

Hair Clip Thingies Tutorial



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Supplies Needed

*Regular embroidery supplies, stabilizer, thread, scissors etc. (Note: I like cutaway stabilizer for most ITH projects unless otherwise indicated. I find that it provides more stability to the finished product.

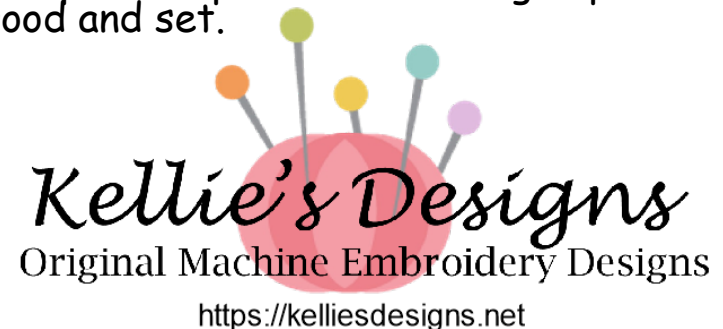
*Vinyl or cork for the front - vinyl for the back if you are going to be adding elastic to the panels OR oly fun, felt or something "textured" if you are going to be gluing the panels. The glue holds better when you use a backing that has some texture.

*Hair Clip (these designs were designed to work with a specific type of hair clip - please see the list at the end of the end of the tutorial for links to the hair clips)

*Elastic cord or FOE if you are going to make the panels interchangeable. A bodkin makes your life much easier doing this!! I liked using the elastic cord better than FOE because it made the knot wider and harder to pull between the layers of vinyl.

*E600 glue if you are going to glue the panels to the clip. **Hot glue peeled off the clip as soon as it cooled.** I had the best luck washing my clips with rubbing alcohol to remove any residue and then applying the glue directly to the clip (all four sides that touch the embroidered panel) and then holding the panel in place with sewing clips until the glue cured. I prefer overnight so it's good and set.

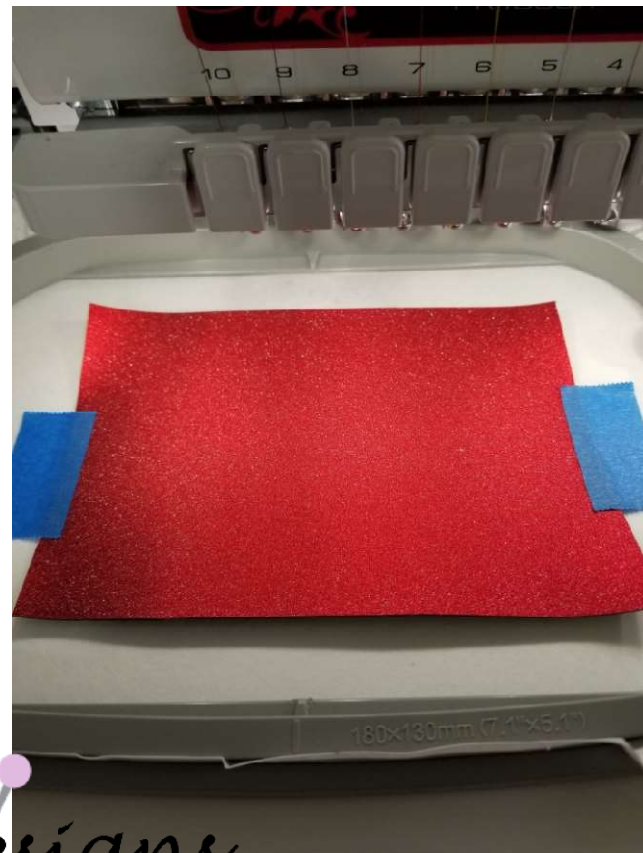
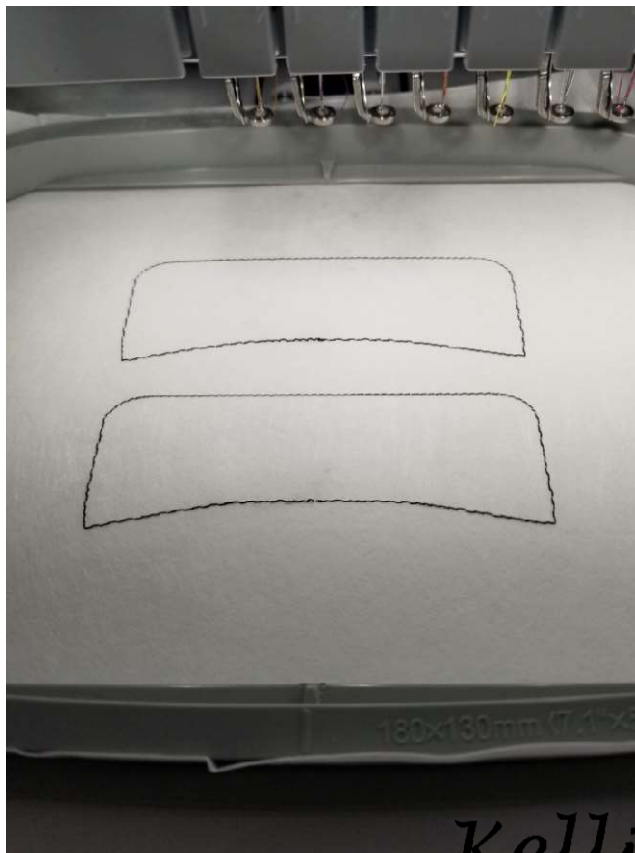
***My supplies are listed at the end.**



