

SINGER® PROJECTS

Felt Embroidered Ornaments

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Embroidery is a fun and easy way to embellish any project but I especially love making personalized and unique ornaments with embroidery for the holidays. These are a quick project and make wonderful gifts that are sure to impress.

This project features the brand new SINGER® SE9180 Sewing & Embroidery machine available now at [singer.com](https://www.singer.com). Check out the video tutorial for this project on Singer Sewing Youtube Channel.

PROJECT SKILL LEVEL: ■ ■ □ □

Shopping List

Everything you need to complete this project in one place. Use this convenient checklist to ensure you have all required materials in your sewing room, or take it with you while you shop for supplies.

PROJECT SUPPLIES:

- Singer SE9180 sewing & embroidery machine
- Felt Fabric
- Tear-Away or Cut-Away stabilizer
- Embroidery Needle
- Rayon Threads in the colors of your choice for your design
- Rayon Bobbin Thread white
- Fabric scissors and/or rotary cutter and mat
- ¼" Ribbon
- Ruler
- Pins or Clips
- Fiber Fill
- Pinking Shears

Instructions for Embroidered Ornament:

1. We will be using the 170mm x 100mm embroidery hoop that comes with the Singer SE9180 to stitch out our ornament designs. Using this hoop allows us the space to stitch out both sides of the reversible ornament designs at the same time. For this example I'm using felt fabric but you can use cotton, burlap or other types of woven fabric for this project.
2. Cut your woven fabric 2" bigger than your embroidery hoop all the way around so for this example my fabric is approximately 10"x6" to fit the 170mm x 100mm hoop.
3. Cut a piece of tear-away or cut-away stabilizer that is 9"x5" and place it centered on the wrong side of your woven fabric.
4. On a flat surface, lay the outside piece of the 170mm x 100mm embroidery hoop face up. The side connection piece to the machine should be to the left. Lay your woven fabric over the outside hoop with the fabric right side up. The fabric should completely cover the outer hoop piece.
5. Take the inner hoop piece and place it on top of the woven fabric lining it up with the outer hoop piece that is underneath the fabric.

- a. Pro-Tip: You may need to loosen the screw on the outer hoop piece to get the inner hoop piece to fit depending on the thickness of the fabric and stabilizer you are hooping together.
 - b. Make sure the Singer Logo, Hoop Size and Arrow at the bottom of the inner hoop are also aligned with the arrow at the bottom of the outer hoop so they are both going the right direction.
 - c. Hooping takes practice and patience. You might have to undo the hoop, adjust your fabric and hoop a couple times. The goal is to get the fabric sandwiched between both the outer and inner hoops so that the fabric is tight with no puckers or wrinkles.
6. Once you have the two hoops aligned and even on all four corners, tighten the screw to hold it all securely in place. You have hooped your material!
 7. For this example, we will be using a design from the Mysewnet software as well as a font programmed into the Singer SE9180 machine. You can access our mySewnet embroidery software directly on the Singer SE9180 to search designs through the library or you can create your own and bring them into the machine as well. The Singer SE9180 gives you lots of options to choose from to create unique embroidery designs.



8. In order to access the embroidery mode on the SE9180 you must have the embroidery arm attached to the machine.
9. Once in embroidery mode you can tap on the cloud symbol at the top of the screen to access your Mysewnet account and search the library for a design. I searched for “Santa” and selected a design that would fit in the top half of my

170x100mm hoop. Once you find a design, select it to bring into the design mode of your embroidery screen.

10. Tap on the pencil tool in the top left corner of the screen to go into edit mode for the designs. Then tap and drag your Santa design to the top area of your hoop space on the screen. Position it where you want it to stitch out in the hoop. Tap the save icon at the top of the screen to save your progress and allow you to add another design element to the hoop.



11. Tap on the flower design button in the top left corner and then select the T for fonts on the right hand side.
12. Pick a font you like and type out the name and year you want to stitch out. You can change the font to Small, Medium or Large.
13. Once you have your font typed out, click and drag it into the lower area of your hoop space and place it where you want it to be stitched out.
 - a. PRO-TIP: Be sure to leave adequate space between the top design and bottom font to cut out both ornaments.
14. Tap on the square hoop button at the bottom of the screen. Select the 170mm x 100mm hoop option. Tap on the green checkmark.
15. Attach the embroidery foot to the machine and insert an embroidery bobbin.

16. Attach the embroidery hoop with fabric to the machine by sliding it into the embroidery arm clip until it clicks in place.



17. Thread the machine with the first rayon thread color for the design. Lower the embroidery foot.
18. Tap on the green check mark. It is now calibrated and in stitch out mode. You will see a list of each thread color and how many stitches per thread color. Tap the green play button on the screen to begin your first embroidery color.
19. Once the machine is done stitching out a color it will stop sewing and an alert will pop up on the screen with a command to change the thread color to the next one in the color order. Once you've rethreaded the machine with the next color you tap the play button to continue the embroidery process.



- a. Keep a pair of small scissor snips nearby. Once a new thread color begins you may need to pause the stitching to trim a thread tail before continuing to stitch out the design. Doing this as you go makes clean up of the finished design easier and looks nicer.
20. Once both designs are completed you can remove the hoop from the machine. First lift up the presser foot. On the embroidery arm there is a lever to press down to release the hoop from the embroidery arm. While pressing the lever with your left hand gently pull the hoop towards you with your right hand until it is free of the embroidery arm. You may need to use the extra foot lift to safely clear the hoop from under the foot.



21. Loosen the screw on the hoop and separate the inner and outer hoop pieces to release the fabric and stabilizer.
22. Gently remove the excess tear-away stabilizer from your design. If you use a cut-away stabilizer, carefully cut away the excess around your design. It is ok if some remains in and around the stitched design.
23. Using a ruler, cut a 4" square around the design and the font you stitched out. I recommend using a clear ruler to ensure the design element is centered in the square.

24. Place the two squares wrong sides together so both embroidery designs are facing out. You can pin or clip them together to keep them aligned.



25. Cut an 8" piece of decorative ribbon. Fold the ribbon in half and place both ends between the fabric at the center of the top of the ornament. Pin to hold in place. When we sew around the ornament it will stitch down the ribbon to hang the ornament.
26. To change the Singer SE9180 from embroidery mode to sewing mode simply remove the embroidery arm and reattach the sewing arm. The screen will automatically change to sewing mode.



27. Replace the embroidery foot with the 'A' foot and ankle.
28. Select the triple straight stitch in the right needle position (stitch #1-006) and adjust the stitch length to 4mm.
29. Begin sewing at the bottom left corner of the square aligning the right edge of your A foot with the edge of the fabric.
 - a. PRO-TIP: Leave your needle down when pivoting around corners.
30. Sew all the way around the square but stop just a few stitches after turning the last corner at the bottom of the ornament. Leave an opening across the bottom to stuff the ornament.
31. Remove from the sewing machine and trim your thread tails.



32. Begin stuffing with fiberfill to give your ornament some fluff. Be careful not to overfill your ornament as it will make sewing the opening closed more difficult.
33. Use pins or clips to hold the opening closed.



34. Realign your stitches where you left off and finish sewing across the bottom to the other side closing the gap. Trim your thread tails.



35. With pinking shears, trim excess fabric around the edge of your ornament to prevent fraying. Be sure to not clip your stitches or ribbon.



Your ornaments are complete and look so festive! Start stitching out more to make as an easy holiday gift this season. Get the kids involved and have them help make one as a teacher's gift as well! Utilize our mySewnet software to search for other designs in the library or create your own custom design for a personalized ornament.



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