Creating Dog Fashions

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This dog coat project is to be created using the ten needle embroidery machine. The entire garment is created in the hoop. We are creating the dog garment from circles of fleece cut to the measurements of your pet.

Supplies needed:

Ten needle embroidery machine

8"x 12" embroidery hoop

Fleece fabrics

Clip closures

Threads

 Adhesive backed water soluble stabilizer

Straight pins

 Step 1:

Measure around the dog's tummy at the widest point, this measurement is used to determine the size of circle to be cut. However, a clip is being used for a closure and its length is subtracted from the circle size. My demo dog measures 14", the clip for closure is 2" therefore the circle size is really a 12" circle. Make a template for a 12" circle from tear away stabilizer and cut one circle from fleece fabric.

Step 2:

Turn back one edge of the circle creating a fold along the edge, final measurement from fold to lower edge is now 7". Secure in place with two straight pins close to the folded edge. Fold the circle in half vertically to find the center along the previous fold. Either mark this center or place a pin at this point.

Step 3:

Using the 8x12 hoop, hoop a full piece of the adhesive back water soluble stabilizer, shiny side up. Score the paper and remove it from the stabilizer exposing the sticky surface. Be careful not to loosen it in the hoop.

Step 4:

Place the folded circle in the hoop matching the notch on the hoop with the center pin mark on the folded edge. Press lightly to secure fabric to stabilizer.

Step 5:

Cut a template for a 4" circle. Using this template as a pattern cut a circle of fleece in a contrasting color and set aside.

Step 6:

Turn on the embroidery machine and wake it up to the main page. Attach hoop to machine. Select the "frames" icon. Then select the single run stitch circle, second row, fourth frame. Touch set.

Step 7:

You are now on the edit screen. Using the "size" icon first row, first icon, resize the circle using the "enlarge" icon second row, first icon to 4". This circle is to be used as a placement stitch for the 4" circle. Touch close.

Step 8:

We are now once again at the edit screen. Touch the "duplicate" icon, third row, third icon. A second circle will appear on screen.

Step 9:

Again select the "size" icon. Reduce this circle in size by using the icon in the first row, first icon. Reduce it to 3.85 inches, this will be reflected in the dark gray horizontal bar on the screen.

Step 10:

Using the arrow icons to the right of the screen touch the center button with the circle inside it, it centers the two circles together. Touch close.

Step 11:

We are back at the edit screen, touch the add button at the bottom of the screen, left hand corner.

Step 12: Select the "frames" icon, then, select the fancy border first row, fourth icon. It will appear on screen, in the center of the two previous circles. Touch set.

Step13:

The fancy border is now highlighted by a red box around it. Touch the "size" icon, first row, first icon and enlarge the fancy border to 4.43 x 4.42. All previous stitching will be covered with this border. Size of the final border can be seen in the upper most left hand corner of the screen. Touch close.

Step 14:

We are back at the edit end page. Touch the "grouping" icon, located in third row, fourth icon. This groups the entire design and making it possible to move the entire design as one piece.

Step 15:

While on this screen choose your color palette. Since we want this to be single color design, assign the colors to one needle. At the second color change press the "hand" icon at the bottom of the page. This inserts a stop at the second color, allowing for placement of the 4" circle. Touch close, then edit end.

Step 16:

We are ready to stitch. Touch sewing, then lock, then start, the first circle will stitch creating a placement for the 4" circle. To secure placement of the 4" circle I used a spray adhesive on the back side of the 4" circle. Please spray this in a safe area away from the machine. Using the "hoop feed function" feed the hoop out from under the needles. Place the circle on the first stitching lines. Press the "hoop feed function" and the hoop returns to its original place to continue stitching. Start the second stitching. This will secure the circle in place.

Step 17:

The final stitch is the fancy frame. It should cover the previous stitchings. And it is finished!

An afterthought one could add a single letter monogram to make this a bit more personal.