

## IN THE HOOP KITTY & APPLIQUE

(5x7, 8x8 & 8x11 inches)



### Supplies:

Tear away stabilizer

Fleece, felt or mink.

Applique fabric for the tail and tummy.

Threads as needed.

Ribbon (optional)

Back fabric. (may or may not be same as the front)

1. Hoop Tearaway stabilizer. (1 or 2 layers depending on the weight or thickness of the stabilizer)
2. Thread the machine with a color matching the front material. Sew the first color on the stabilizer.

3. Lay the fleece covering the whole outline with an excess of  $\frac{1}{2}$  an inch from all sides.
4. Sew the next tack down stitches, carefully holding the fabric in place.



5. Next place the applique fabric properly covering the tail outline.
6. Sew the next tack down stitches.
7. Next repeat the same for tummy applique.
8. Trim excess applique fabric of both the pieces as close as possible taking care not to cut any of the stitches.



9. Next the stripes on the body and face will sew out, use the color desired.

NOTE: If using mink or fur it is best to cover the whole surface with water soluble film type stabilizer. (the thin one)

10. Next change colors as needed and complete embroidering.



11. Next will be satin stitching of the whole cat.

**\*IF DOING APPLIQUE TRIM ALL EXCESS FABRIC BEFORE THE SATIN STITCHING.**

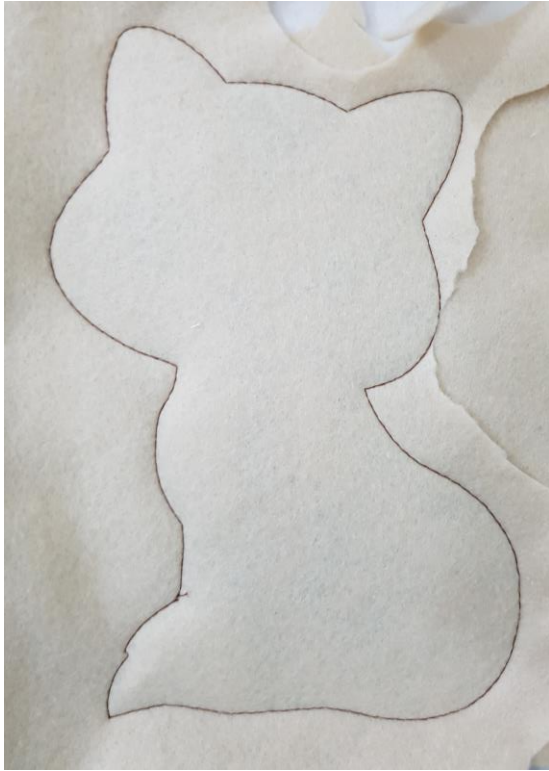
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12. The satin stitching is the last step for the applique.



FOR FREE STANDING APPLIQUE-

13. Next lay the back fabric, right side facing down over the front and sew the last outline.



14. Unhoop and trim leaving a quarter inch or 1cm seam all around.
15. Cut some notches in the corners, add a few cuts on the curves for smooth turning. (careful not to cut too deep or the stitches)  
Also peel away as much stabilizer as easily possible.





**BACK**



**FRONT**

16. On the back side, carefully cut across the middle of the neck. Just big enough to turn easily.



17. Carefully turn the cat inside out through this gap, smoothing out all edges with a blunt tool.
18. Stuff with filling if desired, complete the stuffing. (do not over fill the cat)
19. Hand sew the opening using a blanket stitch, with a matching thread. You may add a ribbon around the neck to hide this stitching.
20. You may add a hook or loop to use as an ornament or wall hanging.



