

In The Hoop Christmas Tealights

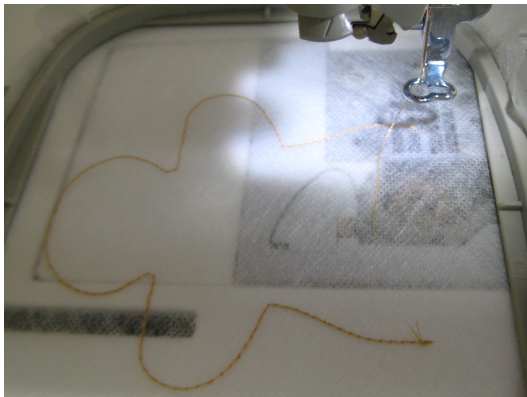
Supplies needed:

- Water-soluble stabilizer (fabric type)
- Felt (you will use two 5x5 pieces per design)
- Optional mylar
- Battery operated tealight

These designs will stitch in the 4x4 hoop, and is a complete in-the-hoop project.



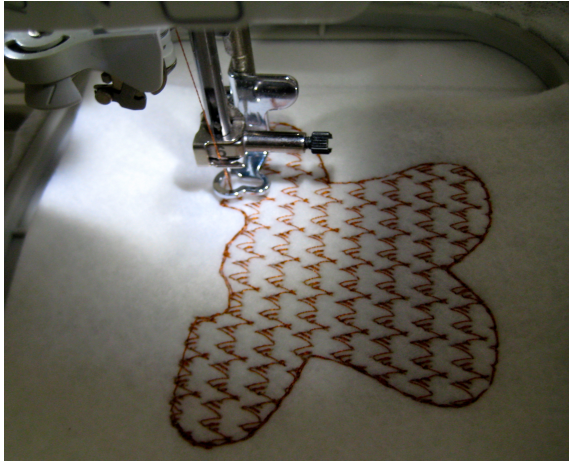
To begin, hoop your water soluble stabilizer



The first thread color showing is red on most designs, but use the thread color that matches the felt used. The red thread color is simply a thread color stop (similar to an applique) to give you placement for the felt.



After the first outline stitches, lay your felt over the area and let the stitching begin!



Continue to stitch the design until the last thread color.

At this point, change the thread and bobbin thread to the same color as the felt you are using. You want this line to blend into the felt.

The last thread color is for the tackdown outline which will attach the back piece of felt to the design.

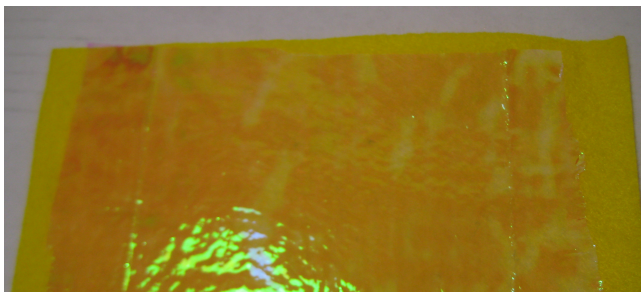
With the machine stopped at the last thread color, slip the felt under the design. The felt will be laying on your sewing machine bed just under the design (make sure the felt is under the WHOLE design). When you stitch the last thread color it will outline the design on all sides except the bottom.

After this has stitched, it will attach the felt to the back of your design.

Remove the hoop and closely trim the felt around the design (similar to an applique design).

Soak the design in water to remove the water soluble stabilizer. After soaking, gently blot the excess moisture and lay flat to dry.

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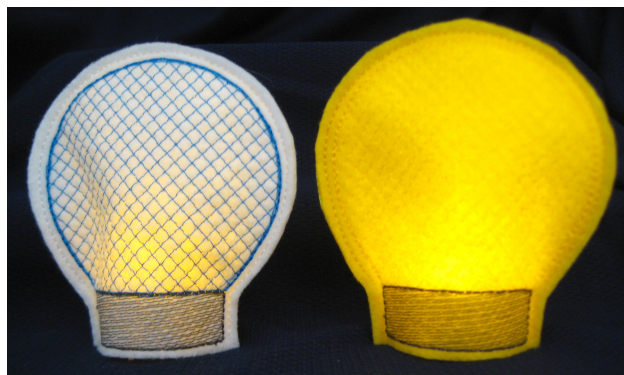
If you want extra sparkle in the tealights, attach some mylar to the felt which will attach for the backer. It is recommended you use a permanent spray adhesive for this. Let it dry before stitching.

I recommend you attach mylar to the back felt if you use any other color of felt other than white. Also, dark colors of felt will give little or no shine. So, use light colored felt or white only.



The look of the designs can change dramatically with use of colored felt.

For a festive decoration, make a string of light bulbs of various colors.



Enjoy!

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