

How to ITH pencil topper

SPECIAL NOTES:
This PDF may not show exactly the same Pencil topper you are making but the steps are the same This PDF shows the 4 in the hoop option, but the steps are the same if you are doing a single in the hoop.

Materials:
Medium- heavy weight cut away Stabilizer
(2) 4 1/2" 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.

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 3 stops)

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- 2. Run Color Stop 1 on your blank stabilizer only.
- 3. Place your felt.
- 4. Run all of the design element color stops.
- 5. Run the final 3 color stops.

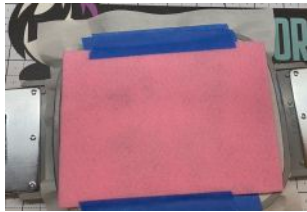
The Pencil topper in this PDF has 7 Color stops, yours may have more, but that's ok. This PDF will work for any STFA Pencil topper.

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 3rd to last color is the stop that will stitch your olyfun to the back to cover the stitching so that the pencil doesn't snag them.

The 2nd to last stop you'll add you're backing and then stitch the final 2 stops.



Step 5: Now take you hoop off of the machine but **DO NOT** unhoop your Pencil topper. 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 3rd to last color stop.** This will cover the stitching, so the pencil doesn'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 TWO-color stops.**

The 2nd to last will be done in black to finish your design and attach most of the back. The last stop can be done in a color to match your felt so it's less noticeable.



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

I like to rough cut them just to get them apart if I do the 4 in the hoop option.

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

OHHH FUN! They are all done, now go enjoy your Pencil topper!



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