

In the Hoop Mermaid Stocking



Materials:

Fabrics: 3 Coordinating fabrics estimated sizes: Tail 8x12, Body 8x12, Top 3.5x5.5

Fabric for back 11x17 Fabric for lining 12x36

Batting-8x12 for tail 8x12 for body

Iron on interfacing 12x36

Sticky Back Stabilizer- 2 times what fits in your large hoop minimum size hoop is 8x12 for this design.

All usual machine embroidery supplies.



1. Choose the tail fin for the first design. Hoop Sticky stabilizer without peeling the protective paper off.
2. Stitch first color. Stop the machine remove hoop. Score the paper inside the tail area, tear away protective paper leaving the sticky surface. Place batting over the sticky area removed.
3. Stitch second color. This ties down the batting. Carefully cut away batting as close as you can to stitching.
4. Score the paper around the tail and tear back protective paper revealing the sticky surface all around the batted tail.
5. Carefully lay the tail fabric covering the batting and at least 1/2 in around the tail area.
6. Finish stitching out the design
7. The yellow stitches is the cutting line. Cut along those stitches. It will run 1/4 inch from the stitching line until it gets to the place where the tail meets the body. The tail fin is finished. Set it aside for later.



8. Choose the body of the tail for the second design. Hoop Sticky stabilizer without peeling the protective paper off.
- 9.. Stitch first color. Stop the machine remove hoop. Score the paper inside the tail area, tear away protective paper leaving the sticky surface. Place batting over the sticky area removed.
10. Stitch second color This ties down the batting. Carefully cut away batting as close as you can to stitching.
11. Score the paper around the tail body and tear back protective paper revealing the sticky surface all around the batted body.
12. Carefully lay the tail fabric covering the batting and at least 1/2 in around the tail area.
13. The 7th color change is a placement for the top piece appliqué at the waist.
14. Place the appliqué fabric over the placement and stitch color number 8. Then trim excess fabric away.
15. After the satin stitch the covers the appliqué portion it will then stitch a placement line for the fin of the tail.
16. Line up the finished fin with the bottom of the tail body . Tape in place with extra sticky stabilizer or with painters tape.
17. There will be a tack down stitch. If there is a placement problem now is the time to fix it. Make any adjustments needed. Finish stitching out designs.
18. Remove from hoop and cut out the mermaid cutting on the yellow stitched line. When it comes to the fin, fold it out of the way cutting underneath.



19. Take the full tail and lay it on the stabilizer and trace around making a full pattern.
20. Cut three in total out of the fusible stabilizer. It is important that the third is cut with the sticky side would be a mirror image of the stocking. This will be the back of the stocking.
21. Iron on the three stabilizer to the fabric for the back and the two lining fabrics.
22. Cut out all three.
23. Next cut a 1.5"x5" piece for the hanger
24. Fold in half length wise and finger press. Then open up and fold the long side to the middle on both sides meeting in the middle then fold the raw edges in.
25. Stitch down both sides of the now tab. Fold the tab in half and baste into place just beneath the satin stitch on the top left.
26. Take the back and front with right sides together sew on or just to the left (you can move the needle over one step) of the stitch line across the top of the stocking. Starting and stopping at the satin stitch
27. Repeat for the lining.
28. Open up both stocking and lining. Lay right side together. Lining up the top seams. Pin as needed.



29. Stitch the perimeter 1/4" seam allowance on the lining but when you get the front of the stocking making sure to follow the stitch line or just to the left.
30. Trim points to remove bulk and clip curves.
31. Turn right side out stopping right before the fin on the lining. Point turner helps!
32. Close opening either by hand or the easy way with the machine
33. Now the hard part. Putting the fin tip lining down into the points. This was my trick to keep the from getting twisted, I put a finger presser in one side and a point turner in the other. Then I knew which side was left and right so I didn't twist the lining.

