

## Fleece Peeker Hat for a 4x4 design

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You will need the following supplies to make this design-

1. Embroidery machine and ability to transfer design
2. Fabric for applique pieces
3. Embroidery thread
4. Tear away stabilizer
5. Stretchy fleece
6. Washable marker or pencil
7. Sticky spray

**Step 1. Cut a piece of fleece as follows:**

Infants- 20" wide X 12" long

Toddlers- 22" wide X 12" long

Kids/Adults- 24" wide X 14" long



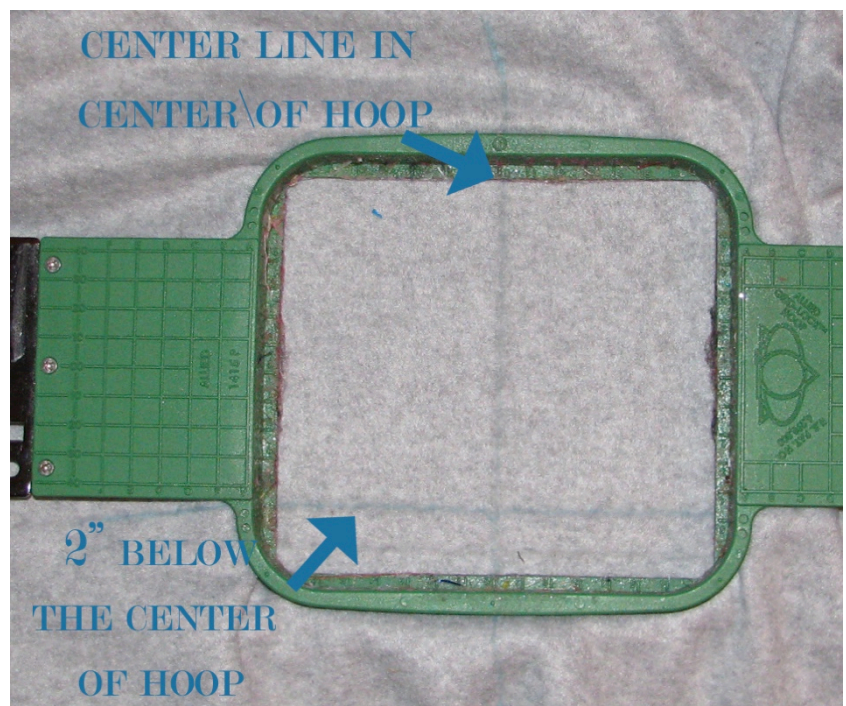
**Step 2.** Using a washable marker or pencil, draw a straight line side to side that is 4" from the bottom for infants and toddlers or 4.5" from the bottom for kids and adults. Draw another line straight down the center.



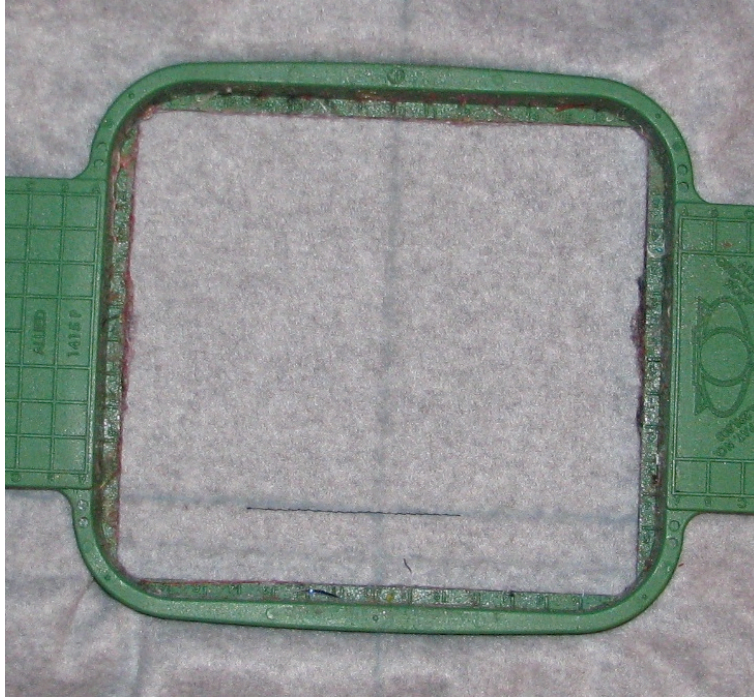
**Hooping has two options!**

**Option A-** For those who like to hoop the fabric

**Step 3 Option A.** Sticky spray a piece of stabilizer to the back of the fleece and hoop stabilizer and fleece. The center line of your fleece needs to be in the center of your hoop. The bottom line on the fleece is where you want the bottom of your design to touch. For a 4x4 design, you want the bottom line to be about 2" lower than the center of your hoop.



