

How to make a Monogrammed Keyfob 5" x 7" Hoop

These instructions will show how to make a monogrammed keyfob with or without KAM snaps. These make great gifts and you can add glitter vinyl to give a "WOW" factor or use a flat colored vinyl that makes it suitable to give to anyone.

Skill Level : Beginner

Time Required : 00:30 hours

Materials:

Kinship Keyfob Monogrammed design KK4062-KK4087

Spray Adhesive (This is just one I really like, and have used for years. Love this brand and use it all the time Madeira MSA1000)

Hoop 5" x 7"

Cutaway stabilizer. I like the keyfob to be firm so I add 2 layers of stabilizer. Depending on how thick your material/vinyl you use will determine amount of stabilizer. If you want to sew the tab shut versus the KAM snap take that thickness into consideration. You might want to only use 1 in that case.

Embroidery thread (I digitized this so you can make your outline and your letters different colors if you choose)

Kam snaps (If you do not have a Kam snap tool you can fold back the tab and take to the sewing machine after you add the key ring. Adding the snaps/key ring and lobster swivel clasp adds a lot of cost to what you need. (I have been making a bunch of these for gifts so I can see how quickly I am going thru them) I will give directions on what to do if you do not have anything but the key ring. I am sure you can get those at WalMart, Hobby Lobby or Michaels.

Key ring I used 1"

Lobster Swivel Clasps. I used Metal Swivel Clasps Lanyard 1 5/8" x 1"

Kam Snaps I used size 20

Marine vinyl for the main part of the keyfob and I used glitter flake (glitter flake ultra) for the smaller appliqué under the monogram. In total you need 2 pieces of material to make the key fob. I love using glitter flake on the inside as I do a lot of vinyl work and have a lot of scraps. Good way to use up your favorite scraps.

Masking tape or scotch tape

Sharp/sharp scissors. Trimming around the edge is pretty easy, but you need sharp scissors. I use both my very sharp big ones and my little ones for getting in tighter places. Take caution NOT to cut the edge threads. If you do happen to clip one use fray check.

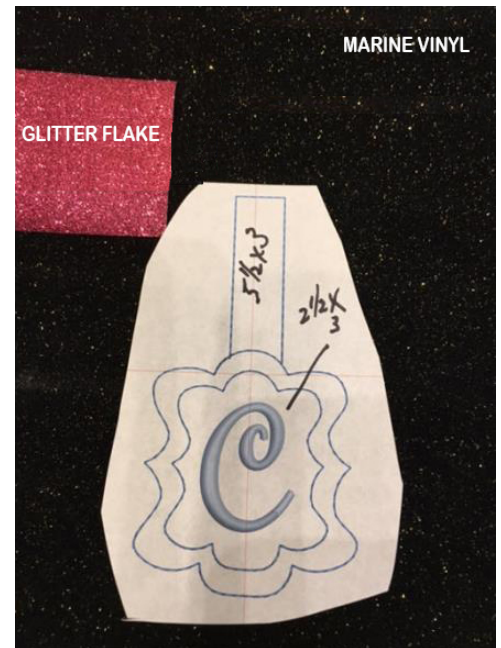
Designs used in this project:

<https://www.embroiderydesigns.com/productdetails/Kinship-Kreations/DesignPack/1/DPKK217.aspx>



Step 1:

Cut your appliqué fabric you will use. Make sure the pieces you cut will easily fit over your template. I used 5 ½" long x 3" wide for the main part, you will need 2 pieces 1 for the front and 1 for the back, and then I used 1 piece of 2 ½" x 3" for the inside appliqué. I used marine vinyl for the main part of the keyfob. It is a heavier vinyl and glitter flake for the inside. Glitter flake or Glitter flake ultra is a fairly thin vinyl.



Step 2:

Hoop your stabilizer. Cut out your paper template and center in your hoop and mark the center of the stabilizer. Because I used my paper template and know it will adequately fit my hoop I marked the center. Take your hoop to your machine, load your colors. In my case I am going to use 2 colors so the outline and monogram are different colors.

Step 3:

The hoop is on the machine, design is loaded and colors are selected. I am using:

Color 1: Black, this is the placement stitch for the main appliqué fabric.

Color 2: Pink, this is the placement stitch for the inside appliqué fabric. I used pink so I could see the placement stitch on the black fabric. Choose according to your fabric choice.

Color 3: Black, this is for the outline stitch on the inside appliqué fabric.

Color 4: Black for the Monogram or color of your choice depending on fabric.

