

School or Team Jacket Ornament

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Make up this School Jacket ornament using felt in your team or school colour. When complete, it measures approximately 4.0" wide and 3.0" tall (about 100x75 mm).



It stitches entirely in the 4x4" hoop (100x100mm) in around 7 minutes, depending on the personalization you've chosen.

You will need:

- Two pieces of felt approx. 4" x 4.5" (my university's colours are purple and white, so I'm using purple felt)
- Medium weight tear-away stabilizer
- Plastic wrap (optional)
- Team or school name design for the jacket back

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Instructions

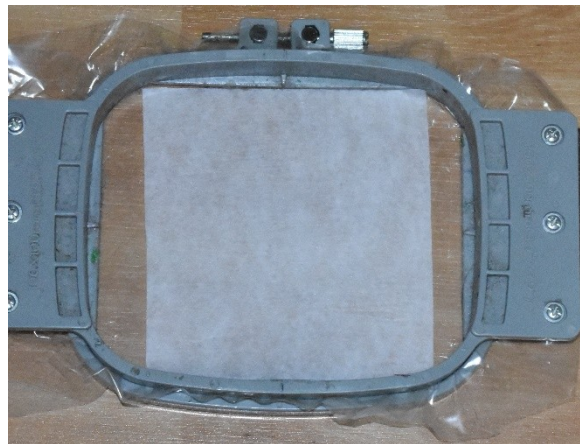
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1. Hoop a single layer of Glad Press N Seal in the 4x4" hoop with the sticky side up.

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 4.5" x 4" against the sticky Press N Seal in the centre 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.

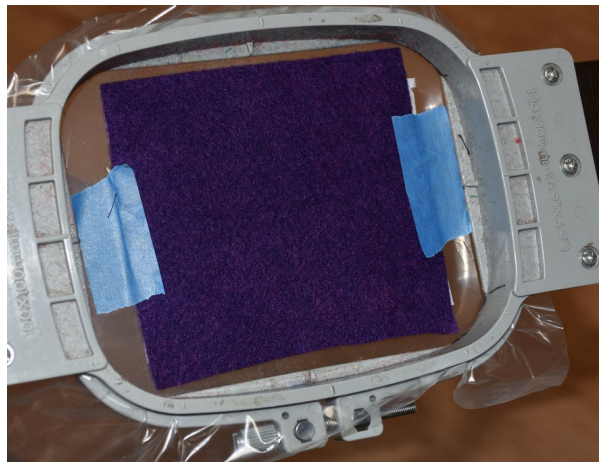


NOTE: If you prefer not to use the plastic method, you can hoop a layer of tear-away stabilizer instead, then proceed as follows.



If you do not intend to add a team or school name to the back of the jacket ornament, skip directly to step 7.

3. With the hoop face up, lightly spray one of the felt pieces and centre it in the hoop, making sure it adheres. If you wish, add masking tape to the sides for extra security. You will now have one felt layer and one layer of tear-away.



4. Place the hoop in the machine. Using the small alphabet, spell out the school name. (I'd suggest an 8-letter maximum).

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Size the name to no wider than 1.9". (My lettering is 1.9 x 0.3"). Position the lettering in the upper portion of the hoop so that it falls approximately 1/3 of the way from the top of the felt square.

5. Stitch the lettering using the colour of your choice. I'm stitching white letters on the purple, since my university colours are purple and white.

Pause the machine.



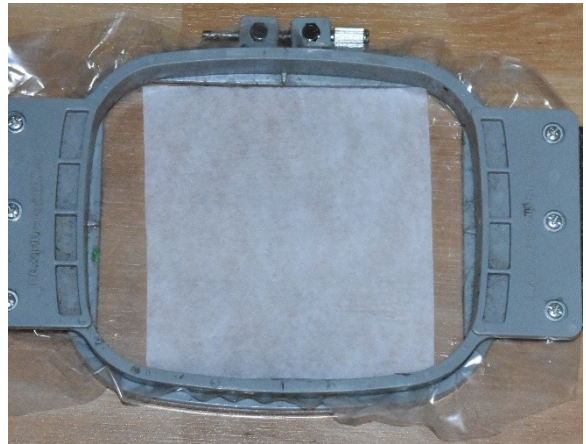
6. Remove the hoop from the machine and unhoop the design. Trim the stabilizer so that it's even with the edges of the felt. Set this piece aside for the moment.



