

# in the hoop Easter Egg Holder

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CREATIVE MACHINE  
**Embroidery**



Adorn the table for Easter dinner with these little felt cuties! They're adorable just as they are, but to make them extra-special, personalize them by adding names with embroidery software or right in the embroidery machine and use them as place cards.

## MATERIALS

- + Two 4"x8" felt rectangles, any color(s)
- + 4" square of yellow felt
- + 2"x3" rectangle of white felt
- + Tear-away stabilizer
- + 5x7 or larger hoop



Select a wool or wool-blend felt rather than acrylic for a nicer look and cleaner cut edges.

## PREPARE

- Load the Easter Egg Holder design onto the machine. Thread the needle and bobbin with coordinating thread.
- Hoop a piece of tear-away stabilizer, and then place the hoop onto the machine.

## EMBROIDER

- Embroider the first step, which is the placement line, directly on the stabilizer.
- Center one 4"x8" piece of felt over the placement line, making sure the felt is covering all of the placement stitches. Tape in place.
- Embroider the second step, which is the tacking stitch, to secure the felt and create a chick-shaped placement line.
- Place the yellow felt over the chick-shaped placement line. Tape in place. Embroider the third step, which is the cutting line.
- Remove the hoop from the machine, but leave the project hooped. Trim around the cutting line, being careful not to snip the stitches.
- Replace the hoop on the machine. Embroider the fourth step to create a placement line for the white felt.
- Place the white felt over the placement line. Tape in place. Embroider step five to create a cutting line.
- Remove the hoop from the machine, but leave the project hooped. Trim around the cutting line, being careful not to snip the stitches.
- Replace the hoop on the machine. Embroider the sixth step to create the beak.
- Embroider step seven to create the eyes.
- Remove the hoop from the machine, but leave the project hooped. Turn the hoop to the back. Place the final piece of felt over the placement lines and tape in place.
- Replace the hoop on the machine. Embroider the eighth step to complete the design.
- Remove the project from the hoop and tear away the excess stabilizer.
- Trim around the project, leaving a small seam allowance. Clip a line into the stitched notches on each side of the base, being careful not to cut through the stitches.
- To finish, pull the ends of the base toward the back and slide one notch into the other to create a stand. ⓘ