

IN THE HOOP STUFFED TEDDY

(5x7, 8x8 & 8x11 inches with or without text)



Supplies:

Tear away stabilizer

Fleece, felt or mink. (Any material suitable for a stuffed toy)

Applique fabric for the heart.

Applique fabric for mouth, ears and paws. (optional)

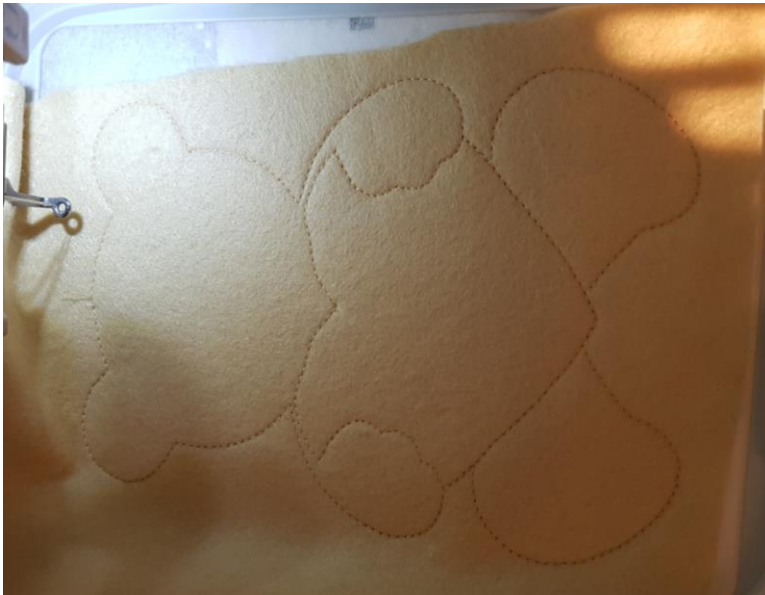
Threads as needed.

Ribbon (optional)

Polyester stuffing (Polyfil)

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 ½ an inch from all sides.
4. Sew the next tack down stitches, carefully holding the fabric in place.
5. Next will be the placement line for the heart applique.



6. Lay the applique fabric covering the placement line and change thread color if needed.
7. Sew the next tack down stitches.
8. You may stitch out the text on the heart at this point if wishing to add any.

9. Trim the excess applique fabric as close as possible taking care not to cut any of the stitches.



10. Next the eyes will sew out, use the desired color.
11. Change back to the 1st color, matching the front fabric and sew the next placement lines for the ears, mouth and paws.
12. Lay each piece of applique fabric and sew the tack down stitches. (Color 7 to 11) (Color 8-12 if using design with text)
13. Trim all the excess fabric carefully, do not cut any of the fabric beneath. Trim the inner pieces as well from the paws.



14. Next change colors as needed and complete embroidering the mouth and nose.
15. Next will be satin stitching of all the applique pieces. (ears, mouth and inner paws)
NOTE: If not using applique for these parts, then you may only sew the satin stitch outlines as shown in the bigger bear in the pic.
16. Next will be satin stitching of the heart.
17. Next will be satin stitching of the hands and outer paws.
18. Now the whole front of the bear is complete.



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



20. Unhoop and trim leaving a quarter inch or 1cm seam all around.
21. 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

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



23. Carefully turn the bear inside out through this gap, smoothing out all edges with a blunt tool.
24. Stuff with the polyester filling, beginning with the ears, paws and hands, complete the stuffing. (do not over fill the bear)
25. Hand sew the opening using a blanket stitch, with a matching thread. You may add a ribbon around the neck to hide this stitching.

