

Instruction



Fabrics

First of all you need to get your fabrics sorted and ready. For better results, i.e. for the gingerbread in-the-hoop figurines to retain their shapes opt for sturdier types of fabrics. Felt is a great choice in this case for you won't have to use any stabilizer at all. Felt doesn't fray too, so that's another point in its favor. Bear in mind though, that some types of felt might feel a bit too thin, so you'll have to make amendments to felt fabrics of such kinds. You will need two pieces of the chosen fabric for the front and the back of the gingerbread project.

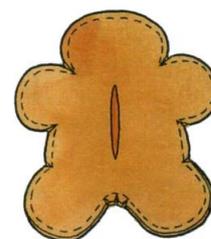
Batting

For the "stuffing" of your in-the-hoop gingerbread machine embroidery projects we suggest thin, lightweight batting. You can get such batting in any craft shop.

Other materials

To turn the gingerbread project from the inside out you might need a dowel with one flat and one pointy end. Depending on the detail you will work with, use the appropriate end of the dowel. When working with the pointy end be careful not to break through the project. Now that everything is ready at hand, let's get down to the actual instruction.

1. Place the front piece of the fabric in the hoop and start embroidering. You should do all the embroidery steps until you come to the outline stitching part. Here, stop the embroidery process to place the second (back) piece of the fabric on the hooped front part. After that, continue with the stitching of the outline.
2. Remove the hoop from the embroidery machine.
3. Cut the excess fabric close to the outline hem. Don't cut too close though – 3 mm. is good enough.
4. Make a small cut on the back part of the project and through it turn it from the inside out. Use the dowel if you need to. At this step you should decide if it's going to be Christmas tree ornament or other type of decorative "gingerbread". For ornaments add a ribbon or a tie, hiding the loose ends inside of the toy.
5. Put the batting inside the project. Don't put the entire amount of the batting at once. Take gradual steps in this phase so that you won't "overstuff" your gingerbread embroidery creation.
6. Stitch the cut that you made with the invisible stitch.



Now you can marvel at your own little Christmas miracle!