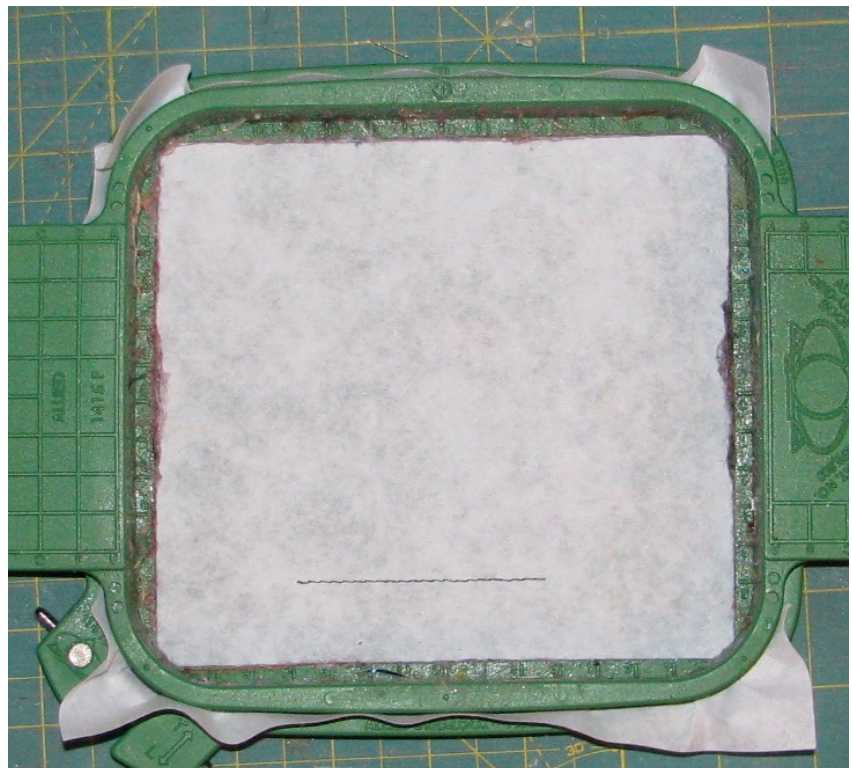
**Step 3 Option A continued.** You can now put your hoop on your machine stitch step 1 of the design (which is the straight stitch along the bottom part of the design) on your fleece and make sure your straight stitch goes on the drawn line.



There is a little bit of leeway here since you can make the brim fold smaller or larger, but if you miss by more than  $\frac{1}{2}$ " then I suggest you hoop higher or lower as needed. Mine hit my line, YAY!

**Option B-** for those who like to pin/sticky spray the fabric

**Step 3 Option B.** Hoop just your stabilizer and put your hoop on your machine. Stitch out step 1 which stitches the straight line on your stabilizer.



**Step 3 Option B continued.** Sticky spray or pin your fabric with the bottom line drawn on your fleece directly on top of the stitched line and the middle line drawn on your fleece lined up in the center of your hoop. I find it easiest to draw my lines on the front and back side of the fleece.



**Step 3 Option B continued.** You may want to stitch the first step again on your fleece just to be sure you got the fleece on their straight. Mine isnt perfect, but for this design I think it will be just fine.

**Step 4.** Stitch out your design as you would any applique. I like to put a layer of wash away stabilizer on top of my fleece before I start the outline and tack down of the designs



because it helps me not to job the scissors into the fleece, but however you are comfortable with stitching is fine of course.

**Step 5.** Remove fleece and stabilizer from hoop, then remove stabilier from the back. Fold fleece in half so the design is on the inside and the longer sides of the fleece are touching.





**Step 6.** Sew the side opposite from the design together. I used a straight stitch and then zig-zagged the edge, but since fleece does not fray, the zig-zag is not necessary.

**Step 7.** Turn hat right side out. Fold the bottom up about 1 1/2".





**Step 8.** Turn the bottom up again 1 ½". Now you have a nice fold on the edge of your bottom. You can stitch a few stitches on the sides if you want to be sure it stays. You can make this fold bigger or smaller as needed to make the design line up with the top of the fold.

**Step 9.** Cut a piece of fleece about 12" long and ½" wide, in the way that the length of it is NOT the stretchy direction.





**Step 10.**  
Gather the top of the hat up in your hands. About 2 ½"-3" from the top, tie the piece of fleece around the top of the hat. Make a tight knot.

**Step 11.** Cut the little tie pieces the same length as the top of the hat. Then insert the scissors into the top fleece of the hat and cut straight pieces about ½" wide down to the tied knot.







**Step 12. Cut all the little pieces into the tassel-like pieces and your hat is complete!**