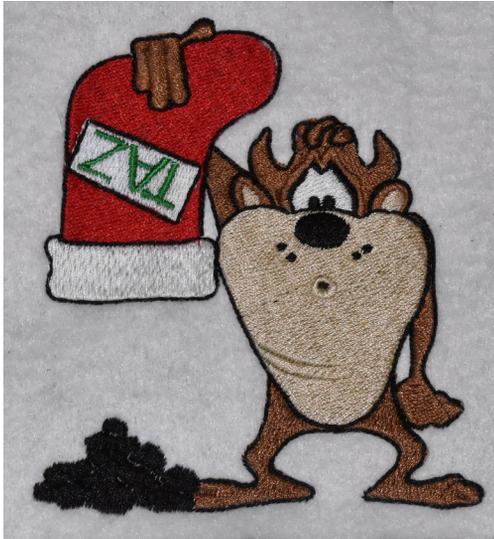


Sharpie to the Rescue: Taz Ornament

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One of my projects for this week has been stitching out this Taz design on white felt, to make a Christmas ornament for DH's stocking.

He's not a huge Taz fan but he loves Looney Tunes, and I based this design on one of this year's Hallmark ornaments. I just love the expression on Taz.

When the first stitch-out was nearly complete, I noticed that the brown thread had got hung up part way through the stitching, pulling the bobbin thread to the top of the work and leaving a white patch on Taz's head.



Unfortunately, little mishaps like this happen frequently with machine embroidery, but happily there's a quick fix.



Enter the trusty Sharpie marker!

I use the fine-point markers rather than the regular ones for better control, and they're available in enough colors that you can usually find something close.

Once you've matched it, simply color the white thread directly.

The color I'm using isn't an *exact* match to my thread, but as you can see it's a lot better than the white bobbin thread showing on the side of his head.



Once the ornament is completed and hanging on the tree, this fix won't be noticeable. In time I might even forget about it myself



Here's the finished ornament. To make it two-sided, I stitched the design a second time in reverse. Before doing the second stitch-out, I reversed the lettering in my software so it reads correctly from both sides.

For the blush on his cheeks and lips, I used just a touch of pink crayon.

To keep the legs from drooping over time, I bent a piece of stiff wire into shape and placed it between the front and back stitch-outs before I glued them together.

Embroidered ornaments are fun to make, and as a plus, it's always nice to be able to hang things you've created yourself. DH will be pleased to add him to the tree.