POTW – Photo Cubes

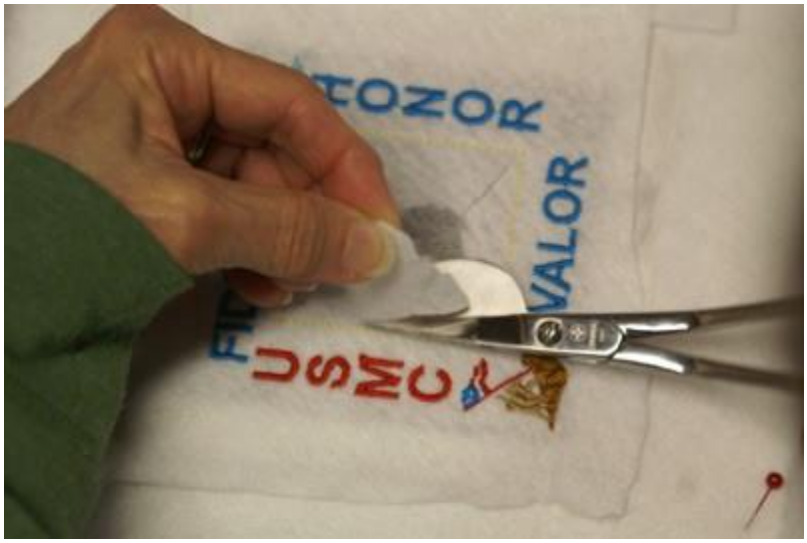


All designs fit the 4×4 Hoop

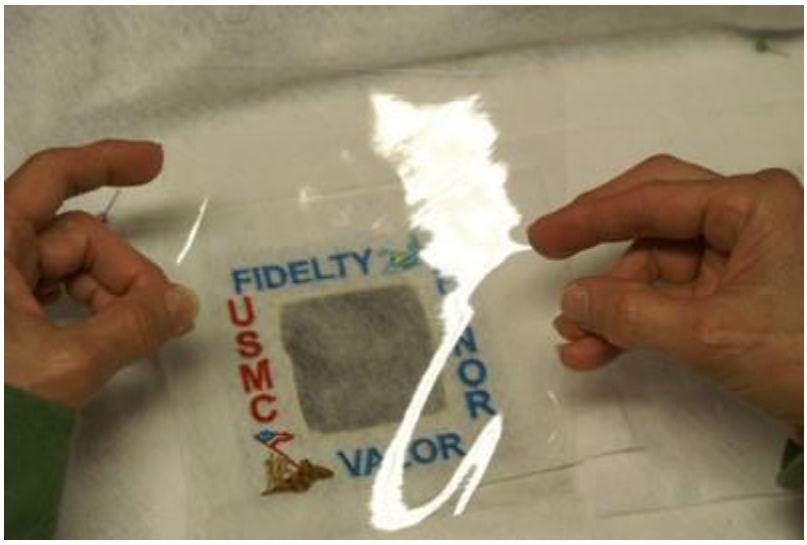
Supplies:
Clear Upholstery Vinyl
Glue
1/4″ or 1/8″ matching ribbon cut into four 8″ pieces.
2.25″ x 2.25″ photos

Stitching Instructions:

1. Hoop fabric and a good tearaway stabilizer.
2. Sew design up to the first single stitch.
3. Take out of the machine without unhooping trim the center of the outlined frame. Don't cut the stabilizer only the center fabric.



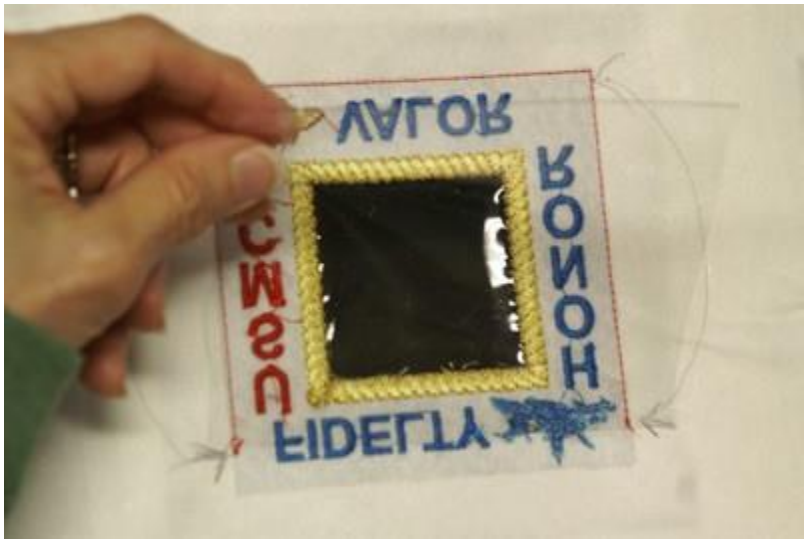
4. Place a 4×4 piece of vinyl over the design and sew the center zizag of the small frame, this will keep the plastic in place.



