

# CLIVE & CLEO ITH INSTRUCTIONS



For Clyde and Cleo In-The-Hoop Monsters by

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## TOOLS NEEDED:

- Embroidery machine
- Sharp fabric scissors
- Long doll needle and strong thread for closing the seam opening

## SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- 2 pieces of fabric for front and back - see below (size is same as your chosen hoop size)
- 1 piece of contrast fabric for tummy and face
- Embroidery thread to match your fabric, plus black and white for faces
- Polyester stuffing
- No-show mesh embroidery stabilizer, or similar lightweight cutaway stabilizer
- Scrap of water or heat soluble stabilizer to use under the face detail stitches

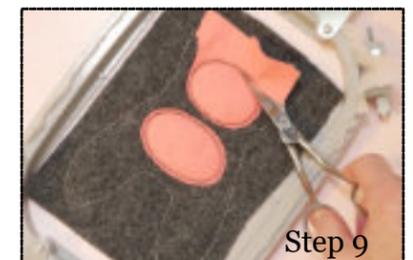
About fabric choices: This project was designed to use recycled fabrics from old clothing but you may use any fabrics. Thick fabrics like felted wool sweaters or fleece will give a different look than a thinner cotton woven fabric. Thicker fabrics may be difficult to turn right-side-out on smaller dolls. If you use something stretchy like a t-shirt, that fabric will stretch when you stuff it. This could be an interesting look, or you can use your cut-away stabilizer on the front and back to prevent this stretching and maintain the pattern shape. Try different fabrics for different looks. And consider using a water or heat soluble topper under the face details if your fabric is fluffy (like a sweater, fleece or minky)

## INSTRUCTIONS:

NOTE 1: colors 1-4 will NOT show on your finished project. You may choose any thread color you want - preferably something that's easy to see on your fabrics.

NOTE 2: The pattern was designed so you can skip the face and/or tummy applique steps if you want to.

1. STITCH COLOR 1 to create a placement outline on your stabilizer.
2. Place your front fabric, RIGHT-SIDE-UP on the stabilizer to cover the placement stitches
3. STITCH COLOR 2 to tack-down the front
4. STITCH COLOR 3 to create placement outlines for the face
5. STITCH COLOR 4 to create a placement guide for the tummy.
6. Place your contrast fabric, RIGHT-SIDE-UP, to cover the tummy and face areas
7. STITCH COLOR 5 to tack down the tummy with messy overlapping outline stitches. (If you are using different fabrics for face and tummy, trim the tummy fabric after this step)
8. STITCH COLOR 6 to tack down the face with messy overlapping outline stitches
9. Keep the project in the hoop but remove it from the machine and use applique scissors to trim away the face and tummy fabrics outside the stitched lines.
10. (Optional) place a scrap of topper like water or heat soluble stabilizer on the face if your fabrics are fluffy. This prevents the stitches from disappearing into the fabric.



11. STITCH COLOR 7 with white thread to create the whites of the eyes.

12. STITCH COLOR 8 to do face details in black or similar thread color

13. (Optional) If you want to add your own text or design on the tummy, you can do that at this point.

14. Place the back fabric, RIGHT-SIDE-DOWN, so that it covers all the tack-down stitches of the front body. You can float another layer of no-show mesh stabilizer over the back if your fabric is stretchy but this is optional.

15. STITCH COLOR 9 to create a double-stitched seam around the monster.

16. Remove the project from the hoop and cut away excess fabric and stabilizer from the seams. Leave about a 1/4" seam allowance all the way around, and leave the tab on the side intact for easier stuffing later on.

17. Clip the inner curves in the monster horn/ear areas and the area between the legs so the seams will open up without creases. These are shown by the red triangles in the photo for step 16-17. Clip all the way to the seam without cutting the stitches.

18. Turn the monster right-side-out

19. Stuff the monster with fiber fill or other stuffing material.

20. Tuck in the turning/stuffing flap by tucking it inside the monster body.

21. Hand Stitch the opening closed using a long doll needle, strong thread, and a ladder stitch. (See ladder stitch instructions)

22. Your monster is done!



Ladder stitch:

1. Thread a long needle with a double layer of strong thread that is about 12" long and tie a knot at the end.
2. Starting at the inside of the monster - push the needle and thread from the inside to the outside at one end of the seam opening.
3. Take a horizontal stitch across the seam opening and insert the needle again, it should come out about 1/4" down that same side.
4. Then do another horizontal stitch going the opposite direction across the seam opening.
5. Repeat this stitch pattern. It resembles railroad tracks. The horizontal arrows in the diagram are stitches on top of the fabric, while the vertical dashed arrows are underneath and not seen.
6. When you pull on the thread, it should pull the opposite sides together to close the gap.
7. When you have stitched the entire seam, make a knot in the thread and then push the needle back into the doll to come out a few inches away and cut the thread so it disappears back inside the doll stuffing areas. Now you're thread is secure and buried where nobody can see it.