Color 5: Pink for the outside outline stitch. Make sure before doing the final outline stitch you have placed your wrong side fabric in place. You will be disappointed if you miss this step! Make sure you read carefully the next steps. After loading a design I ALWAYS do a trace. My machine will accept any size so I want to make sure it is within the hoop size.

Step 4:

Sew placement stitch. (I forgot to take a pic of the placement stitch of the monogrammed keyfob, but this is similar. It looks like the outside stitch of the template with nothing else on it).



Step 5:

Carefully remove your hoop from machine so you can add the main applique fabric. On the front I usually only use spray adhesive on the wrong side of my fabric I am placing on top, but for anyone just starting out I would also tape it (or just tape it, no adhesive) to make sure it is securely attached to the stabilizer. You want to make sure the fabric is over the placement stitch. You can lay your paper template over it to make sure as a final check that your fabric piece is large enough.



Step 6:

Take back to your machine and Sew out color 2, which is your placement stitch for your inside appliqué fabric. Carefully take the hoop off the machine, but do not unhoop anything.

Step 7:

Very carefully add your inside appliqué fabric over the 2nd placement stitch and tape it down. I used glitter flake (also called glitter flake ultra) for my inside appliqué piece. Take back to embroidery machine.

Step 8:

Sew the outline for the inside appliqué piece. In this case my inside fabric was pink so I wanted a black outline and a black monogram. The colors are separated so you can choose the same color for both or different. Just select a different color when setting up your chart.

Step 9:

Again, take hoop off the machine very carefully. This is where you need very good appliqué scissors. I use the bill ones and they work very well. If you are using a glitter flake for this layer it is really easy to cut. If you do not get close enough and the 2nd outline stitch catches it not a problem to remove the vinyl with a small pair of tweezers. If you use a heavy marine vinyl for the inside you need to cut as close as possible otherwise you cannot easily remove at the end.

Step 10:

This is a pic that I did of a rough cut. I will tidy up the edges when I remove from the hoop, but this is good enough until it is finished. If I were using a heavier marine vinyl for the inside I would try to get a little closer before finishing.

**Step 11:**

Carefully remove hoop from the machine and turn over to the wrong side. Take your 2nd piece of main appliqué vinyl and place over your design making sure the placement stitch is completely covered. Tape down your fabric. Take back to your embroidery machine for the final outline stitch.

**Step 12:**

Sew out the final outline. See how close the inside fabric is to the outline on the pink? Again, easy to remove if using glitter flake, but if

outline goes over marine vinyl it is not. I would cut the inside appliqué fabric closer if using marine vinyl. This is the finished front and back. I did not use matching bobbin as I have a commercial machine and always use prewound. If I were doing this on a home embroidery machine I would match for the final outline. The below pic with J monogram is marine vinyl for the inside. It is a lot heavier than the glitter flake.

Step 13:



This is where you need very sharp scissors. After removing fabric from the hoop I first cut across the top of the keyfob following the outline very carefully not to cut any threads. I then do a diagonal cut on each side making sure again not to cut into the threads.

Step 14:

This is how it looks after cutting out the tab on the keyfob. Start cutting around the edge of the keyfob very carefully. I find that if I move the fabric it is easier to get a nice clean cut versus moving the scissors. Just do not cut any threads!

Step 15:

I usually so a rough cut and then get in a little closer when finished.

Step 16:

This is the all cut out and trimmed close enough for how I do it.

Step 17:

This is for how to finish if you do not want to add Kam Snaps. You need a 1" key ring or a 1 5/8" x 1" lobster claw to finish. Just place the ring or lobster claw over the tab, fold over the tab and either sew shut or glue. You can use a paperclip or this great little clip to hold shut until finished. If you want to use Kam Snaps go to Step 18.

Step 18:

I really like the Kam Snaps. I love that they are so easy to use and that there are so many colors. I will not give directions on how to use the Kam pliers. There are a bunch of video's on Utube. There are 4 pieces you need from the Kam Snaps. Two with prongs and 1 male and 1 female piece.

Step 19:

With your sharp awl you received with your KAM snap setter poke a hole where you want the snap. I just poke in the middle of the tab. You can put wherever you like, just make sure you are not too close to the top.

Step 20:

After removing the awl you can see two tiny holes. If darker fabric I hold up to the light and helps. Insert hardware. After placing the tack part of the snap in the hole turn it over and with your fingers push down around the edge of the points. It makes it easier to place the other pieces on the bottom. Press down around the entire point of the snaps. Add 1 male and 1 female and you are finished!! After securing the snaps with the tool I snap it open and closed a couple of times to make sure the hardware is secure.

Step 21:

Here is your finished Monogrammed keyfob front and back!



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