

Baby's Room Closet Dividers
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These awesome Baby's Room Closet Dividers are a must have for any new arrival! These are so simple and quick to make, you will want to include them in any gift you are giving to the new Mom for sure!

Please be sure to read all the way through these instructions first. There is an alternative to using stiff felt at the end of this tutorial

Supplies you will need:

Stiff Felt (found in most craft/fabric stores)

Fun Child-like Fabric for the back

Embroidery adhesive

Your choice of:

Tear Away, Wash Away, or Cut Away Stabilizer (Please use Heavy Weight for any stabilizer you choose)

Please note that you do not have to follow the color changes on these. As a matter of fact to make these super simple just use the same color for the whole thing! No bothering with changing the thread once you get started! Of course I added color changes to these so your machine will stop enabling you to remove the hoop when you have too.

Step 1:

Load your upper and bobbin thread with the exact same colors.



Step 2:

Hoop the stabilizer of your choice. I would suggest heavy cut away stabilizer however good tear away or wash away would do just fine, it is completely up to you what you use. There is no right or wrong stabilizer for this as long as it is a heavy one.



Step 3:

Cut a piece of stiff felt to fit your hoop area. You don't have to be exact with this as most of it will be trimmed off. Just lay the felt on the stabilizer (do not hoop the felt) and put your hoop in your machine. You may want to put the hooped stabilizer in your machine first and then lay the felt on it so you don't knock it around causing wrinkles in it.



Digitizer's Tip** I have never ever hooped a piece of felt, and when doing something like this I have never even used a basting stitch on the felt. I stitch the first color and that is good enough for a basting stitch and also a trimming line guide. Of course this is personal preference, there really is no wrong way to do this however with that being said, you do not want to hoop the felt

Step 4:

Stitch the first section of the design which is just a round outline and remove hoop from machine.



Step 5:

Carefully trim felt as close to stitch line as possible without cutting the stitching.



Yours should look similar to the below image when you are finished trimming the felt



Step 6:

Return hoop to machine. I would suggest restarting the design from the beginning and letting your machine stitch out the first color change again. This will insure holding the felt in place just in case you nipped a couple of stitches while you were trimming the felt. Again, re-stitching the first color change is only a personal preference. Continue to stitch the next color change



Once this is done, remove hoop from machine.

Digitizer's Tip***

I always take the time at this point in a design and nip the jump stitches. Speaking of jump stitches, I never sit down to stitch something without, what I call, my rainbow of Sharpies



The reason for these Sharpies is because I am way too lazy to try to clip those very small jump stitches that you find especially when you are stitching out text. I just choose the color of Sharpie to match my background fabric. I very lightly touch the tiny jump stitch with the tip of the pen and it just vanishes. Of course this would not work if you had white fabric and were stitching in black or something like that.



Before with tiny jump stitches



After touching it with a sharpie

Step 7:

Cut a piece of “fun” type children’s fabric a bit larger than the outline of the design. Spray fabric with a touch of embroidery adhesive and gently press the fabric over the design on the back of the hoop



Carefully return hoop to machine. Once you have the hoop returned to the machine, be sure to gently rub your fingers over the front of the design making sure the piece on the back didn’t wrinkle or come loose. Stitch the next color change.

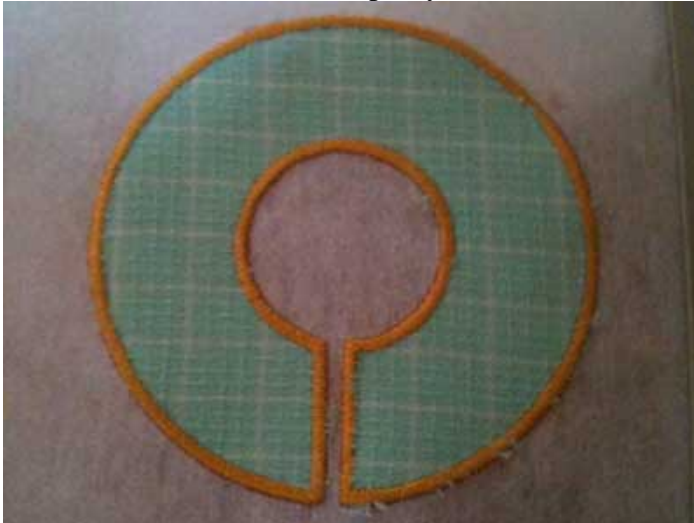
Step 8:

Once again remove the hoop from the machine, flip it over and carefully trim the fabric on the back of the hoop as close to the stitch line as possible without cutting into the stitch line



Step 9:

One last time, return the hoop to your machine and stitch out the rest of the design.



