

Double Layer Fleece Peeker Hat for a 4x4 design

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You will need the following supplies to make this design-

1. Embroidery machine and ability to transfer design
2. Fabric for applique pieces
3. Embroidery thread
4. Tear away stabilizer
5. Stretchy fleece
6. Washable marker or pencil
7. Sticky spray

Step 1. Cut 1 piece of fleece for the outside of the hat as follows:

Infants- 20" wide X 10" long

Toddlers- 22" wide X 10" long

Kids/Adults- 24" wide X 12" long

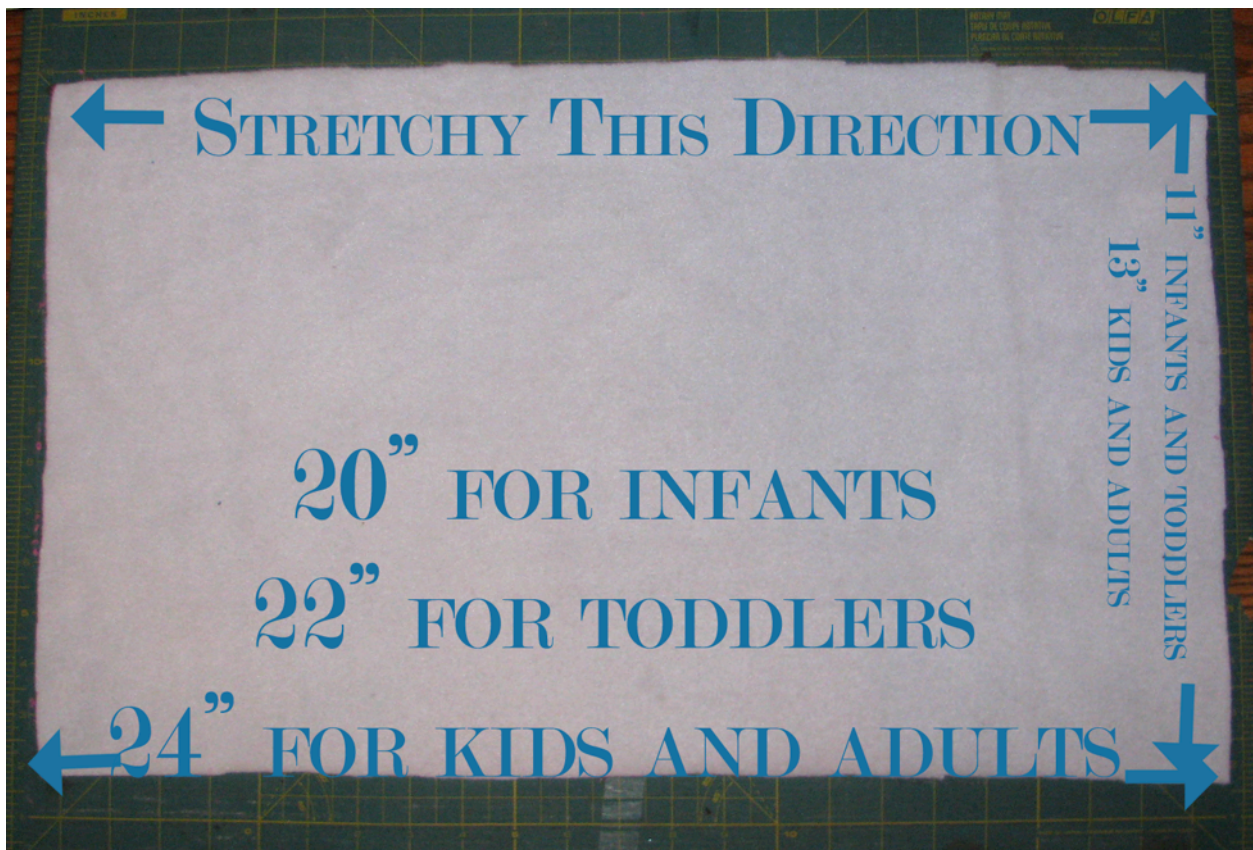


Step 2. Cut 1 piece of fleece for the lining and brim as follows:

