



S H Designs

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DESIGN SIZE & INFO

Stitches: 7027

Height: 4.74 in

Width: 3.56 in

Colors: 5

Stops: 5

Finished Project Size:

3 3/4 x 5 inches

Supplies:

5 x 7 inch hoop

(2) 5 x 6 inch pieces of vinyl (or enough to cover your placement stitches, plus 1/4 inch margins)

(1) 5 x 5 inch piece of vinyl for pocket

CUT-AWAY stabilizer, a piece big enough for you to completely hoop (I use Sulky Cut-Away Plus)

Embroidery thread, your choice of colors

Your finishing thread should match or compliment your background color, and backing fabric color.

10 inch piece of narrow (1/8 inch wide) ribbon

Embroidery needle, size 11 (I use Organ 15X15T)

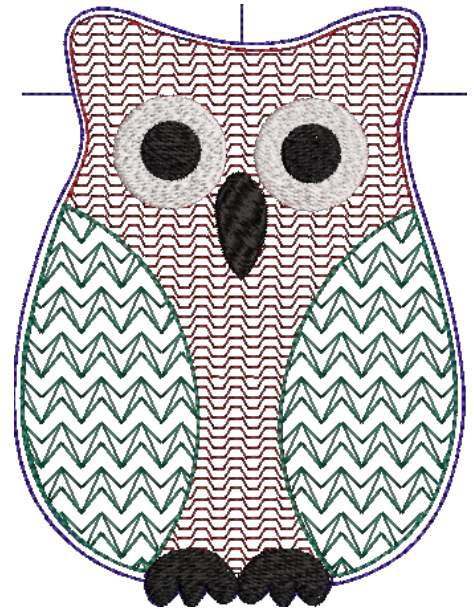
General supplies: Scissors, painter's tape or scotch tape, embroidery needles, embroidery machine

Note about vinyl: Marine vinyl or high quality glitter vinyl will work best for this project. I have used cheaper vinyl and it doesn't hold the stitches very well. It will work fine for backing, but not stitching.

Christmas Owl Gift Card Holder

The design on your gift card holder most likely will be different from the one shown here, but all instructions are the same.

Handy dandy color and stitching steps chart is on the last page.



- Load your file into your machine.
- Hoop the stabilizer and snap onto the machine. Do not put the vinyl on yet. The first stitching will be your placement stitches. You will stitch this right onto the stabilizer. It doesn't really matter what color you use, because you will never see it. This is just so you know where to place your vinyl.



- Remove hoop from machine and place your vinyl fabric on top of your placement stitches. Be sure that you leave at least a quarter inch away from stitching for your margin which you will cut away later. Place your vinyl on the stabilizer. Right side should be facing up. Secure vinyl in place with either painters tape or scotch tape.

NOTE: You will be removing the hoop from the machine a few times during this project, but you will NOT remove the vinyl or stabilizer from the hoop until all the stitching is complete.



- Stitch through the various color changes up until the last one. These are the details of your design. Before stitching the last color, remove the hoop from the machine.



- Flip over so you are looking at the backside of the hoop. Using a pen or pencil, extend the stitched lines that are extending beyond the design. These line were stitched when you made the placement stitches.
- Fold your ribbon in half, creating a loop. Place the ribbon on he vertical line that is at the upper edge of the placement stitches. I overlap about an inch. The hoop should be up, and the raw edges should be below the upper edge.

Note: On some gift card holders ribbon will be placed in the center instead of the side edge like it is on this design.



- Place your backing fabric over the stitches you see on the underside of the hoop. Again, leave at least a quarter inch margin, and the right side (if you have a “right” side) should be facing up. Secure in place with tape.

- Take your remaining piece of vinyl (right side facing up) and place it on top of the backing fabric. One of the straight edges should be lining up perfectly with the pencil drawn lines. This will be your pocket. Again, the sides and the bottom should be extending at least a quarter inch out from the placement stitches.

TIP: Sometimes I find that the tape will shift, or some of the vinyl types will stick to the machine. If this is the case, I take a piece of tissue paper or tearaway stabilizer and tape it to the back of the hoop. Problem solved!

Remember that at this point, your top thread and your bobbin thread will need to be a color that will either blend in, or compliment your main fabric and the backing.



- Stitch your final stitching. Remove from the machine and the hoop. Carefully cut the sides and bottom, keeping your cutting about 1/8 of an inch from the stitches.

- When you get to the upper edge, you will first cut the front vinyl and stabilizer while holding the ribbon and the backing away from the cutting line. Just watch so you don’t cut through the ribbon. Once you get the front cut, hold the ribbon away from the backing vinyl and cut that piece even with the front vinyl.

- Unless you have a perfectly straight upper edge (as in the photo at left) cutting the upper edge can be tricky, but it will work beautifully if you take your time and use sharp scissors.

If you change the size or density of the original design, you could alter the final result.

Color Sequence

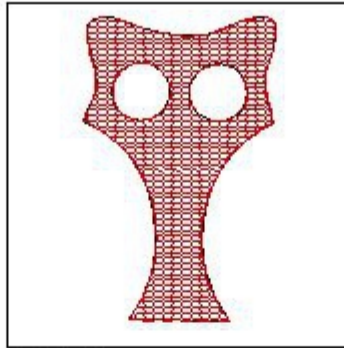
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Hatch Embroidery Software

Stitches: 7027 3.56 in
Colors: 5
Zoom: 0.39 4.74 in



Stop #: 1
Code: 218
Name: Blue - Imperial
Chart: Hatch
Stitches: 283
Thread used: 3.87ft



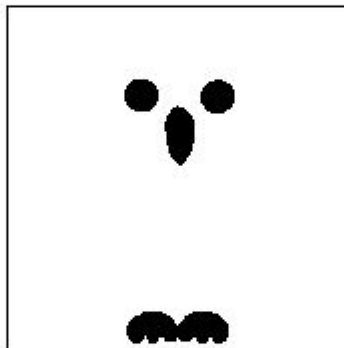
Stop #: 2
Code: 225
Name: Poinsettia
Chart: Hatch
Stitches: 1426
Thread used: 22.68ft



Stop #: 3
Code: 230
Name: Green - Dark
Chart: Hatch
Stitches: 1120
Thread used: 23.67ft

This will stitch out the eyes. It doesn't show up on the graphic because white thread was used.

Stop #: 4
Code: 209
Name: White
Chart: Hatch
Stitches: 1688
Thread used: 29.87ft



Stop #: 5
Code: 210
Name: Black
Chart: Hatch
Stitches: 1990
Thread used: 34.05ft



Stop #: 6
Code: 218
Name: Blue - Imperial
Chart: Hatch
Stitches: 520
Thread used: 7.81ft