

Decorative Toppers (In- the-Hoop)

Adorn pencils, cupcakes, and more with sweet and charming in-the-hoop toppers. Learn how to embroider the eye-catching toppers with our helpful tips and tricks for the absolute best results.

Supplies

Project Needs &

Notes:

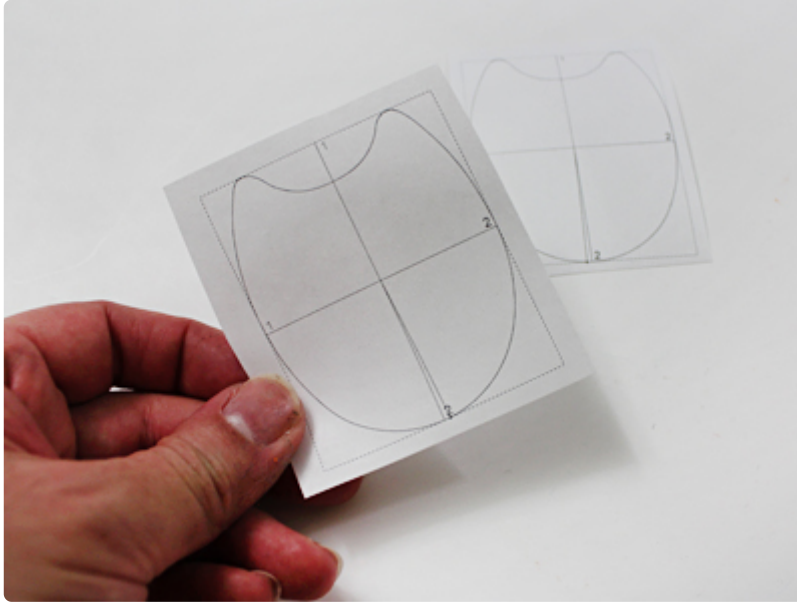
- Felt (for front and back of topper)
- Tear-away stabilizer
- Temporary spray adhesive (like Gunold KK100)
- Pencils, skewers, sandwich picks,
- Fabric glue



The designs featured in this tutorial include:

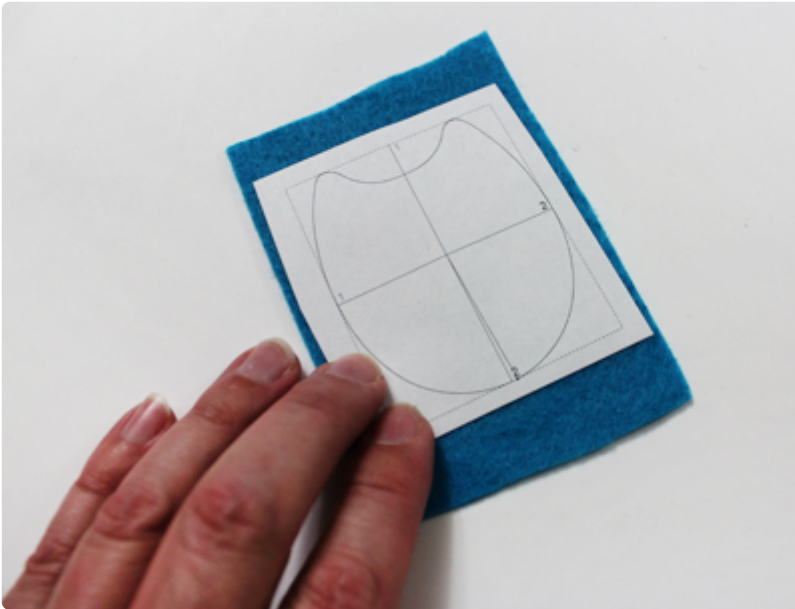
- [X11813, Woodland Owl Topper \(In-](#)

Steps To Complete



When you download an in-the-hoop topper design, you will find three files. One is the full embroidery file and the other two are dieline files. The dieline files are marked with the letters "DL". These files are used to cut the fabric pieces to the right shape and size.

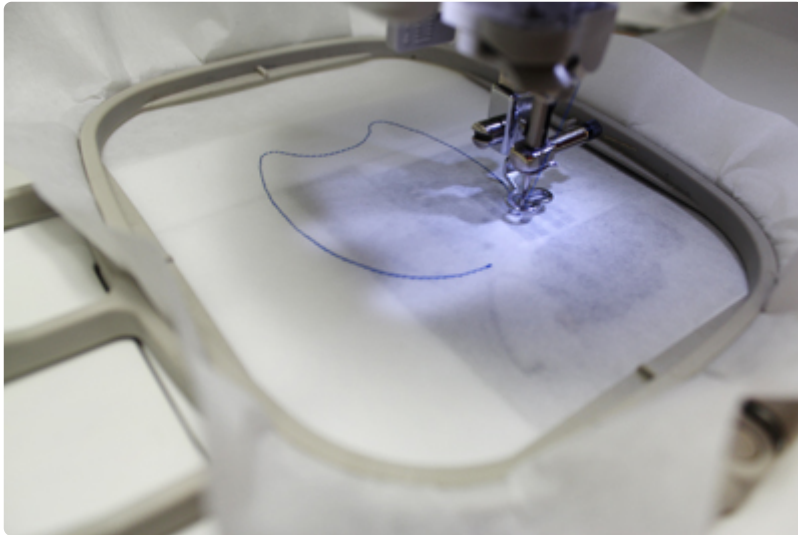
Print the dielines; if you don't have embroidery software, [Wilcom's TrueSizer](#) is a free program that can print templates.



