

How to ITH Strap Connector

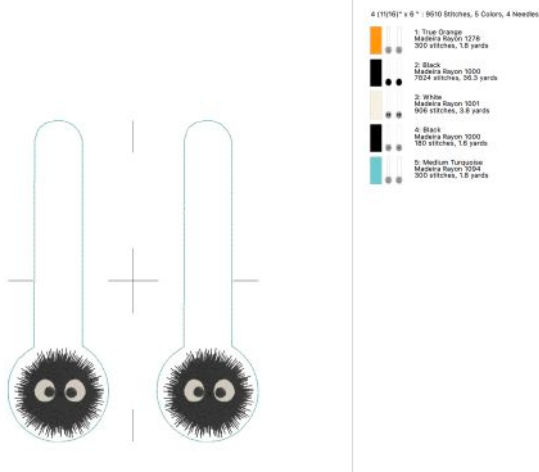
SPECIAL NOTES:

This PDF may not show the same dangle you are making but the steps are the same 😊.

Materials:

Medium- heavy weight cutaway Stabilizer
(1) vinyl piece large enough to cover your die lines completely
505 spray and painter's tape

Before we get start stitching, let's look at the Color StopPDF that came in your zip file.



The connector in this PDF has 5 Color stops, yours may have more, but that's ok. This PDF will work for any STFA connector.

The first color stop is the Die line that will show you where to place your vinyl the thread color is totally random so use whatever color you want since it's only stitched on the stabilizer

The next few colors are going to be your design elements.

The last color stop is your final outline, this will be your cutting guide when you cut the connectors out



Step 1: Guess what step 1 is? If you guessed Hoop a piece of medium-heavy cutaway stabilizer you WIN!



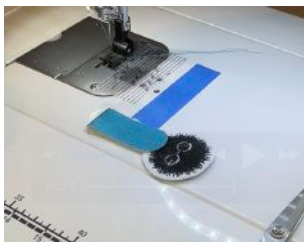
Step 2: Run Color Stop1 on your blank stabilizer only. This is going to give you the die line, so you know where in the hoop to place your vinyl. .



Step 3: Place your Vinyl. DON'T hoop it, FLOAT it! You can use a little 505 spray to hold it in place or a little blue painter's tape works well too. Make sure your vinyl covers up your die line completely.



Step 4: Run the rest of the color stops

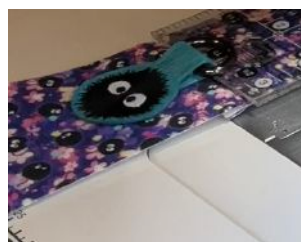


Step 5: Use the last color stop as a cutting line and cut out your strap connectors.

Cut off the loose flap of stabilizer from the tab area of the connector.

Step 6. Head over to your sewing machine and fold the “tab” down so the rounded edge is about ¼” below the top of the design on the connector.
A small piece of double stick tape is useful to hold things in place.

Step 7: Topstitch 1/8” from each long edge of the tab. You want to stop this stitch line where it will intersect with the topstitch you will do around the design area of the connector. Repeat for all your connectors.



Step 8: Thread your connector through your hardware (d-ring shown here)
Place a small piece of double stick tape on the tab and fold over again this time lining up the folded edge with the round edge of the tab. Your hardware should be sandwiched in the tab now.

Step 9: Place one more piece of double stick tape on the back of the design area of the connector so it will hold it in place on the item you’re attaching them too.

Step 10: peel the tape backing and place the connector on your item where you want it to be.



Step 11: Topstitch around your design to attach your connector to the item. You will be sewing through a lot of layers at the top of the design where the tab is folded down behind it.

Take your time and needle down/pivot as needed to keep a consistent topstitch.

Repeat for remaining connectors.

You may also add a rivet if you'd like.



WOOHOO! You just made and attached an awesome connector!



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