

JHB412 freebie

Thank you so much for downloading this freebie. Hope you are going to enjoy making it as much as I enjoyed creating it.

This little key tag are awesome to create some interest on your keys, or clip it on a bag as decoration or add a smaller ring and use them as zip tags. Make it for yourself or as gifts. Also make nice stocking fillers!

The tag is stitched on felt and then lightly stuffed with your favourite stuffing and the bottom seam are then sewed shut with either your sewing machine or by hand.

The finished size before stuffing is 3.29 inches (8.35 cm) x 1.70 inches (4.3 cm).

Requirements for each tag

2x pieces of felt 4,5 inches (9 cm) x 2.5 (6 cm)

Tear away stabilizer

3 inches (8 cm) of tape approx .40 of an inch (1 cm) wide

D-ring (I used a swivel clasp with D-ring, 50 mm long and 12 mm wide). You can of course also use a small split key ring, choice is totally up to you.

Various threads, although I am going to give you my thread colours I have used, you are of course more than welcome to use your own colours. My thread of choice is Marathon threads. The first four colour lines for each tag is the same, this is where you attach your key ring and attach your outer felt to the stabilizer. This gets done in the colour you are going to do your stem stitch outline in, matching your top and bobbin thread. The last two steps of each tag again gets done in this colour, again matching your top and bobbin thread. This is where you do the stem stitch detail in at the bottom of the tag and then you secure your lining and do the stem stitch detail. For the rest of the stitching detail you can use normal bobbin fill.

Although the pictures featured in this tutorial is of one of the designs in the actual set, the procedure for making this freebie is exactly the same. Just the inside design part differs.

Here are the colours I have used for this freebie.



Colour 01 to 04 – thread up your machine, matching your top and bobbin thread, to the thread colour you are going to do the stem stitch outline in. I used 1081 purple

Colour 05 – 1175 green grey -wording

Colour 06 – 1058 blue - birds

Colour 07 – 1216 dark grey – eyes of the birds

Colour 08 and 09 – you go back to your stem stitch outline colour, in my case 1081, and colour 13 is the stem stitch detail at the bottom of the tag, and colour 14 is securing the lining to the top part and then the stem stitch detail to finish off the tag

Instructions

Open up your design. The pictures show the procedure for design 01 but the procedure for them all are the same.

Hoop up your hoop with a good quality tear away. If your tear away is very thin, double up. Thread up your machine with your stem stitch outline colour, matching your top and bobbin thread.

Stitch the first colour line directly onto the tear away stabilizer. This is a small little line that shows you where your tape is going to go.



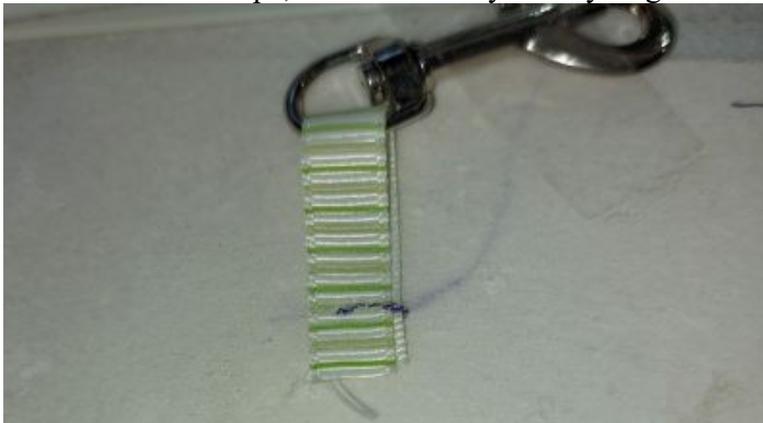
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Take your tape and key ring and thread your tape through the tape and fold it in half. If you are using split rings, you can thread those through after completion of the project. My D-rings did not give me that option so I am going to show you how to handle that situation.\

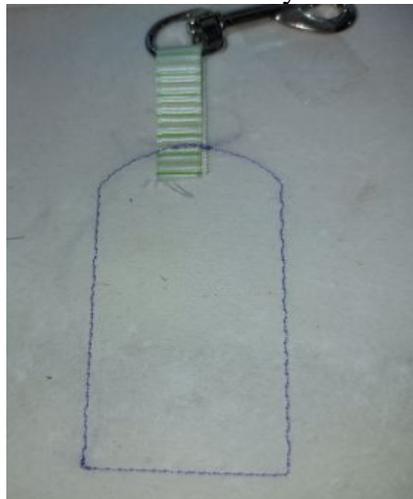
Tape your open ends of the ribbon or tape down about ½ inch (1 cm) below the stitching line and also tape your key ring down above the design so that it does not by accident fall into the stitching area.



Secure your tape with the next colour line, which is another small little stitching line, and once secured, carefully remove the bottom tape, but make sure your key ring is still secured.



Stitch the next colour line which is an outline of where your felt is going to go.



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Now float your felt over this outline, making sure the bulk of the excess is at the bottom of the design, as you are going to need this as a seam allowance later on.



Secure your felt with the next colour line to the stabilizer. Lightly hold it in place so that it does not move or bubble. Do not cut away any excess felt at this stage.



Next up follow the colour chart for your specific design you are stitching.



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Once you have completed the inside detail of the design, change back to your stem stitch outline colour, matching the top and bobbin thread.

Stitch the second to last colour of the design, which is the stem stitch line at the bottom of the tag.



Next up take your second piece of felt and float it underneath the hoop, line it up roughly with the first piece. You can tape this in place if you so wish.



Carefully place the hoop back on the machine and stitch the last colour line, which is a run stitch line that will secure the felt lining as well as the stem stitch line around the design.

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Pop the design out of the hoop and remove all tape.
Carefully cut away the excess felt around the sides and the top of the design. Be careful that you do not cut your tape by accident. Leave at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (1 cm) of felt at the bottom of the design.



Now lightly stuff the tag with your favourite stuffing and pin the opening at the bottom closed.



Then going to your normal sewing machine, thread up your machine with the same colour thread as your felt, matching the top and bobbin thread.
Straight stitch just below the stem stitch line to close up the opening.



Cut off the excess felt below this stitching line.



And there you have it. Some awesome decorations for your keys or bags etc.



Enjoy!
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