

ITH Patchy Hot Air Balloons Freestanding Applique Two Sided Directions Project and Digitized Designs by Loraine Meyer

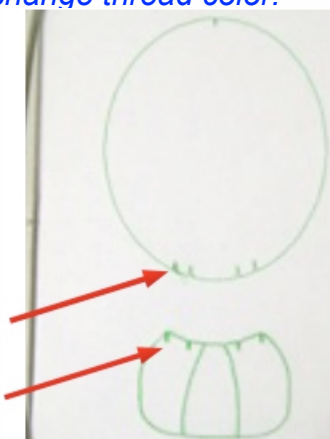
Supplies Needed

Stabilizer - Tearaway (or you can use water soluble)
Embroidery thread with same thread wound in bobbins
Fabric with stabilizer fused onto back for stability
Ribbon - 1/8", 3mm
optional - Hemp Cord

These designs were created to make a freestanding double sided balloon completely in the hoop.

The thread colors are set up for appliqué, red for fabric placement and blue for stitch down, so you do not need to change thread colors for each red and/or blue thread color. These are simply for color stops for the appliqué technique.

In addition, the standard green is also there to tack down the ribbon or cord used. This also is a color stop and no need to change thread color.



Hoop one sheet of stabilizer. These were created using tearaway, but you could also use a water soluble of desired.

After stitching the first "red", place the ribbon/cord where the marks are showing in the stitching.

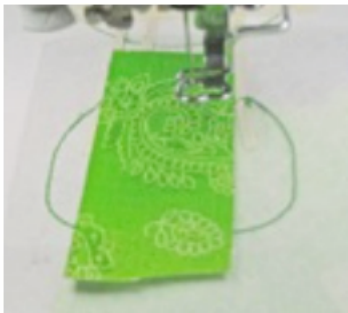


You will want to secure the ribbon down with tape temporarily until it is tacked into place. Be sure you tape is not in the space where the tack down stitching occurs. Also, be sure the ends are completely inside the space of the stitching so your ribbon/cord does not stick outside of the finished edge at the end.





Another example of cord being tacked down. For thinner cord it might be easier to control by just folding it over as opposed to four separate pieces.



Once the ribbon/cord is tacked down, you are ready to place the fabric for tack down, be sure to float matching fabric face down on the back of the area being covered. The stitch down will affix both sides of fabric.

If you forget to place fabric on both sides (face down on back and face up on the top), place the fabric and repeat the "blue" tack down.

After securing the fabric, remove the hoop (keep the stabilizer hooped) and trim the fabric closely on both sides.

CAREFUL: don't cut the ribbon/cord tacked down!

Continue on through the complete design until you come to the "green" tack down for the top hanger.

Create the hanging loop with approximately 6 inch length of ribbon. Fold it in half and place the two ends flat over the mark created in the stitching with the ends inside the design area, then secure with tape outside of the stitching area.



I placed my tape high enough so the finishing satin would not be stitched on it either, this helps to keep the ribbon flat as you take the hoop off to trim fabric.





When stitching is complete, remove the hoop and carefully tear away the stabilizer.
(If you used water soluble, trim the excess and use a wet cloth and clean the edge.)

You are finished!!!

Enjoy!

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