Infants- 20" wide X 11" long

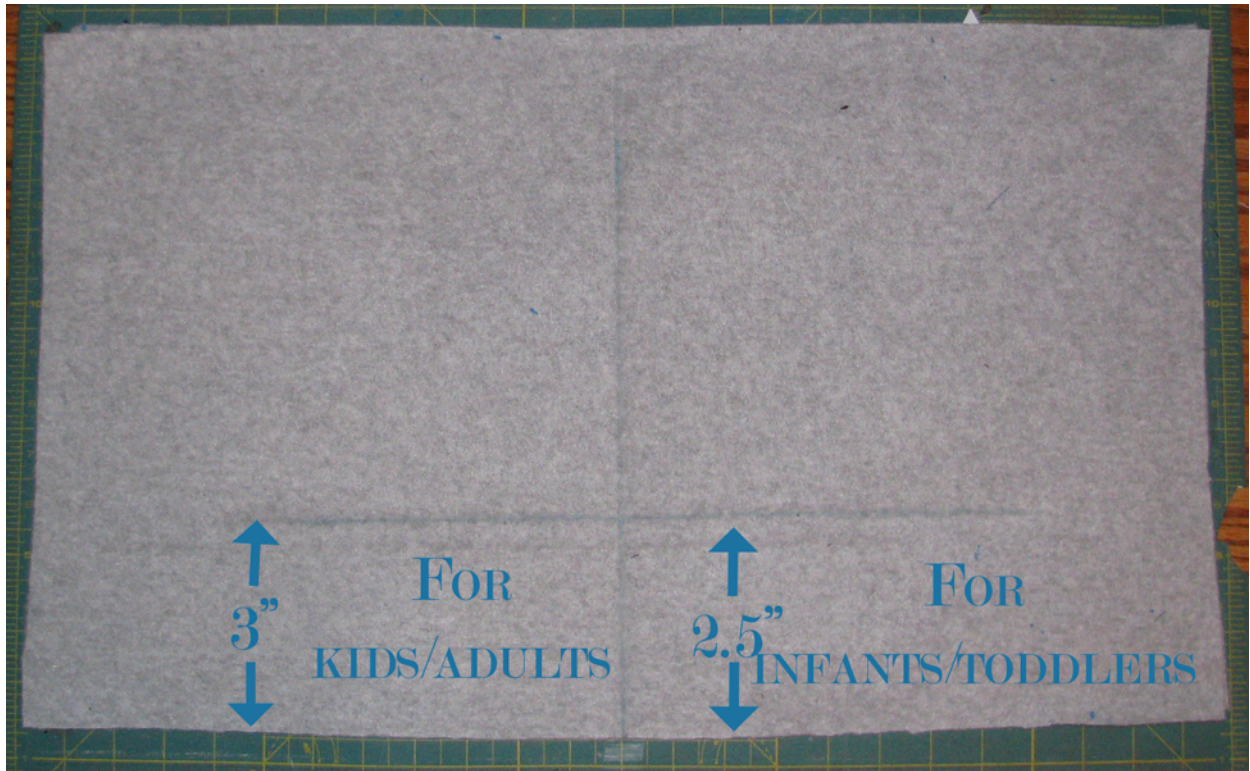
Toddlers- 22" wide X 11" long

Kids/Adults- 24" wide X 13" long



Notice your two pieces are almost the same, the only difference is the lining fleece piece is 1" longer than the outside piece. Set the lining piece of the fleece aside for now.

