.



Pause on last time and change the bobbin thread to black. Stitch the eyelet.



10. Remove the hoop from the machine and unhoop the stitched design.



11. Carefully remove the plastic and tear-away stabilizer from around the stitched coat ornament. It should come away easily.



12. With sharp scissors, trim around the edge of the entire design, leaving a narrow border of felt around the outline stitching. Cut as neatly and smoothly as you can, since this will be the edge of the finished ornament.



13. Using a skewer, awl, stylus, or just the point of a small scissors, carefully poke a hole through the stitched eyelet to allow for a hook or a string.



14. The finished ornament, front and back.