To prepare the front fabric piece, spray the backside of the front piece dieline print out with a quick shot of adhesive and smooth that on top of the fabric; cut out the shape.



Cut out the back fabric piece.



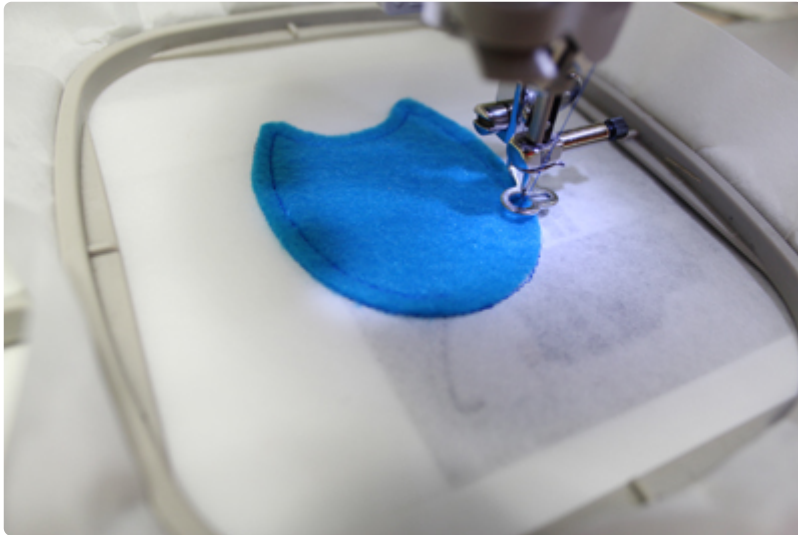
Hoop a piece of tear-away stabilizer. Load the full embroidery file and attach the hoop to the machine. Embroider the design. - The first thing to stitch is another dieline.



After the dieline has stitched, remove the hoop from the machine, but do not unhoop the stabilizer. Spray the outer edges of the backside of the front fabric piece with adhesive.



Place the fabric piece right inside the shape.



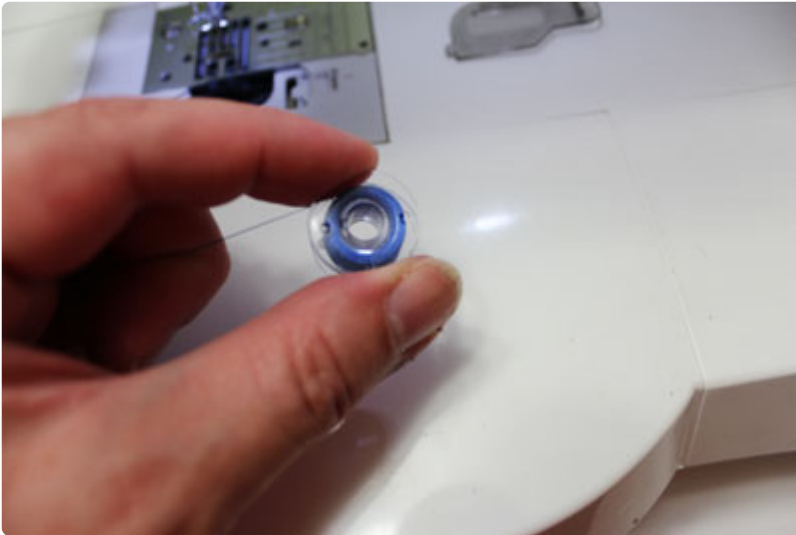
Attach the hoop back onto the machine and continue with the design -- a running stitch tackdown will sew next. This will bind the fabric to the stabilizer.



Other elements of the design will sew. Watch for a note on the color change sheet that says "finishing seam". When you reach this step, remove the hoop from the machine and turn it over to the backside.



Spray the outer edges of the backside of the back fabric piece with adhesive and place it right inside the shape on the backside of the embroidery.



For the remaining steps, since both sides of the topper will be seen, I wound a bobbin with the same color I am using in the needle.



Attach the hoop back onto the machine and continue sewing. The finishing seam will stitch next. This binds the back piece to the front piece.



After the design has finished, gently tear away the stabilizer. The dieline will be removed as well.



To create a cupcake topper, add a drop of fabric glue to one end of a toothpick (I used sandwich picks), insert it through the opening, and press in place.



Wooden dowels and a bit of ribbon transform these toppers into sweet fairy wands. Great for birthday parties, or toys for kids!



For a pencil topper, insert the eraser end of a pencil through the opening at the bottom edge of the topper.



A Mason jar filled with candy cane adorned with festive toppers brings a crafty look to your Christmas.