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Color Change 1: Placement stitch - stitch directly on stabilizer.

Cover with vinyl or cork.



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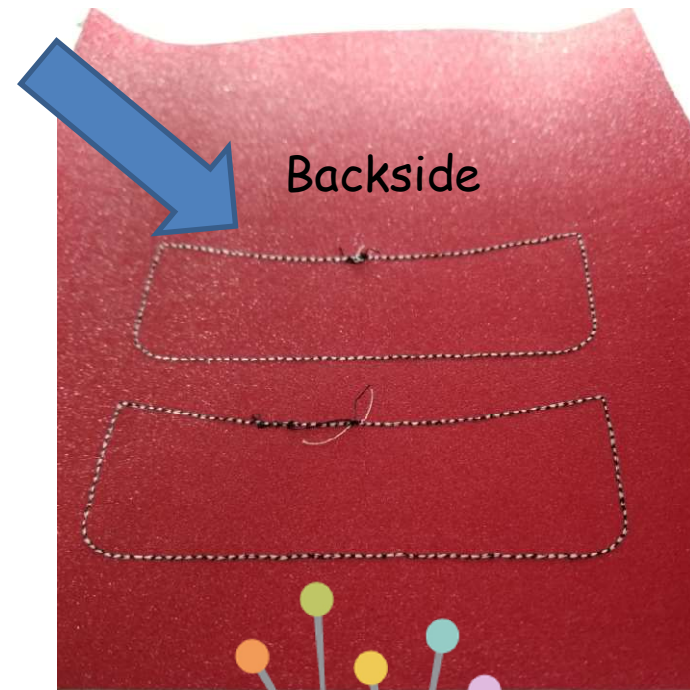
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Color Change 2 - Design details



Color Change 3 - If you are gluing your designs to your clip - this will be your LAST step. Place your backing under hoop and run color change 3. If you are planning on adding elastic so your design is interchangeable - run color change 3 to outline your design THEN place your backing under the hoop and run color change 4.



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Carefully cut out your panels.



I used E6000 glue to glue my panels to the clips. I used sewing clips to hold in place while the glue was curing.



