

How to ITH Finger Puppet

SPECIAL NOTES:
This PDF may not show exactly the same puppet you are making but the steps are the same 😊.

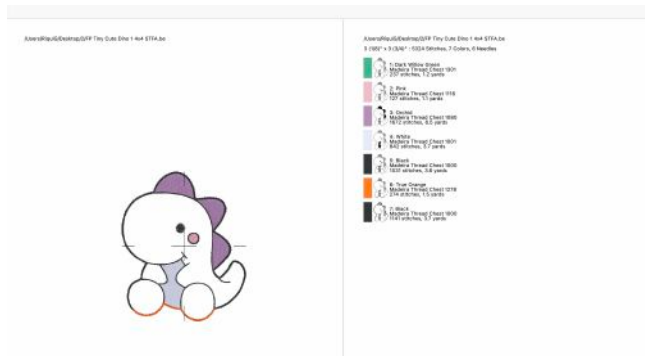
Materials:
Medium- heavy weight cut away Stabilizer
(2) 4 ½" x 6" piece felt
(1) 4 1/2x 6" piece of olyfun, or similar very thin non-fray fabric.

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



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

Step 2: Run Color Stop 1 on your blank stabilizer only. This is going to give you the die line so you know where in the hoop to place your felt.



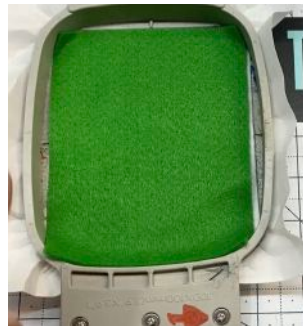
The puppet in this PDF has 7 Color stops, yours may have more, but that's ok. This PDF will work for any STFA puppet.

The first color stop is the Die line that will show you where to place your felt the thread color is the suggested felt color. You're going to run this before placing your felt.

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

The 2nd to last color stop which is always Orange (#1278) This is the stop that will stitch your olyfun to the back to cover the stitching so little fingers don't get tangled/rub up against them when playing. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO STITCH THIS IN ORANGE. I recommend using whatever color you will use for your final outline stitch in the next stop.**

The last color stop is your final outline, this will attach your backing felt.

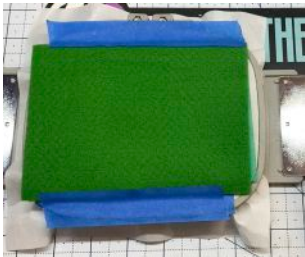


Step 3: Place your felt. DON'T hoop it, FLOAT it! You can use a little 505 spray to hold it in place or a little blue painters tape works well too. Make sure your vinyl covers up your die line completely.

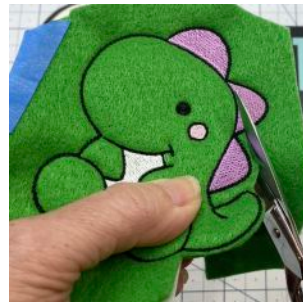
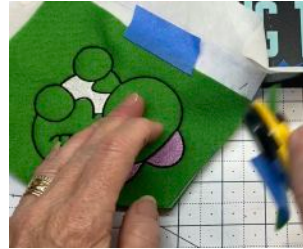
Step 4: Run all of the design element color stops, (this will be all but the last 2)



Step 5: Now take you hoop off of the machine but **DO NOT** unhoop your puppet. Flip your hoop over and tape your back vinyl piece to the hoop. Make sure you secure this to your hoop really well, because... Gravity! **Run the 2nd to last color stop, this will be the orange one (color #1278) that we mentioned at the beginning.** This will cover the stitching so little fingers don't rub up against the thread tails.



Step 6: Now you're going to stitch that last color stop, this is the one that stitches the final outline This is when you want to change your bobbin thread to match your top thread if you prefer that. Grab 2nd other piece of felt, and tape it right on top of the olyfun. **Run the last color stop.**



Step 7: Now it's time to get your cut on with some super sharp scissors.

I like to use my rotary cutter to remove a lot of the excess first.

You want to cut close to the final stitching, but not TOO Close, usually about 1/8" away does the trick.

YAY!!! It's all done, now go enjoy your puppet!



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