

Ornament

An in-the-hoop project

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I used the Round Tuit bag found at

http://www.pegboardcrafts.com/Designs/ITH/CP4_1/CP4_Rnd2it.html

You can use the same technique for any of my bags.

Zippers: Always use polyester/nylon dress zippers. NEVER use metal, invisible, or plastic purse/sports zippers. You will be sewing thru the coils several times while making the bag. I buy my zippers from <http://www.zipperstop.com>. They have great prices and wonderful service. Get the YKK closed bottom, #3 skirt and dress zippers.

To make the 4x4" round ornament bag, you will need:

The Round Tuit bag files – Rnd2ItA and Rnd2ItB*

2 pieces cut-away stabilizer to fit your hoop

1 front fabric – 4.5 x 4.5"

1 clear vinyl (10-12 gauge) – 4.5 x 4.5"

1 back fabric (zipper side) – 4.5 x 4.5"

2 lining fabrics – 4.5 x 4.5"

1 7" zipper

Wonder Tape (double sided sticky, sew through tape)

Masking or scotch tape

Embroidery and bobbin thread

One of the following:

6" ribbon for hanging loop

Grommet and 15" ribbon

Key fob wristlet hardware

Small, fairly flat decorations. Confetti shapes, mini tree decorations, etc. to coordinate with fabric.

**If using a different bag, use the fabric and zipper sizes found on its instruction sheet.*

I get the key fob hardware on EBay. I purchased from seller zjaw24w. They had a Buy it Now option and shipped right away. I was very happy with the service and quality of the product. Check out all the prices though and get the deal that suits you. You can use either the 1 or 1.25" parts.



The Bag Front – Method A

If you have editing software, make the following changes to the file **Rnd2itA**. If you do not have editing software, skip down to the next section, **The Bag Front - Method B**.

1. Replace **Color #3**, the words *Round Tuit*, with the words of your choice. I put Merry Christmas in one of mine. You may also delete the text completely.
2. Copy and paste **Color #2**, the tackdown square with circle into the last position of the file.
3. Save using a new name for the file.

You will have 3 color stops if you deleted the text and 4 color stops if you replaced the text.

	Hoop midweight cutaway stabilizer. Load edited file Rnd2itA into your machine.	
1		Stitch Color #1 , the placement outline, directly on the stabilizer.
2	X	Place fabric for bag. Allow 1/4 to 1/2 inch extra fabric around all edges. Stitch tackdown.
3	X	Stitch the text. <i>If you deleted the text in your editing software, skip to Step 4A.</i>
4A	X	Remove the hoop from the machine leaving the project in the hoop. Place a pinch or two of confetti or several small decorations in the center of the circle. Place the piece of clear vinyl over the top of the ornaments. The edges need to cover the stitched lines. Make sure none of your loose objects is outside of or touching the circle stitching.
4B		Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #4 (or <i>Color #3</i> if you deleted the text), fastening the vinyl to the fabric and stabilizer, sealing the objects inside.

The Bag Front – Method B

	Hoop midweight cutaway stabilizer. Load Rnd2itA into your machine.	
1		Stitch Color #1 , the placement outline, directly on the stabilizer.
2	X	Place fabric for bag. Allow 1/4 to 1/2 inch extra fabric around all edges. Stitch tackdown.
3	X	You can add text to your ornament at this time, using any method you know how to use for your machine. This may require loading a different file at this time and then reloading Rnd2itA afterwards. You may also skip the text. Continue with Step #4A.
4A	X	Remove the hoop from the machine leaving the project in the hoop. Place a pinch or two of confetti or several small decorations in the center of the circle. Place the piece of clear vinyl over the top of the ornaments. The edges need to cover the stitched lines. Make sure none of your loose objects is outside of or touching the circle stitching.
4B	X	Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #2 again, fastening the vinyl to the fabric and stabilizer, sealing the objects inside. You will need to advance or back-up to this color stop depending on what you did in Step #3 .

Remove the project from the hoop.

Trim fairly close to the outside of the square stitching. Cut through all layers. Do not clip the stitches.

Lay aside.



Finish the ornament bag by following the instructions for the **Bag Back** on your bag's instruction sheet with the following additions:

If using a ribbon loop to hang your ornament, place it at the beginning of the very last color stop, before you place the front. Loop a 6" ribbon. Place it at the top of the bag with the loop on the inside of the circle. The cut edges are outside the circle about 1/2". Tape them in place taking care to keep the tape off the stitching.

When placing the prepared front, place it FACE DOWN over the project in the hoop, matching the square stitching lines on both pieces. If your front has a directionality, make sure you do not have it upside down or sideways. Use masking or scotch tape across the corners to hold it to the stabilizer in the hoop. You will only be stitching on the circle so it is safe to tape over the corners.

Make sure none of the decorations is within 1/2" from the circle stitching or the needle will hit them.

If your decorations are large or a little thick, you need to be sure they are not piled on top of the zipper tab. It can get really thick if they are and the foot may hit them when it returns to center at the end of the design.



Finishing

Turn the bag right side out.

Apply a grommet and ribbon or the key fob hardware to the top of the bag to complete your ornament.

I use a tool called a welding pliers to apply my hardware. It has a long flat surface that will let you pinch the hardware closed without damaging the metal. I purchased mine from Harbor Freight.

<http://www.harborfreight.com/8-inch-flat-jaw-welding-pliers-93062.htm>



