

Santa's Coat Ornament

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Make up this Santa's Coat ornament using red and white felt, or substitute another color of your choice.

When stitched, the Santa's Coat ornament measures approximately 3.9" wide x 3.2" tall (99x80mm). It stitches entirely in the 4x4" hoop (100x100mm) in approximately 6 minutes.

You will need:

- Two pieces of red felt approximately 4.5" x 3.5"
- Scraps of white felt
- Medium tear-away stabilizer
- Plastic wrap (optional)

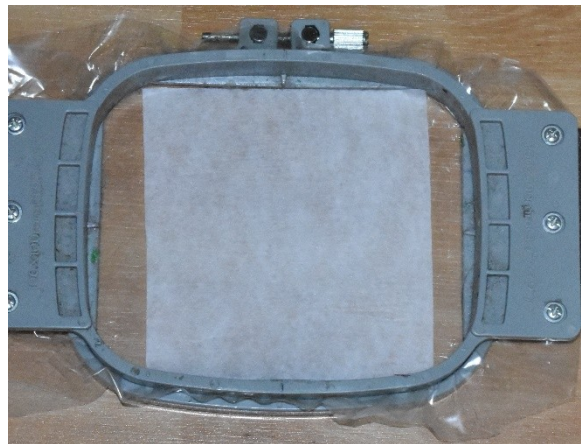
Santa's Coat Ornament Instructions

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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 if that's what you have available. Make sure it's snug.



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 plastic, you can hoop a double layer of tear-away stabilizer instead. I just use the plastic method to conserve stabilizer.

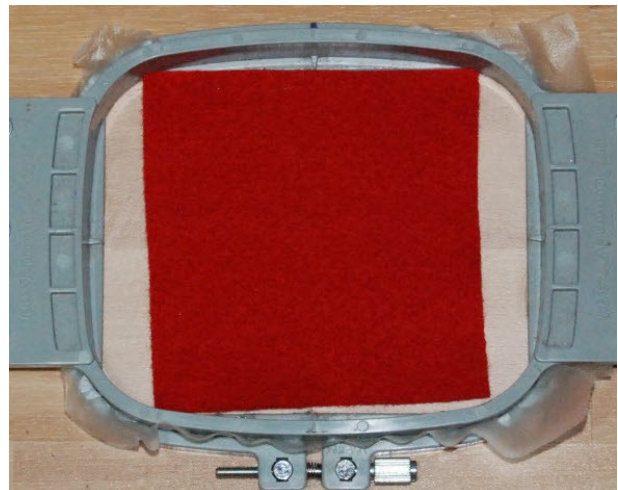
The rest of the instructions are identical.



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, centering 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 center it in the hoop, making sure it adheres.



5. Place the hoop in the machine and stitch the first color.

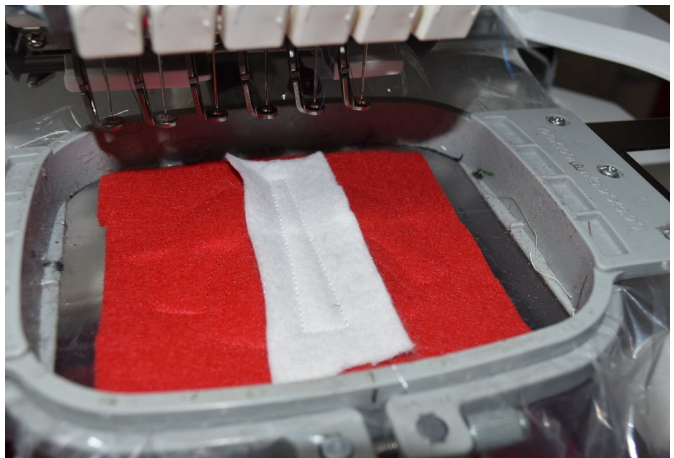
Pause the machine and remove the hoop, but do not unhoop the design..



6.. Lay a strip of white felt over the middle of the stitch-out, so that it covers the guideline for the front jacket trim.



7. Return the hoop to the machine and stitch the next color, which attaches the front trim. Pause the machine and remove the hoop, but do not unhoop.

