

Halloween Tree Topper



Festive trees make fun decorations for any holiday, even Halloween! And what better to top your Halloween tree than an adorable witch's hat from the Sweet Halloween design collection from Amazing Designs®? With EmbroideryWorks™ Everyday from Designer's Gallery® you can quickly adjust the density and size of this design so you end with a perfectly stitched tree topper.

Skill Level: Easy

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Supplies:

Baby Lock® Destiny II sewing and embroidery machine

EmbroideryWorks™ Everyday from Designer's Gallery®

Sweet Halloween design collection from Amazing Designs® (ADP-10J)

Baby Lock® Tear-Away Soft Stabilizer






2 Squares orange felt

Madeira® sewing and embroidery thread


General sewing and embroidery supplies

Instructions

At the Computer:

1. Open the program by clicking on the EmbroideryWorks  icon on the desktop.
2. To set up the workspace with the hoop, click on the Preference  icon on the top toolbar and select the hoops field. Select the 130mm x 180mm hoop and click OK.
3. To merge the design onto the workspace, click on the Merge Stitch File  icon on the top toolbar. Retrieve design number Hwn015.pes from the saved location.
4. To resize the design so that it fits in the hoop, click on Fit to Hoop  in the tool pane.
5. To View the density in the design, click on the Density Map  icon. The density level is the greatest in the red areas (*as shown in the following illustration*).



6. To adjust the density in the design, click on the Sweeper tool . The stitch count has been adjusted to reflect the change. The stitch count is shown on the status bar.

7. Click on File Save Stitch File and send the design to the machine for embroidery.
8. To create a copy of the design for the backside of the topper, click on Flip Horizontal.
9. Save the design with a new name and send to the machine for embroidery.

At the Embroidery Machine:

1. Hoop the stabilizer along with one of the squares of the orange felt in the 130mm x 180mm hoop.
2. Embroider the design using the Madeira thread colors.
3. Repeat these steps for the backside of the tree topper using the second design saved while using the same colors as in the first design.
4. To create the words on the tree, use any built in font from the machine or from your favorite lettering program. Stitch the words on black felt fabric.

At the Sewing Machine:

1. Set up the machine for sewing.
2. With wrong sides together and the designs lined up, stitch around the top 1/3 of the design close to the embroidery. This will form a pocket.
3. Using pinking shears trim around the outer edge of the embroidered front and back sections while using the embroidered design as the guide. Do not cut into the embroidered areas. See the following illustration as an example.

