

# IN-THE-HOOP POCKET MOUSE SOFTIE

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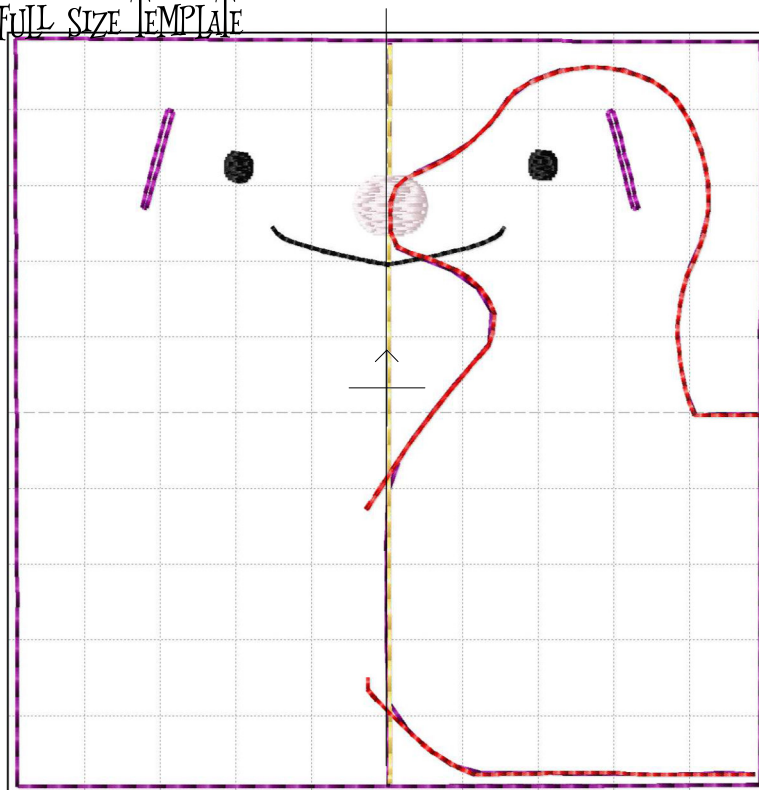
## SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- 5x5" piece of thin fur or fleece for mouse body (see tips on last page)
- 2x2" piece of felt for ears (optional - extra felt for tail)
- Tear-away stabilizer,
- 2x2" scrap of water soluble topper
- embroidery thread & bobbin
- Poly stuffing and/or poly pellets
- Fabric glue or needle and thread to finish the opening and attach the ears

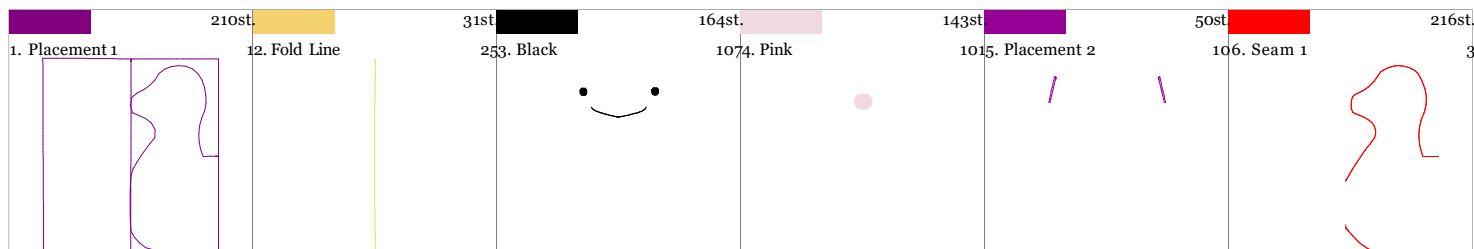
# FILE DETAILS:

File: BC\_4x4\_MouseStuffie\_042721  
 Size: 98.7 x 98.8 mm (3.89 x 3.89 ")  
 Hoop size: 100.0 x 100.0 mm (3.94 x 3.94 ")  
 Stitches: 790  
 Colors: 6/6  
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 Scale 1:1

