

## How To Make A Hooded Towel

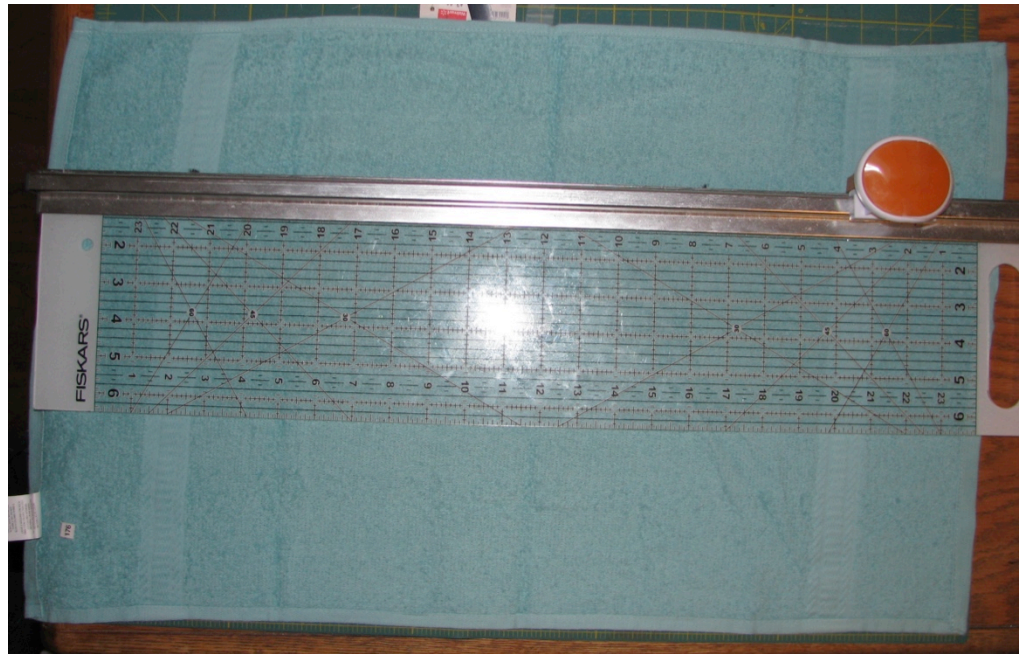
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These are general directions for a hoodie towel. This is probably just one of many ways of doing them and you can of course be creative and make up your own method that works best for you! Read all the directions first in case you want to change anything as you make this! In my pictures, the mouth was originally done in towel color and I realized my mistake and re-did it, so ignore that my mouth is barely visible until the last picture, that is irrelevant!

You will need the following supplies to make this design-

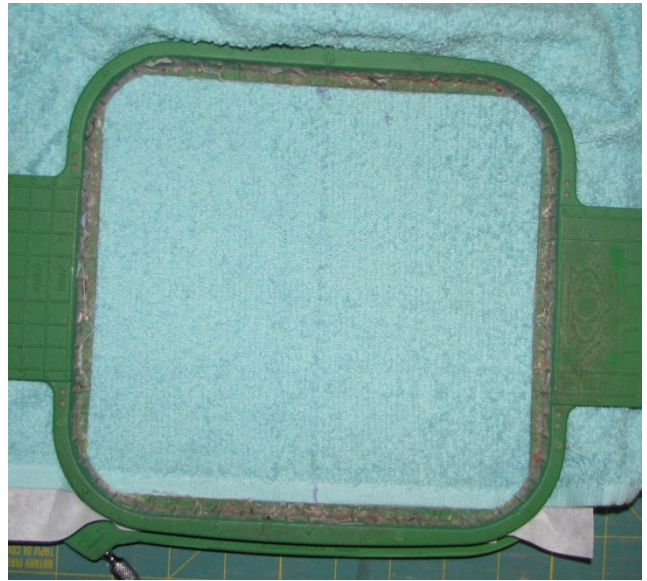
1. Embroidery machine and ability to transfer design
2. Fabric
3. Embroidery thread
4. Tear away stabilizer
5. Hand Towel
6. Bath Towel
7. (For Some Designs) 2 Wash Cloths

**Step 1.** Start with the hand towel. Lay the hand towel flat and for toddler sized hoods cut the towel length wise to be approximately 8" long, for bigger kids cut the towel length wise to be 10" tall. You can cut it bigger or smaller as you wish, these measurements are not required to be followed exactly, just an estimate.



**Step 2.**  
Your towel will look like this!

**Step 3.** Measure the center of your towel and hoop the towel so the bottom finished edge is at the bottom of your hoop. I hang my stabilizer over the edge and sticky spray the towel to the stabilizer. Notice how the stabilizer is about 1 inch longer than the towel here, that lets the very bottom of the towel be in the embroidery field of my hoop.



**Step 4.** Make sure the design is positioned to stitch as closely as possible to the bottom of the towel edge. Stitch the design on the towel. If you do not have button holes for wash cloths, go to step 6. If your design has button holes,



there will be the outline stitch like shown here. I like to trim the inside of the ovals out so there are no little threads hanging over the edge of the satin stitch. This is not required, I just think it looks cleaner.





**Step 5.** If you cut out the holes for the wash cloths, make sure you put another layer of stabilizer under your hoop. Stitch out the final step, which is the button holes.

**Step 6.** Unhoop your hand towel and remove your stabilizer. Fold towel in half with the design on the inside. Serge or zigzag stitch across the width of the towel to create the hood. You can see the design under stitch on the outside of the fold and the serged thread across the top of the towel.







**Step 7.**  
Turn the towel hood right side out and it will look like this.

**Step 8.** I like to cut the bottom finished edge of the towel off. See how there is a thick fold along the bottom of the previous picture? That seems too thick to stitch it to the main towel, but ive heard some people like it thicker there, so it is totally up to you. Either way, I find the middle of the main towel and mark it or pin it, then lay the main towel flat and the hood on top with the seam of the hood lined up in the



center.  
Pin across the bottom.





**Step 9.**  
Serge or zigzag stitch to prevent fraying across the bottom of the hood so the hood is securely attached.

**Step 10.** Fold the towel in half and roll the sides, then tuck the hood over the top and tie up with ribbon. You can stuff the hood with tissue paper to make it stand up nicely for pictures. Stick the wash cloths through the button holes (if you have them) for the ears and its all ready!