Back



Front

Step 10:

Remove hoop from machine and tear away, cut away or wash away stabilizer and you are finished! I would suggest running some type of "Fray Check" around the satin stitch on the edge. This not only will stop the satin stitches from fraying if you accidentally nipped them, but it will also "stiffen" the edge a little more.



Place closet divider on the wooden dowel in the Baby's Room Closet. As you receive gifts or buy your own Baby Clothes, you can now keep them neatly organized by size! What a time saver this is when it comes to finding the correct size clothing for your little bundle of joy!!

CRAFT FOAM – Double Sided Closet Divider Instructions:

After stitching out the first one of these on Stiff Felt I thought I would give these a new twist and stitch them out (double sided) on Craft Foam. I was pleasantly surprised how they turned out. Please note, if you are just beginning at machine embroidery, this may be an easy way to learn how to stitch on Craft Foam.

Step 1:

Start with hooping some tear away heavy weight stabilizer. Load your top and bobbin thread with the same color. I would stitch these all in one color to keep it easy. Cut a piece of Craft Foam to fit inside your hoop. Do not hoop the Craft Foam. You can spray a little Embroidery Adhesive on the back side of the Craft Foam if you would like, but it really isn't necessary. Place hoop on machine, straighten craft foam if necessary and stitch the first color. Back your machine up and stitch the first color again (this will make cutting the craft foam a little easier). Stitch the rest of the design except for the final satin stitch. Remove hoop from machine. Remove embroidered craft foam from hoop. Trim craft foam right on top of the stitch line. Trimming the foam this way will make the stitch line fall off. ****tip**** if any thread remains from the stitch line just pull on it a little to remove it. The craft foam will not fray, so there is no need for this stitch line. Tear away your entire stabilizer. If you have little threads left on the edges you can't pull out, try a piece of tape, like pulling lint off clothes. Put this piece on the side for later use. Your trimmed craft foam should look something like this:



Step 2:

Hoop a new piece of stabilizer and lay another piece of craft foam in the hoop like you did in step 1. Return hoop to machine and stitch out the first two color changes. Remove hoop from machine. Leave stabilizer hooped and carefully trim craft foam as close to the stitch line as possible. It's a little tricky to trim the opening on the bottom, just use a small pair of scissors. If you accidentally nip the stitch line, don't worry about it, just be sure to pull out the loose threads so they don't get stuck in your machine. The design itself will hold the craft foam in place. Be very careful not to cut the stabilizer. Your trimmed craft foam will look something like this:



(front of hoop)

Step 3

Flip your hoop over. Get the piece that you stitched in step one. Spray the back of the foam with a touch of embroidery adhesive or use a couple of tiny pieces of two-sided tape or even regular Scotch Tape. Place the piece you stitched in step one exactly over the stitch line on the back of the hoop. Try to line it up the best you can. I used two pieces of tape on the top and the bottom to hold it on and it worked fine. (LOL..Yes, I stitched right through the tape)



(Back of hoop)

Step 4

Return hoop to machine, make sure the foam didn't move on the back by running your fingers over the front of it making sure not to feel any wrinkles. Stitch color change #3, this will put another running stitch along the edge just to hold everything in place. Now stitch the final satin stitch. Because the craft foam is so thick I stitched the satin stitch twice, the results were amazing! Your design will look like this:



After final satin stitch

Remove from machine and tear away stabilizer. If some of the craft foam is visible on the edges, just take the same color Sharpie as the thread and color the craft foam with it. It covers up any imperfections in the stitching!



You now have a 2 sided closet divider that will look something like this:



Rob and I both sincerely hope that you enjoy this very useful and simple project!



Felt Closet Divider



Craft Foam Closet Divider

Big Hugs!

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