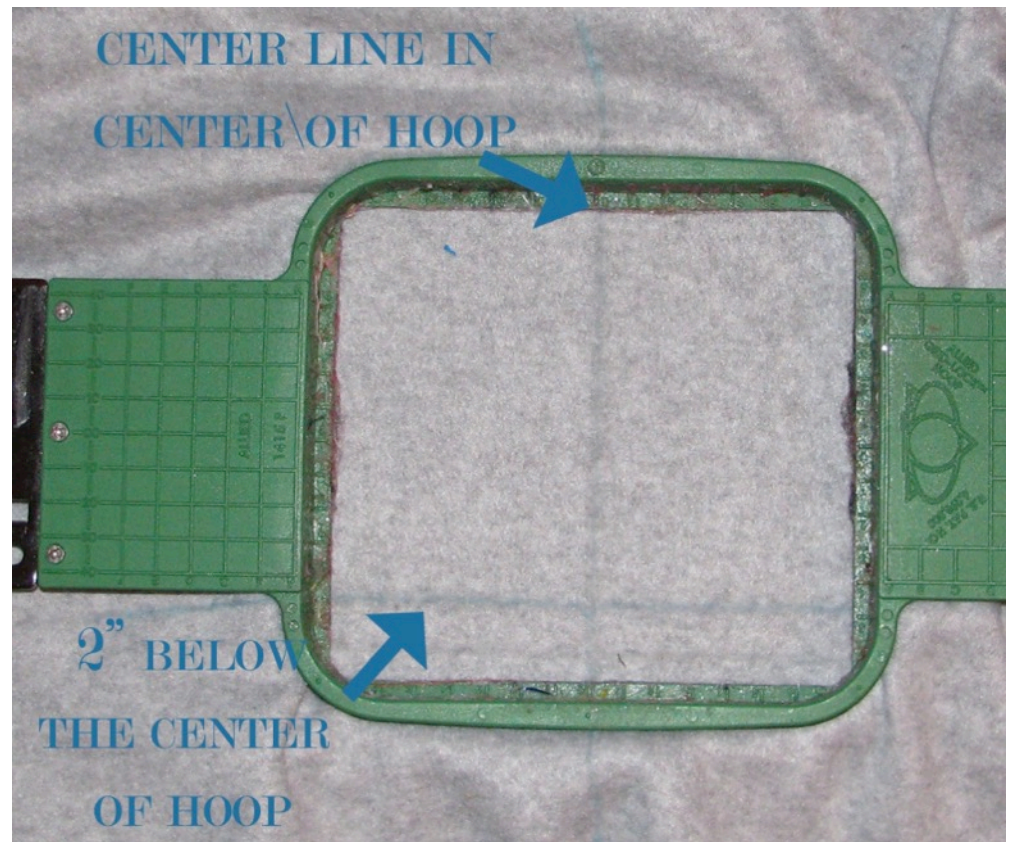
Step 3. Lay your main fleece piece flat. Using a washable marker or pencil, draw a straight line side to side that is 2.5" from the bottom for infants and toddlers or 3" from the bottom for kids and adults. Draw another line straight down the center.



Hooping has two options!

Option A- For those who like to hoop the fabric

Step 4 Option A. Sticky spray a piece of stabilizer to the back of the fleece and hoop stabilizer and fleece. The center line of your fleece needs to be in the center of your hoop. The bottom line on the fleece is where you want the bottom of your design to touch. For a 4x4 design, you want the bottom line to be about 2" lower than the center of your hoop.



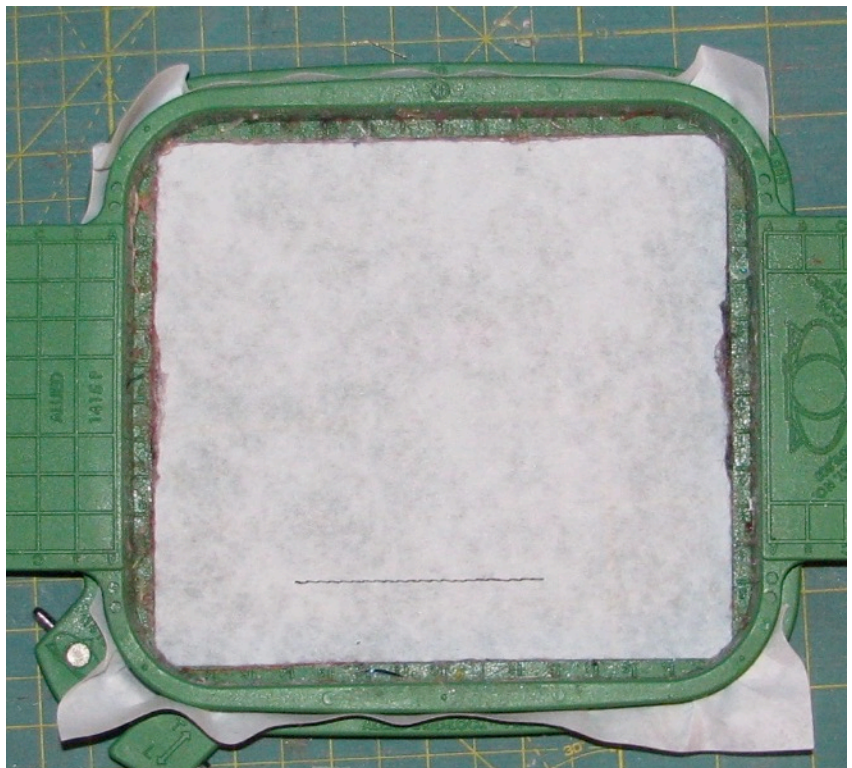
Step 4 Option A continued. You can now put your hoop on your machine stitch step 1 of the design (which is the straight stitch along the bottom part of the design) on your fleece and make sure your straight stitch goes on the drawn line.



