

Simple Variety Tic Tac Toe Set  
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We have tried to design something that is quick and simple to stitch. So, we created a Variety Tic-Tac-Toe Set that will appeal to all ages. You can use the regular X's and O's, or Cats and Dogs, or Pumpkins and Bats, or even Basketballs and Footballs. You will even find in the Design Set Blank circles, you can fill in your own designs if you'd like. Put your kids' names in the blanks, or even a cell phone in one, and an iPod (looking) design in the other - if they are anything like my kids!

I recommend Stiff Felt (found in most craft stores, sometimes called Easy Felt) to stitch these on. If you choose to give the playing pieces a "finished" look, you can slip a piece of regular felt (larger than your hoop) under your hoop before the final satin stitch circle edge stitches. Remember, if you are giving the "finished" look, change your bobbin thread to match your upper thread before you stitch the final round satin stitch.



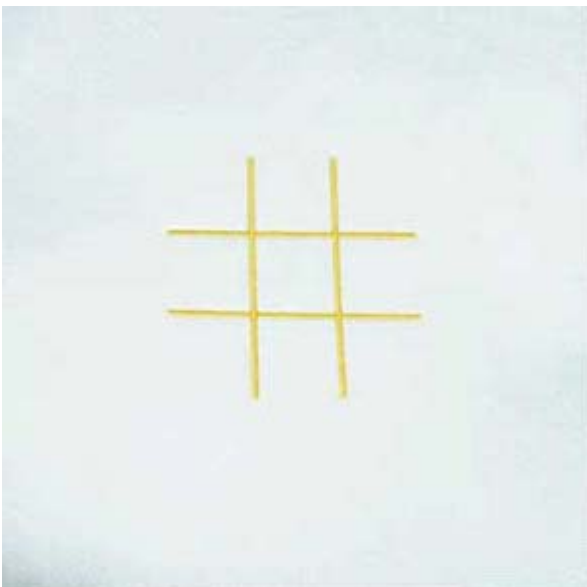
(Pictured w/felt slipped under hoop)

I digitized these so all 5 playing pieces stitch out at the same time. I also digitized these with minimal color changes, yes it does create extra jump stitches but it is so much easier in the end. For example the black circles on one design, these circles will stitch in the upper left corner, then the upper right corner, jump down to the lower right corner, then over the bottom left corner, then jump and end at the center. This comes in especially handy when you want to put the "finishing" touch on these. Let

me say here, it really isn't necessary to put a back piece of felt on these as long as you don't mind seeing the threads on the back. I do suggest putting some fray check type adhesive over the back threads if you are not going to use felt over them.



The playing board is just a simple stitch out. I suggest using heavy tear away stabilizer on this. Make the fabric you are stitching on at least 6" x 6". When you are done stitching, tear away the stabilizer and you can use fancy edged scissors and trim the edge and it's done. Or, take it to your regular sewing machine and stitch a fancy edge around it. Which ever way you come up with to finish the edge is fine. Even plain is OK too!



Once you have everything stitched out, trim all the playing pieces as close to the edges of the satin, staying as possible without cutting the stitches. I put fray check on all the edges because they will be used too much. Again you can use fancy edged scissors and cut around the pieces, not cutting too close to the edges and giving the pieces an entirely different look. The possibilities are endless.

Rob & I hope you enjoy this set. It took me about 5 minutes to teach my 3 year old granddaughter how to play tic-tac-toe with this set and she absolutely loves it now!

Enjoy!

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