

In the Hoop Valentine Tealights

Supplies needed:

- Water-soluble Stabilizer (fabric type)
- Embroidery thread with the same color on your bobbin, 2 colors I used red and white
- Felt, 4 x 4.5"
- Battery operated tealight

All designs will stitch in a 4x4 hoop

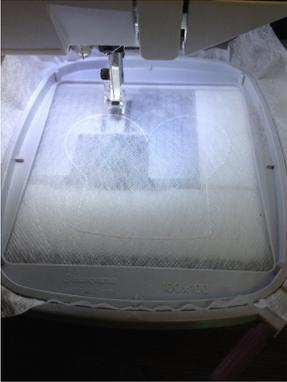


Hoop your Water-soluble stabilizer.

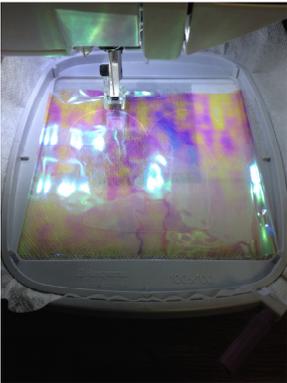


Wind the same thread on your bobbin as you are using as your top thread.

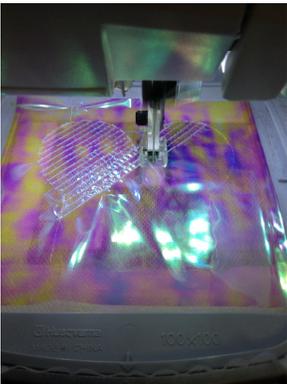
The first thread color showing is blue, but use the thread color you chose to do the background and the bottom of the outer border. The blue thread color is simply a thread color stop (similar to an applique) to give you placement for the mylar.



Stitch the outline.



Place your mylar.



Let the stitching begin.



When the stitching stops, remove the hoop and gently tear away the excess mylar. **DO NOT REMOVE** from the hoop at this point!

While the hoop is off the machine, change the thread to the color you are using for the main design. Be sure to also change the bobbin thread to match.



Stitch the second color.



When done stitching take hoop of the machine and clip the thread on the back or it will show through.

Change thread and bobbin to the first color.

With the hoop back on the machine, slip the felt under the design. It will be laying on your sewingmachine bed just under the design (make sure the felt is under the WHOLE design). When you stitch the next thread color (blue) it attaches the felt.



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

Keep some excess felt on the bottom of the design, but closely trim around the heart of the design.

After reattaching the hoop, finish the stitching of the first color.



Change thread and bobbin to second color and reattach hoop to the machine and finish the stitching.



Once the stitching is finished, trim the stabilizer away.

You will wait to trim the felt on the bottom after rinsing. It will be easier to trim after the stabilizer is removed.

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



Trim the felt on the bottom to match with the stitched front.

These will now fit right over the tealight



And voila, your tealight is ready to use.

Enjoy!!