7. Hoop a second piece of Press N Seal, plastic, or tear-away stabilizer as you did in Step 1. Once again, make sure it's snug in the hoop.



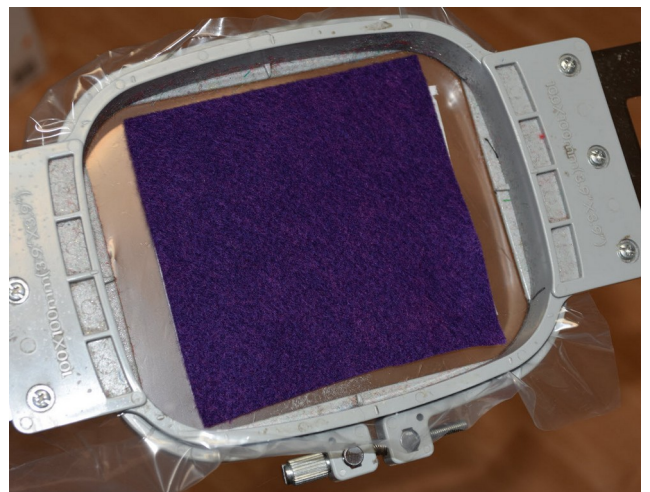
8. Place a piece of tear-away stabilizer approximately 4.5 x 4" against the sticky Press N Seal in the centre of the hoop, pressing to hold it in place. If you're using plain plastic, lightly spray the stabilizer with temporary adhesive.



9. Flip the hoop over. Spray a second piece of tear-away stabilizer and place it on the back of the hoop, centring it over the tear-away that's already on the front. You should now have two layers of tear-away in place.



10. With the hoop face up, lightly spray the second felt piece and centre it in the hoop, just as you did in Step 3. You will now have one felt layer and two layers of tear-away.



11. Place the hoop in the machine and stitch up to, but not including, the final colour.

If you are adding a letter or motif to the top left breast of the jacket, stitch it now.

Pause the machine.



12. Remove the hoop from the machine, but do not unhoop the design. Your stitchout so far should look like the photo, depending on the colours you are using.



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

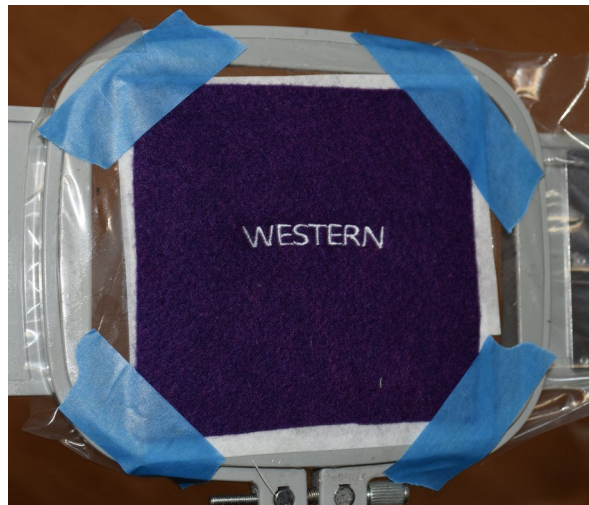


14. Place the pre-stitched felt piece on the back of the hoop, lining it up so that the lettering falls across the upper back, midway between the sleeves.

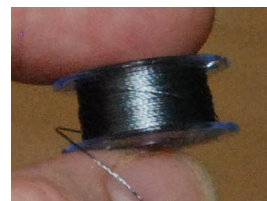


If you have not added lettering to the back, use a plain piece of felt for this step.

15. Make sure the felt back piece completely covers the stitching on the front. Tape the corners to keep it in position, as I have done here.



16. Change the bobbin thread to match the thread you've used for the outlines. (For contrast against my purple fabric, I am using dark grey). Carefully replace the hoop in the machine and stitch the final colour. Remove the hoop from the machine.



17. Unhoop the design. Pull out the tear-away stabilizer from around the design. It should come away easily.



18. Remove all stabilizer completely. If any bits remain in the seams, gently work them loose with tweezers or hemostat.



19. 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.



20. 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.



21. The finished ornament, front and back.



To be honest, I struggled with what colour thread to use on this ornament so it would show up against the purple. I'm not 100% happy with the dark grey, but I didn't have a better choice in hand, so went with it in the end.

