

Santa Yin Yang Ornament

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Santa's hat and beard are represented in this nifty yin yang ornament. Made up of white and red felt with embroidered accents, this ornament measures approximately 3.7" when finished. It sews entirely in the 4x4" hoop in about 10 minutes.



You will need

- One 4.5" square plus another 2x4" piece of red felt
- One 4.5" square of white felt
- Medium weight tear-away stabilizer

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1. Hoop a double layer of tear-away stabilizer in the 4x4" (100x100mm) hoop.



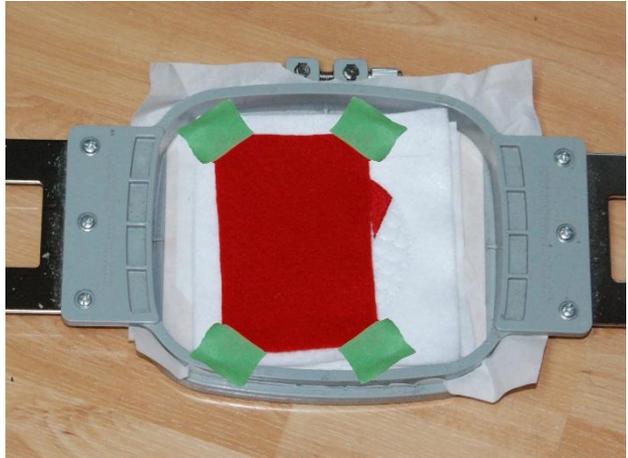
2. Lightly spray one piece of white felt with temporary adhesive and press it in place in the center of the hoop. If you prefer not to use spray adhesive, you can hoop a larger piece of felt along with the tear-away stabilizer directly in the hoop.



3. Place the hoop in the machine and stitch the first three colors. Pause the machine and remove the hoop, but do not unhoop the design.



4. To make the hat portion of the design, position the 2x4" piece of red felt over left side of the stitching, as shown. Tape the felt in place by the corners, out of the way of the stitching.



5. Return the hoop to the machine and sew the next color. Pause the machine once again and remove the hoop, but do not unhoop the design. You can see the dieline clearly.



6. Using curved scissors or sharp nail scissors, carefully trim around the edges of the applied piece, as close as possible to the stitched outline, but without cutting through the stitches.



6. Return the hoop to the machine and sew the remainder of the design up to but not including the final color.



7. Remove the hoop from the machine, but do not unhoop the design. Your stitched design should look like this.



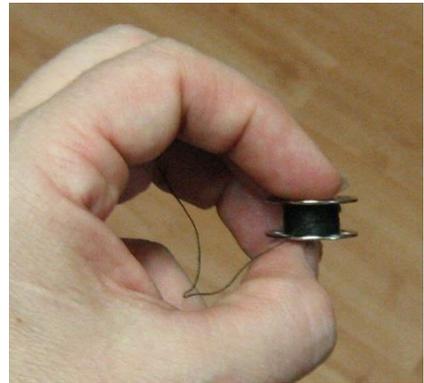
8. Turn the hoop face down. You will be able to see the stitches clearly. I have used dark bobbin thread so it will show better in the photo; normally I would use white.



9. Lightly spray the 4.5" square of red felt and lay it over the back of the stitched design. If you prefer, you can hold it in place using masking tape at the corners, as I have done here. Return the hoop to the machine.



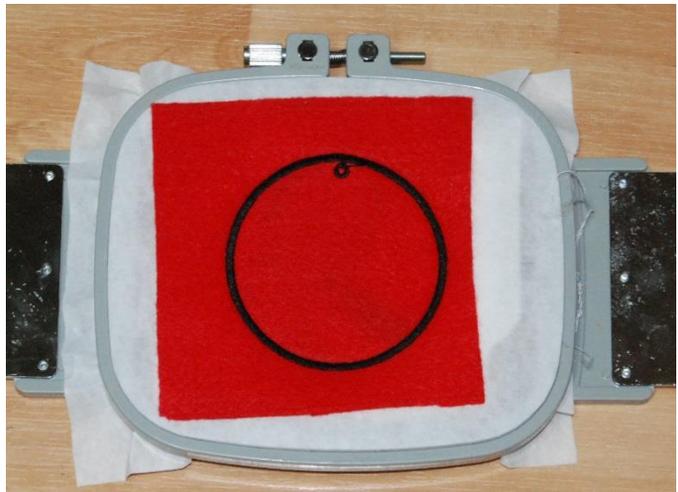
10. Change the bobbin thread to the final thread colour (black), then replace the hoop in the machine and stitch the last color (the satin outline and eyelet)



11. When stitching is complete, remove the hoop from the machine. The front of your stitched design should look like this.



12. Another shot showing the back of the stitched ornament. Note the eyelet at the top, to allow for a string or hook.



13. Remove the stabilizer from around the stitched design; it should tear away easily from between the layers of felt.



13. Carefully trim around the edges of the design with scissors, leaving a small border of about 1/8". You may find it easier to trim one layer at a time, trimming the front first and then the back.



10. The finished ornament, ready to hang on your tree.



Any of the yin yang designs on the site could be made into a similar ornament. Hoop a piece of white felt as you did for this Santa ornament, then sew the design up to but not including the final satin stitch edge. Remove the hoop from the machine and position a matching piece of felt over the back of the stitching, securing it with a light spray of temporary adhesive or masking tape on the corners, as you did for this ornament. Change the bobbin thread, and then return the hoop to the machine for the final satin stitch. For hanging, thread a large yarn needle with a string and loop it through the ornament at the top . Tie off and you're done!