

Ugly Christmas Sweater Ornament

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Make up this Christmas sweater ornament using felt in the colour of your choice, then use contrasting colours for the decorative stitching.

When stitched, the Christmas sweater ornament measures approximately 3.5" wide x 3.7" tall (90x93mm). It stitches entirely in the 4x4" hoop (100x100mm) in under 10 minutes.

You will need:

- Two 4.5x4.5" squares of felt in a colour of your choice (in the pictures I am using red)
- Medium tear-away stabilizer

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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 4.5" 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 double layer of tear-away stabilizer instead, then proceed as follows.



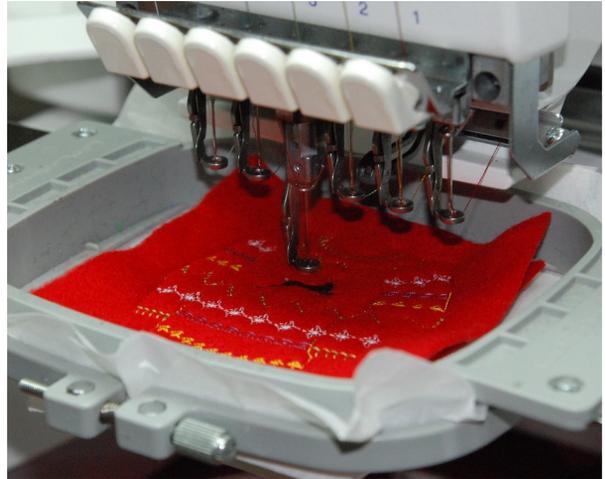
3. Turn the hoop face down. Spray and place an additional 4.5" square of tear-away stabilizer on the back of the hoop, centring it over the tear-away that's already on the front. You should now have three layers of tear-away in place.



4. Turn the hoop face up. Lightly spray a 4.5" square of felt in the colour of your choice and adhere it to the tear-away stabilizer (I am using red). You will now have one felt layer and three layers of tear-away.



5. Place the hoop in the machine and stitch the design front on the felt, up to but not including the final color. Choose thread colours to contrast with the felt.



6. Stop the machine and remove the hoop, but do not unhoop the design. Your stitch-out should look similar to the picture, depending on the color of felt you've chosen.



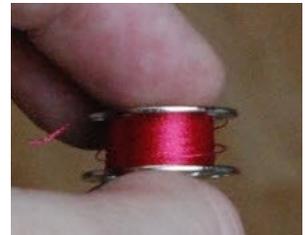
7. Turn the hoop face down. You can clearly see the stitching through the back of the stabilizer.



8. Place the second felt piece on the back of the hoop, completely covering the stitching. Tape the corners to keep it in place, and carefully return the hoop to the machine.



9. Change the bobbin thread to an appropriate colour for the final line of stitching. I am using red to match my felt.



Once the bobbin has been changed, carefully replace the hoop in the machine and stitch the final color.

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



11. Carefully remove the 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.



14. Some finished sweater ornaments, ready to hang on the tree. You can get a variety of looks just by changing felt and thread colours.