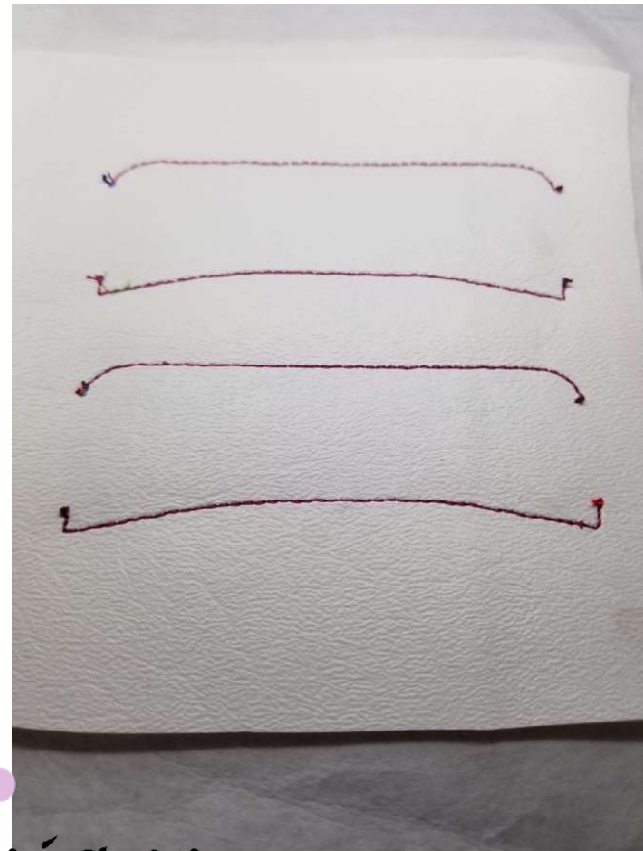
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Color Change 3: If you are going to add elastic - this will outline your design entirely. Once stitched, place your backing under the hoop BEFORE you run color change 4.



Color Change 4: This creates the pocket that you will run your elastic through.



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Cut out your panels. Using a bodkin, thread your elastic through the pocket in the back.

I cut my elastic 2.5 times the length of the panel. You want extra - especially if you have big fat clumsy fingers like me!



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Tie a double knot in the elastic. You want the elastic to be as close to the vinyl as possible so it's not slack. If it's too slack, the panel won't be secure on the hair clip - you want NO SLACK, but you also want it to lay flat.

Trim your ends (not too close to the knot!) and slide the knot through the pocket so it's buried between your vinyl layers.



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Open your clip and slide the panel on!



This is what it looks like from the other side - the elastic is flush against the vinyl with very little give.



Hair Clips

Small and Large clips:

<https://amzn.to/41LXyAL>

Small clips:

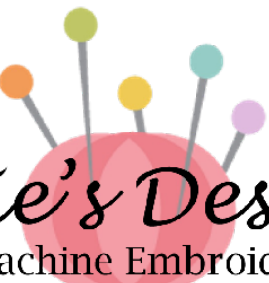
<https://amzn.to/448PjQS>

Medium clips:

<https://amzn.to/3LB6hjL>

I have personally purchased these clips and have verified they work with my designs.




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Links to supplies I used

The following are links to some of the products that I have used when making this project:

Cut away stabilizer: <https://amzn.to/3yX9bYQ>

Embroidery thread: <https://amzn.to/3Z6v2Ib>

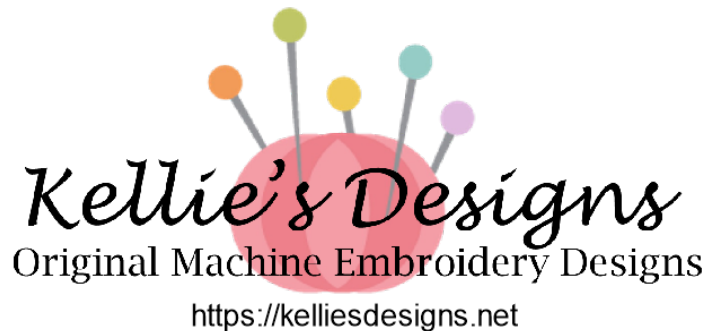
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Elastic cord: <https://amzn.to/41IGAmR>

Bodkin: <https://amzn.to/3oKhOnP>

E6000 glue: <https://amzn.to/3ACo3q6>

Sewing clips: <https://amzn.to/3nbjtIX>



Thank you!!

I hope you enjoyed making your hair clip thingies! These are super quick and a great scrap buster. If you have any questions or encounter problems - PLEASE don't hesitate to ask. Also - our Facebook group is a great source of information and inspiration. Please feel free to share your completed project photos with us!!

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