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Option B- For those who like to pin/sticky spray the fabric

Step 4 Option B. Hoop just your stabilizer and put your hoop on your machine. Stitch out step 1 which stitches the straight line on your stabilizer.



Step 4 Option B continued. Sticky spray or pin your fabric with the bottom line drawn on your fleece directly on top of the stitched line and the middle line drawn on your fleece lined up in the center of your hoop. I find it easiest to draw my lines on the front and back side of the fleece.



Step 4 Option B continued. You may want to stitch the first step again on your fleece just to be sure you got the fleece on their straight. Mine isnt perfect, but for this design I think it will be just fine.



Step 5. Stitch out your design as you would any applique. I like to put a layer of wash away stabilizer on top of my fleece before I start the outline and tack down of the designs because it helps me not to job the scissors into the fleece, but however you are comfortable with stitching is fine of course.

Step 5. Remove fleece and stabilizer from hoop, then remove stabilier from the back. Lay the non-embroidered piece of fleece the piece you set aside earlier) with the right side of fleece facing up. Then place the right side of the embroidered fleece facing down directly on top of it (so the right sides of both pieces of fleece are against each other) with the bottom and sides of fleece lined up. The bottom piece of fleece will be 1" longer on top than the top piece of fleece.



Step 6. Sew a stretch stitch or a zigzag stitch in a line across the bottom of the two pieces of fleece to stitch them together. This is where the hat will go around a head, so you need to make sure your stitch has some give to it so the thread doesn't snap when stretched, which is why I suggest



the stretch stitch or the zigzag. Make your seam about $\frac{1}{4}$ " - $\frac{1}{2}$ " above the bottom.

Step 7. Lay the fleece out flat. The two pieces are now stitched together at the bottom. Fold in half so the sides are now touching, again, with the right sides of fleece facing together.

Fold is here



Step 8. Sew the two raw edges opposite from the design together. You can use a straight stitch again since fleece does not fray and this will not stretch in this direction.



Step 9. Turn hat right side out by pulling the fleece with the applique over the lining fleece. Line up the top edges of the two pieces of fleece. This will cause the inner fleece to overlap the outer fleece on the bottom by about $\frac{1}{2}$ ".





Step 10. Turn the bottom up about 1 ½". Now you have a nice fold on the edge of your bottom. You can stitch a few stitches on the sides if you want to be sure it stays. You can make this fold bigger or smaller as needed to make the design line up with the top of the fold.

Step 11. Cut a piece of fleece that matches the outer fleece of the hat that is about 12" long and ½" wide, in the way that the length of it is NOT the stretchy direction.





Step 12. Gather the top of the hat up in your hands.

Step 13. About 2 1/2"-3" from the top, tie the piece of fleece around the top of the hat. Make a tight knot.



Step 14. Cut the little tie pieces the same length as the top of the hat.



Then insert the scissors into the top fleece of the hat and cut straight pieces about $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide down to the tied knot. Cut all the little pieces into the tassel-like pieces and your hat is

