

Space Command Shirt Ornament

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Make up this Space Command Shirt ornament using felt in one of the official colors of red, blue, or yellow gold.

When stitched, the Space Command Shirt ornament measures approximately 3.5" wide x 3.7" tall (90x93mm). It stitches entirely in the 4x4" hoop (100x100mm) in approximately 8 minutes.

You will need:

- Two pieces of felt approximately 4" x 4.5" in a color of your choice (in the pictures I am using blue)
- Medium tear-away stabilizer
- Plastic wrap (optional)

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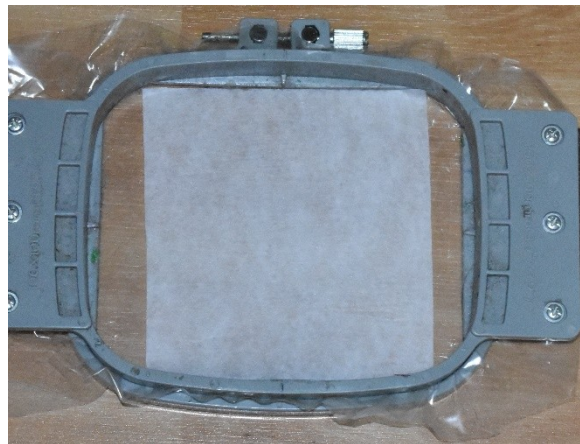
Instructions

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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 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 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, centering it over the tear-away that's already on the front. You should now have three layers of tear-away in place.

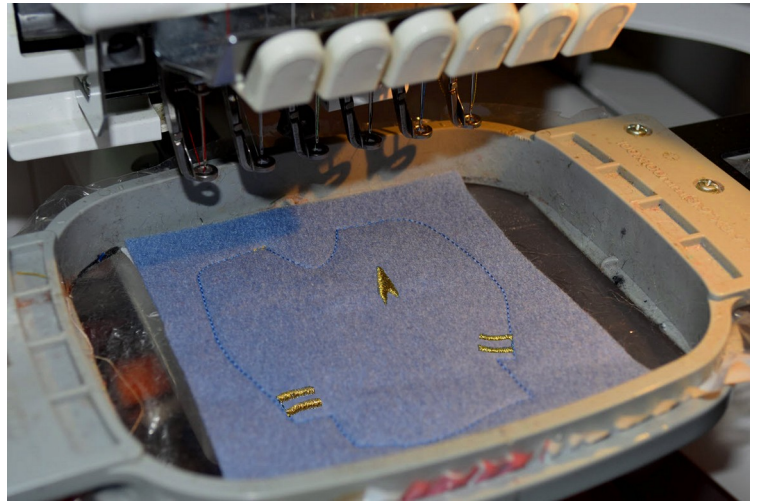


4. Turn the hoop face up. Lightly spray one of the felt pieces and center it in the hoop, making sure it adheres.



5. Place the hoop in the machine and stitch the first two colors.

Pause the machine.



6. Remove the hoop from the machine, but do not unhoop the design. Your stitchout should look like the photo, depending on the color of felt you've chosen.



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 match the color of your felt. I am using steel blue. Carefully replace the hoop in the machine and stitch the next color.



Pause the machine and change the bobbin thread to black. Stitch the final color.

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 sweater ornament. It should remove easily.



12. With sharp scissors, trim around the edges of the design, leaving a narrow border of felt around the satin stitching. You may find it easier to cut one layer at a time, trimming the front first and then the back.



13. 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.



12. Three of the finished ornaments, ready to hang on the tree. Make it so!

