

In-the-Hoop Heart Keeper

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Stitch up a heart shape keeper for your Valentine using your embroidery machine! Stash cords, USB sticks, change or even candy snacks. You will be remembered every time it is opened!

Supplies Needed:

1. Embroidery machine
2. 120 x 120 hoop
3. Embroidery Foot "P"
4. Blue Tip Needle

Fabric and Notions Required:

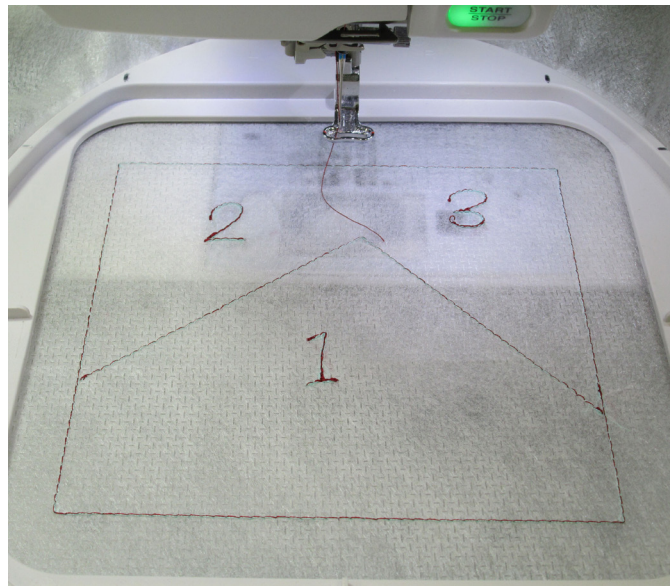
- Three 6" squares of Valentine prints
- Two 3" x 6" Valentine prints
- Two 10" squares of cut away stabilizer
- 12" zipper
- 6" of 1/2 - 3/4" wide ribbon
- Embroidery thread in color to contrast with prints
- Prewound bobbin
- Painters tape
- Download heart1.jef and heart2.jef to USB stick



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Instructions:

- Center a 10" square cut away stabilizer in the hoop, thread the machine with embroidery thread and open heart1.jef in the machine.
- Sew color 1, placement lines.



- Place the first square right side up, so that it covers the placement lines in number 1 position.



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- Sew color 2, stitch down the lines.
- Place the second square so that the raw edge lines up with edges of the first square, right sides together in number 2 position.



- Sew color 3, stitching line.
- Fold the square to the right side and finger press the seam.



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- Sew color 4, decorative stitch.



- Place the third square so that the raw edge lines up with the edges in number 3 position, right sides together.



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- Sew color 5, stitching line.
- Fold the square to the right side, finger press the seam and sew color 6.



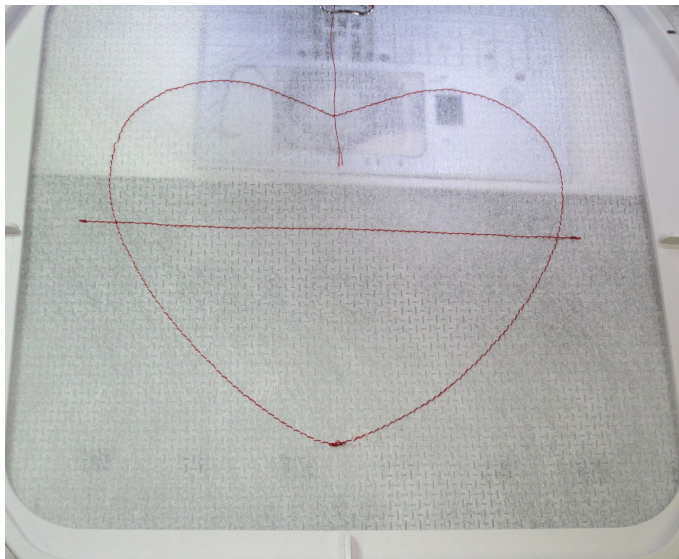
- Remove from the hoop and cut just to the outside of the basting line.



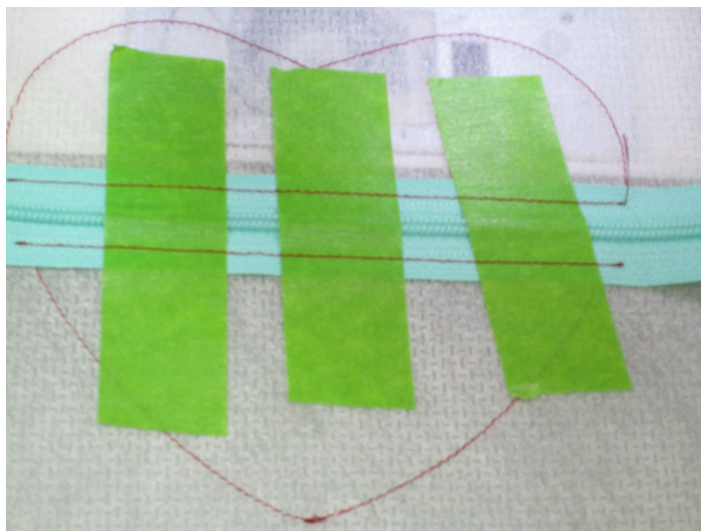
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Back:

- Center a 10" square cut away stabilizer in the hoop, open heart2.jef.
- Sew color 1, placement lines.



- Center the zipper, right side up, on the horizontal line and tape in place.



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- Sew color 2, zipper stitching lines.
- Remove the tape, line up the edge of 3" x 6" piece with top edge of zipper tape, right sides together.



- Sew color 3, stitching line.
- Open and finger press.



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- Line up the edge of the 3" x 6" piece with the bottom edge of zipper tape, right sides together.



- Sew color 4, open and finger press.
- Open the zipper about halfway across.



- Sew color 5, ribbon placement line.

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- Fold the ribbon in half, tape in place over the placement line.



- Sew color 6, placement line.



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- Place front, right sides together over the back, making sure to cover the heart shape placement line.



- Sew color 7, final stitching line.



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- Remove from the hoop, cut out approximately a 1/4" from the seam line.



- Clip the curves, trim the corner, turn right side out and press.

Optional: At the sewing machine, topstitch around the heart shape for an additional detail.