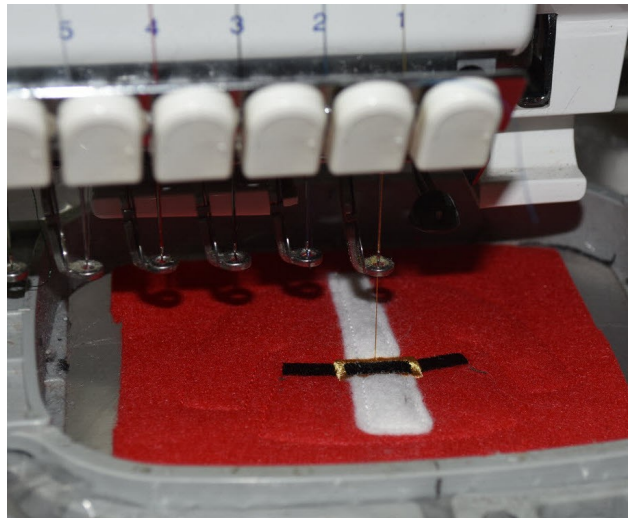


9. Carefully trim around the stitched jacket trim piece, leaving a very narrow border. I'm using a pair of curved scissors for this, but a sharp pair of nail scissors might also work.

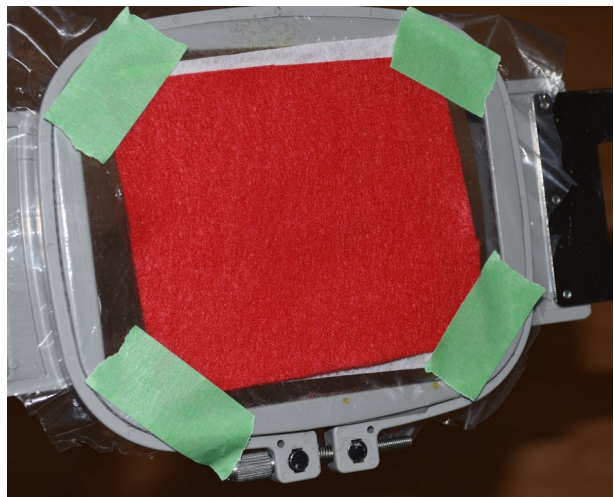


10. Return the hoop to the machine and stitch the next two colors – the belt and buckle.

Pause the machine and remove the hoop, but do not unhoop the design..



11. 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.



12. Change the bobbin thread to red. Carefully replace the hoop in the machine and stitch the next color (red) to bind front and back together.



13. Change the bobbin thread to white to stitch the next color, which is the placement guidelines for the cuffs.

14. Stitch the guidelines in white, and pause the machine.

Remove the hoop, but do not unhoop the design.



15. Cut four scraps of felt large enough to completely cover each of the cuff guidelines. Lightly spray them with temporary adhesive. Adhere two of these felt pieces over the stitched cuff guidelines on the front of the design. Press to ensure they are stuck in place.



16. Turn the hoop face down and adhere the remaining two felt pieces to cover the back of the cuff guidelines. Make sure they are stuck down well so they won't shift when you re-hoop.



17. Using white thread, stitch the next color to secure the cuffs in position. Pause the machine and remove the hoop.



18. Trim away the excess felt around the top and inner edges of the cuffs, leaving a border of about 1/8".

Return the hoop to the machine.



19. The next color to stitch is the placement guideline for the bottom trim. Stitch this color with white thread and pause the machine.

Remove the hoop, but do not unhoop the design.



20. Cut two scrap pieces of white felt large enough to cover the stitched guideline for the bottom trim. Lightly spray them with temporary adhesive and place one of them in position over the stitched guideline.



21. Turn the hoop face down. Adhere the remaining white felt piece over the bottom trim segment on the back of the design. Make sure it is stuck down well so it won't dislodge when you reload the hoop.



22. Carefully return the hoop to the machine without disturbing the white felt pieces. Stitch the final color with white thread. Remove the hoop from the machine and trim around the top edge of the bottom trim, front and back. .



23. Unhoop the design. Pull out the tear-away stabilizer from around the design. It most likely won't come loose from under the arms, but not to worry. We'll get it in a minute.