## FULL SIZE TEMPLATE



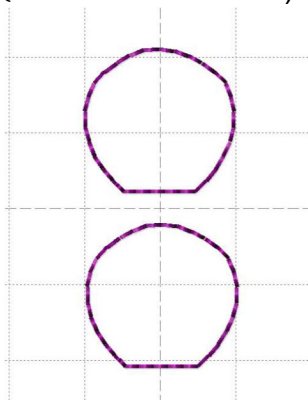
## STITCH ORDER:



(Full instructions with photos start on next page)

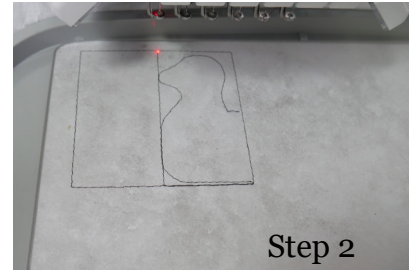
## MOUSE EARS PATTERN

(Cut 2 ears from felt)



# INSTRUCTIONS

1. Hoop tear-away stabilizer in a 4x4" or larger hoop
2. STITCH COLOR 1 to create placement lines on the stabilizer. The right side with the mouse outline will be where the seam lines will stitch later on, so you'll know how to fold later on in STEP 10.
3. Place a 5x5" square of fabric RIGHT side UP to cover the placement stitches. If fabric is furry, place fabric so the fur points down toward the mouse feet.
4. Lay a 2x2" piece of water soluble topper at the top center so the facial feature stitches won't sink into the fur or fleece.
5. STITCH COLOR 2 to create a fold line down the center of the fabric. This line will be used later in step 9
6. STITCH COLOR 3 to stitch the eyes and mouth
7. STITCH COLOR 4 to stitch the nose
8. STITCH COLOR 5 to stitch the placement lines for the ears
9. After the face is stitched, you can remove the soluble topper film.
10. (This step may be easier if you remove the hoop from your machine but keep the project in the hoop.) Gently tear away the left side of the mouse from the tear-away stabilizer by lifting the face stitches from the stabilizer. Be careful not to pull the stitches out of the fabric. Fold the mouse in half, left side going on top of the right side, using the fold line from STEP 5 as your folding guide. If you get confused on which side to fold, you want both sides of the mouse to be over the side where the placement stitches are on your stabilizer.



## INSTRUCTIONS (CONT.)

11. STITCH COLOR 6 to create a double-stitched seam around the mouse.
12. Remove hoop from machine and gently remove mouse from the stabilizer. There may be some placement stitches that need to be cut, this is normal and won't hurt your seams
13. Locate the seams you stitched in STEP 8 and cut around the outside leaving a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Be sure to allow for the tab in the mouse back so there will be enough fabric to tuck in and close the back. Also be sure to cut out the excess between the front head and chest.
14. Turn the mouse right-side-out. If the nose is hard to turn inside-out, use the barrel of a ball-point pen to push it all the way out. (Just the barrel, not the actual ballpoint that writes)
15. Stuff the head and chest with stuffing, and use poly pellets or other weighted material for the bottom to help the mouse sit properly.
16. Tuck in the back flap opening into the body cavity. Use fabric glue or hand-stitch the back opening closed by tucking in the back flap and closing the seam. If using glue, small clips will hold the glued seam closed until it dries.



## INSTRUCTIONS (CONT.)

17. Cut ears from felt using the pattern pieces in these instructions as a guide. You can vary the size and shape of the ears to change the look of your mouse. Ears between ½" to 1" work well.
18. Dip the bottom of the felt ears into fabric glue and attach to the head where the placement line from STEP 8 was stitched on both sides. You can hand-stitch the ears to the head if you prefer that rather than gluing.
19. Your mouse is finished!



## TIPS & TRICKS

- If you want your machine to stitch the ears to the head for you, try this: You can place the ears on the placement lines after STEP 8, and run COLOR 5 again to attach the ears to the head. Be careful though, jumbo ears can get caught in the seam around the nose.
- Try adding a tail - a strip of felt, a ribbon or cord, or even a crochet tail made of chain stitches.
- You can also freehand cut some felt to make feet or paws.
- In a pinch, heavy stabilizer can work for the ears if you don't have felt.
- Play with different ear sizes. Or attach the ears in different directions to get different looking mice.
- The mice in these photos were stitched using car wash cloth from the Dollar Tree (a chain store in the United States of America). You can get a similar look using different types of fleece or Minky fabrics.

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