5. Take the hoop out of the machine turn it over and trim out(only) the small center of stabilizer, being careful not to cut the vinyl.



6. Place back in the machine and finish sewing the inside border.
7. Sew the next single stitch for the outside frame (This one only has three sides).
8. Take the hoop out of the machine turn it over and secure another piece of vinyl only up to the top edges of the outside single stitch as seen in the picture.



9. Sew the tack down zigzag, then trim off the edges of the fabric and plastic close to the stitching on the top and bottom of the hoop, leaving the stabilizer intact. The stabilizer will hold everything in place until your done.
10. Finish sewing.

Assembly Instructions:

1. Take two side and line them up back to back with the sides matched evenly.



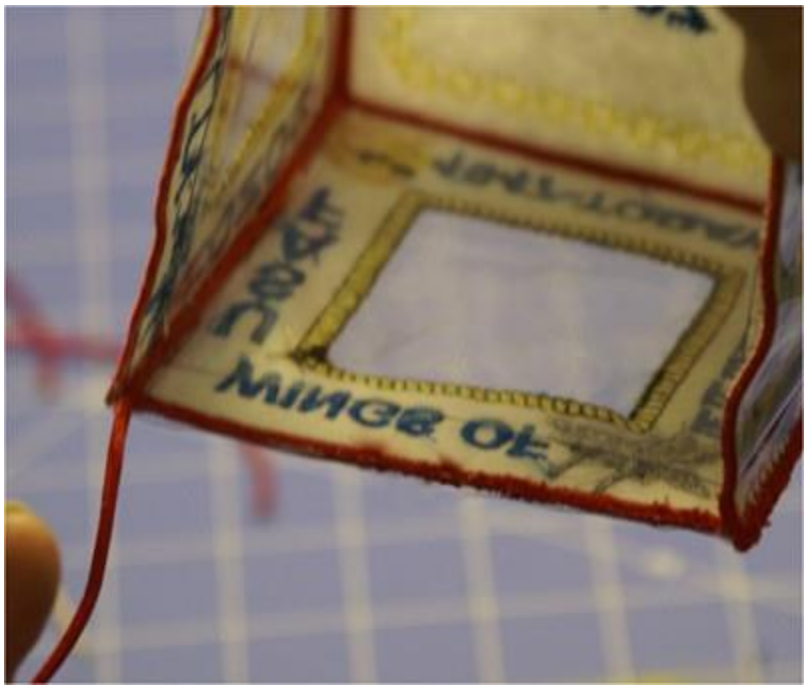
2. Sew the edges together on a sewing machine with a 2.5mm zigzag stitch.
3. Do the same with the others and connect them the same way, also with a zigzag.

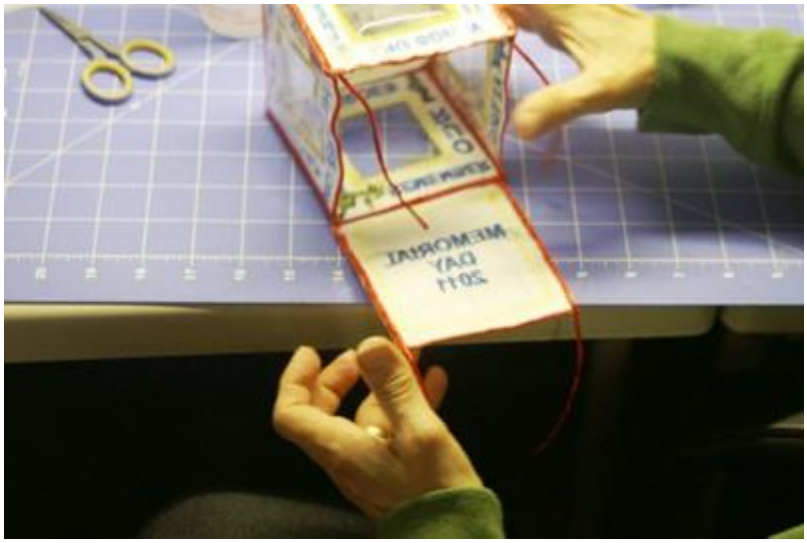


4. Connect one side of the top the same way the others were done – back to back, zigzag only one edge – the other three sides remain open.
5. The bottom may be connected the same way or you may take a bead of glue around the entire bottom edge and press to seal to the sides.



6. Run a bead of glue down two of the inside corners of the cube. (Be careful not to glue the inside of the plastic envelope that holds the picture. Only put glue in the side corners.)
7. Take an 8″ piece of ribbon and press into the glue, leaving the remainder of the ribbon extending out the top.





8. Then run a bead of glue under the lid on two of the same sides as the cube, attach the ribbons, pressing firmly.
9. These ribbons are used to tie the cube closed.



I made a side for each branch of the Military. You can take the one you prefer and make it on all four sides of one cube if you prefer. (editor's note: With so many women in the Military today, a combination of the branch of service with the Mother's Day cube would work quite well!)

