

Mounting embroidery in a hoop - sewing method

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This method doesn't use any more materials and tools than is used for normal embroidery. I also frequently use a different method which uses a glue gun, you can find the tutorial for that method on my blog.

You will need:

- Finished embroidery, ironed
- Embroidery hoop
- Tapestry needle (sewing needle might be required if you are backing with something thicker and tougher than felt)
- Thread, two strands (I use leftover thread/floss from that project)
- Felt sheet
- Pen/fabric marker (felt tip markers are not advisable as they may show through the felt)
- Scissors

Tutorial

First disassemble your hoop and draw around the outside of the inner (solid) hoop onto the back of your felt.

Cut out the felt circle and set aside.

Next center your embroidery over the inner hoop and press the outer hoop over it, positioning the screw at the top of the piece.

Turn the hoop over and press both hoops so they are level against your work surface. Holding the hoops down with one hand pull the spare fabric taught across the front of the hoop, tightening the screw as you go. Don't pull too hard or you may uncenter your work.

When tightening the screw the material between the two ends of the outer hoop bunches together. Pull the fabric tight to smooth out the lump.

When the screw is tight and your embroidery is taught as a drum you can either cut the excess material off, leaving an inch of material away from the hoop or leave as is, tucking the excess into the center of the hoop.

Take your circle of felt and thread your needle with the thread.

Place the felt circle on the back of your piece and stick the needle in about half a centimetre away from the edge of the felt. Make sure you have gone through both felt and Aida/fabric then come back up through fabric at the edge of the felt.

Tie your thread to the loose end and begin stitching the felt circle to the back of your embroidery. It is easiest to work the needle away from the center of the hoop.

When you have finished the round tie the needle thread to the starting thread and thread the needle with both strands. Insert the needle into the felt and bring it up without going through the front fabric. Snip the thread close to where it comes out of the felt.

For an illustrated tutorial go to my blog –bit.ly/2MA5mD4

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