

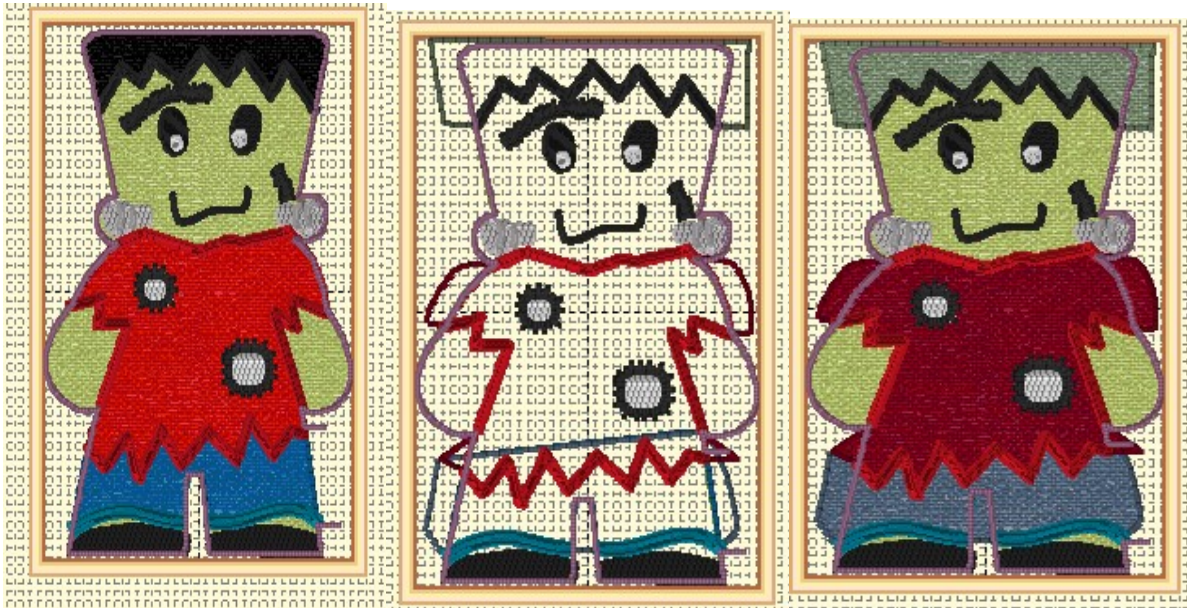
ITHWL - Fosta Bears & stuffies general instructions

TRIM AROUND THE HOOP ONLY IF YOU DIDN'T PRECUT YOUR FABRIC.

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.

To ensure you don't cut the edges off when trimming, I have made the tackdown stitch enough so that you trim around them and the seam allowance has been left so the applique will not come undone or fray

As you can see in the following pictures, Left is what the he will look like when stitched together, the middle and right is what the tackdown looks like.



When you have finished all stitching and take it out of the hoop it will look correct.

All applique steps will have a position stitch (placement line) and a tackdown stitch

please look at the pics of the bears and only cut where are finishing or satin stitch is going to be.

Some applique may be flip and fold method. These sleeves are stitched that way,



Stitch the position stitch and lay the fabric right side down and then stitch the tackdown,



Fold the fabric back over and tackdown creating the sleeves

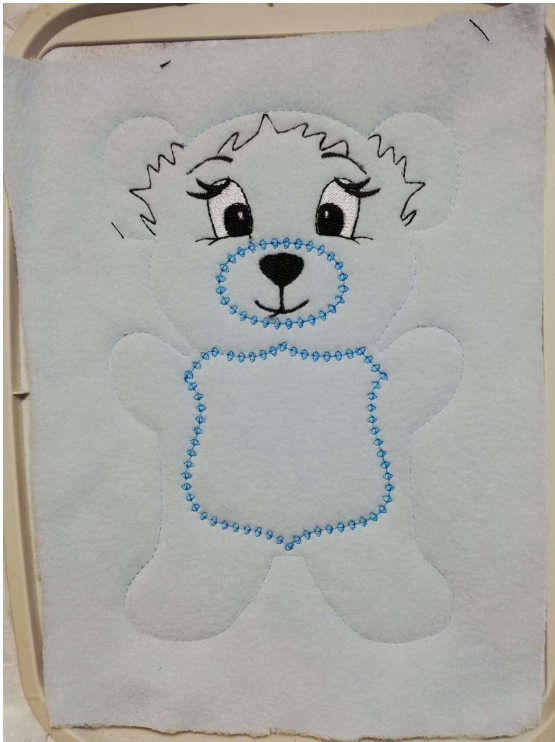


Hoop tearaway and stitch placement stitch on the stabiliser.



Add fabric right side up making sure to cover placement lines well and stitch tack down.

Stitch all details and any appliqué on bear.



Stitch remaining detail stitches



Place the backing fabric right side down and stitch the backing on.

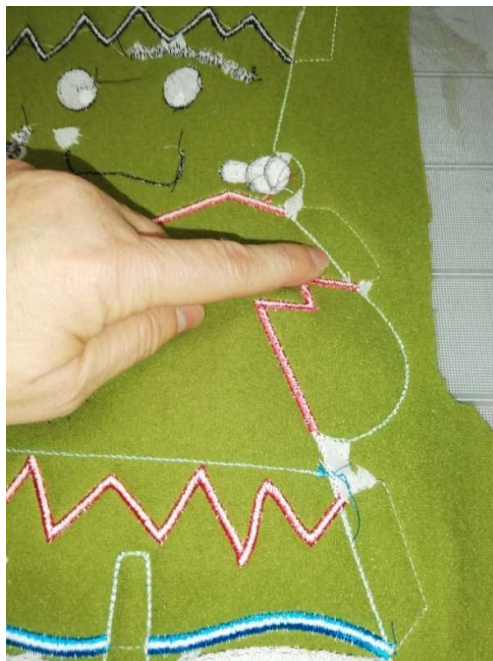
Take off the machine and remove the hoop

Remove all tearaway stabiliser from the back

NOTICE THE TAB ON THE FINISHING STITCH TO AID CUTTING

You can see on the front side where we stitched the tackdown to allow for seam allowances.

We are going to cut these off, they were only done as a guide.



Turn the stuffie over and trim from the back side, this allows you to see clearly where the finishing stitches are, including the tab for closing him up.

See the black sticking out, this has given a decent amount of fabric to allow it to be stitched into the seam.



Cut him/her out .5mm from the stitching, DO NOT CUT THE STITCHES



Stuff him/her, make sure you get the stuffing into the corners, arms and any little bits

Hint

Be sure to push the arms, ears and feet inside the bear towards the opening before turning, this helps make turning easier.

Stuff the ears, hands and feet first then the rest of the bear, as it is much easier than trying to get in there after, this also ensures the extremities are stuffed and not left floppy

Use a needle and thread stitch him/her closed, preferably with a ladder stitch.

Fleece is very forgiving, so if your stitching is not perfect, don't worry,

Supplies list

- Embroidery machine
- Threads
- Bobbin thread
- Fleece is best used for the body and any applique components as it wears and washes well
- Stuffing or wadding to put inside stuffies
- Sharp pointy scissors for applique
- Needle and thread for closing the stuffie
- Stuffing
- Stuffing tools if you have them (or a rounded paintbrush handle, don't use anything with a sharp point)
- my husband made me a pile of stuffing tools pic below with lengths of dowel of different widths from 2cm right down to a few mms about the length of a very long chopstick.

