

Merit Badges
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Basic Badge Instructions

1st 3 colors can be stitched in the same color.
These color changes are for stops only.

Step 1: Hoop a stabilizer. I prefer a water soluble so that the edges will look nice.
If using soluble, hoop 2 layers.

Color 1: Outline stitch on stabilizer.

Remove hoop from machine and secure 2 pieces of colored denim over area.
If you would prefer a fabric, Place a piece of felt over outline and then a piece fabric over that.
You can use a single layer. But I prefer a thicker layer for more stability.
Return hoop to the machine.

Color 2: Stitch the Outline stitch for the patch.
Remove hoop from the machine and trim around the design area as you would for applique.
Return the hoop to the machine.

Color 3: Zig Zag tack down stitch.

Continue to the final color.
Satin Stitch around Badge.
Remove design from the hoop.
If using tear away, Make sure that there isn't any stabilizer showing through Satin Outline.
If using water Soluble, dampen the back and sides with sponge until dissolved. Let dry.

Finishing:

Method 1: Apply a few layers of decoupage over the back of the badge. Be careful not to paint the satin stitch to much. With this method you will need to stitch the badge on.

Method 2: Apply a layer of Iron on Heavy Duty Adhesive.
With this method you can simply iron on the badge.

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Live Love Stitch

Stitch colors 1-3
Design area
Color 4: Red Heart
Color 5: Black or Silver Needle
Color 6: Yellow or color of choice, Thread
Color 7: Blue or color of choice, Words
Color 8: Color of choice. Stitch final satin stitch.

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Fabric Hoarder

Stitch colors 1-3

Design area

Color 4: Color of choice for bottom layer of fabric.

Color 5: Color of choice for middle layer of fabric.

Color 6: Color of choice for top layer of fabric.

Color 7: Color of choice for pin top

Color 8: Black pin and outlines

Color 9: Color of choice for Words

Color 10. Color of choice for final satin stitch.

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Fabric Snob

Stitch colors 1-3

Design area

Color 4: Yellow

Color 5: Black

Color 6: Silver

Color 7: Color of choice for Words

Color 8: Color of choice for Satin Stitch Outline

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Stitch Rip Repeat

Stitch colors 1-3

Design Area

Color 4: Silver

Color 5: Color of choice, handle

Color 6: Red, tip of ripper

Color 7: Color of choice, Words

Color 8: color of choice for Satin Stitch Outline

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Sew in Love

Stitch colors 1-3

Color 4: Black, Stand

Color 5: Color of choice, Dress Form

Color 6: Color of choice, Words

Color 7: Color of choice for Satin Stitch Outline

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Runs with Scissors

Stitch colors 1-3

Color 4: Silver, for blades

Color 5: Color of choice for handles

Color 6: Black outline details

Color 7: Color of choice, Words

Color 8: color of choice, Satin Stitch Outline