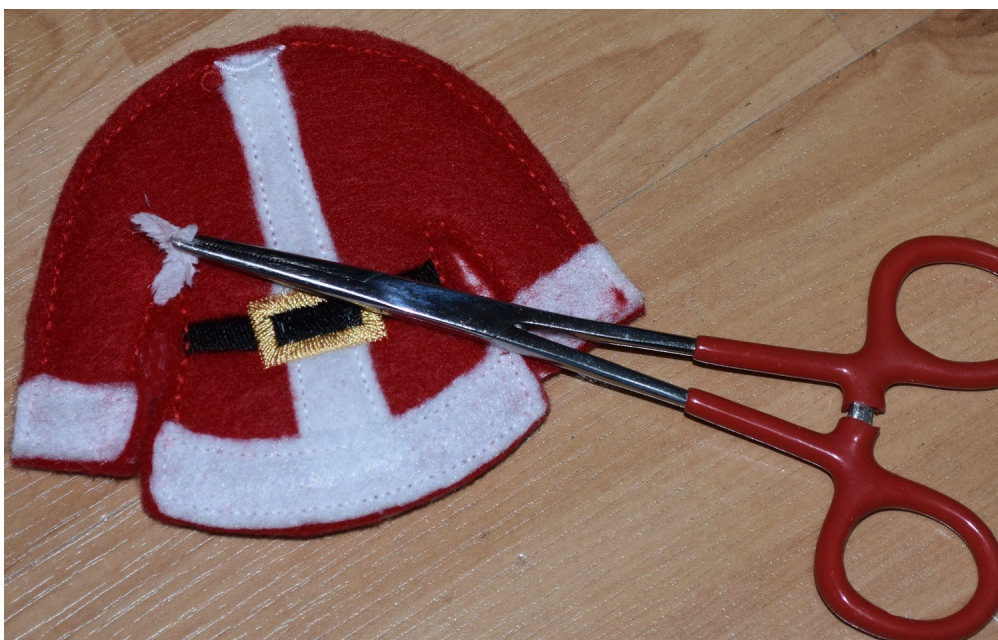
24. With sharp scissors, trim around the edge of the design, leaving a narrow border of felt around the outline stitching, and leaving the design untrimmed under the arms for the moment.



25. Using a small sharp pair of scissors, and cutting through only the top layer of felt, clip under the arms. You will be able to see the remaining stabilizer in the opening.

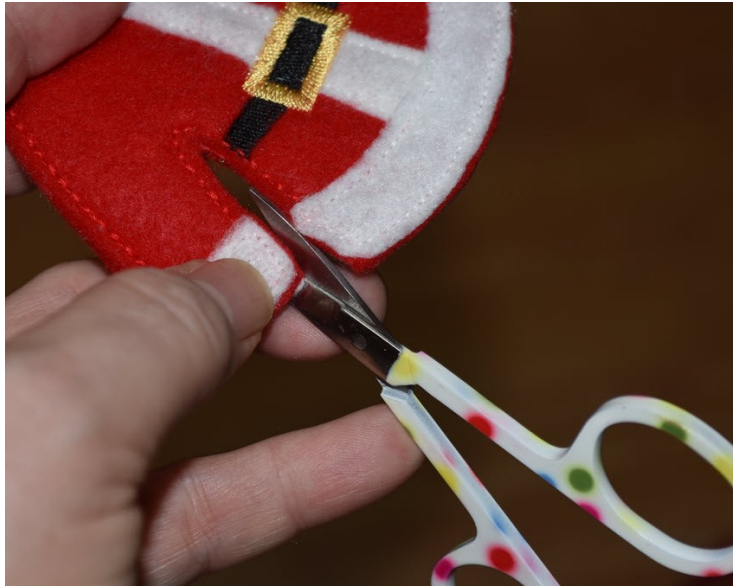


26. Use a hemostat to grip the stabilizer only, being careful not to catch the felt. Gently pull the stabilizer free.



27. Once the last of the stabilizer has been removed from beneath the arms, trim the remaining felt, leaving a 1/8" border, as before.

Neaten all edges.



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



29. Front and back of the finished ornament with hook in place for hanging.

