

Featured PROJECT

Dog Scissor Case

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Skill Level: Advanced

Beginner to Intermediate



Materials

- 10" x 10" medium weight fabric suitable for surface embroidery
- 8" hoop
- 8" x 8" felt to match head colour
- 8" x 8" paper-backed iron-on fusible
- embroidery floss - your choice of colours (a skein or less of each colour is ample).
- small beads - your choice of colours
- regular sewing kit

Instructions

Read through the instructions and gather all materials and tools before starting.

APPLYING THE DESIGN

Choose the dog you will stitch and collect the colours you will use.

Transfer the design. Trace the case back and front onto the fabric. On the daisy design, the stem and earth mounds are outlined but the daisy flowers need only a centre dot as the petals are stitched freehand. The beads are added in randomly.

Fit the dog head to the top of the front section. Add the stitch direction lines. All the dog's heads will be covered with stitches so the colour of the fabric does not matter.

All the tracing lines on the case design must be covered with stitches. Trace these lines carefully.

Mount the traced fabric in the hoop. Be sure it is straight and well stretched. Keep it tight through all the stitching.

STITCHING THE HEAD

Using four strands of head colour floss and stem stitch, outline the head. Change the colour as needed to match your dog head.

Using three strands of face colour, stem stitch around the colour patches.

Using one strand of colour cover all the stitch direction lines gradually covering the fabric. Be careful to always follow the right stitch direction by gradually changing the stitch direction where necessary. The stitch used is long and short or just straight stitches of irregular lengths.

The paws are outlined and filled in with three strands of floss.

Outline the eyes, nose and mouth with tiny stem stitches in one strand of black floss.

The pupils are tiny buttonhole wheels. I used a fine permanent marker to darken the center of the eyes.

The whiskers and neck ruff are added last along with the background colour behind the head.

SCISSOR CASE

Using four strands of floss, stem stitch and small stitches, stitch around the outer edge of the front and back of the case. With three strands of floss, carefully cover all the tracing lines of the chosen design. Add beads if wanted.

FINISHING

Remove fabric from hoop. Press lightly from the back if needed. Trim to 1/4" from the embroidered edge and clip to the stitched edge as diagrammed.

Turn the clipped edges to the back and from the front of your work, baste into place. Use the tip of your needle to push the fabric to the back so it doesn't show on the front of the embroidery.

Leave a tail of thread to pull out the basting after the case has been finished.

Press the fusible to your felt and remove the paper. (Follow the directions on the package.)

Lay the finished embroidery on the side of the felt with the fusible and trace the outline. Cut out the felt back and front. Check to see if it is a perfect fit and not too big. Trim the sides only 1/8" as in the diagram. You don't want to see any felt along the seam when the front and back are sewn together. Press to bond the felt to the embroidery.

ASSEMBLY

Pin the lined front and back together, felt sides to the center. Match the bottom and top sides. If any felt is showing clip it back.

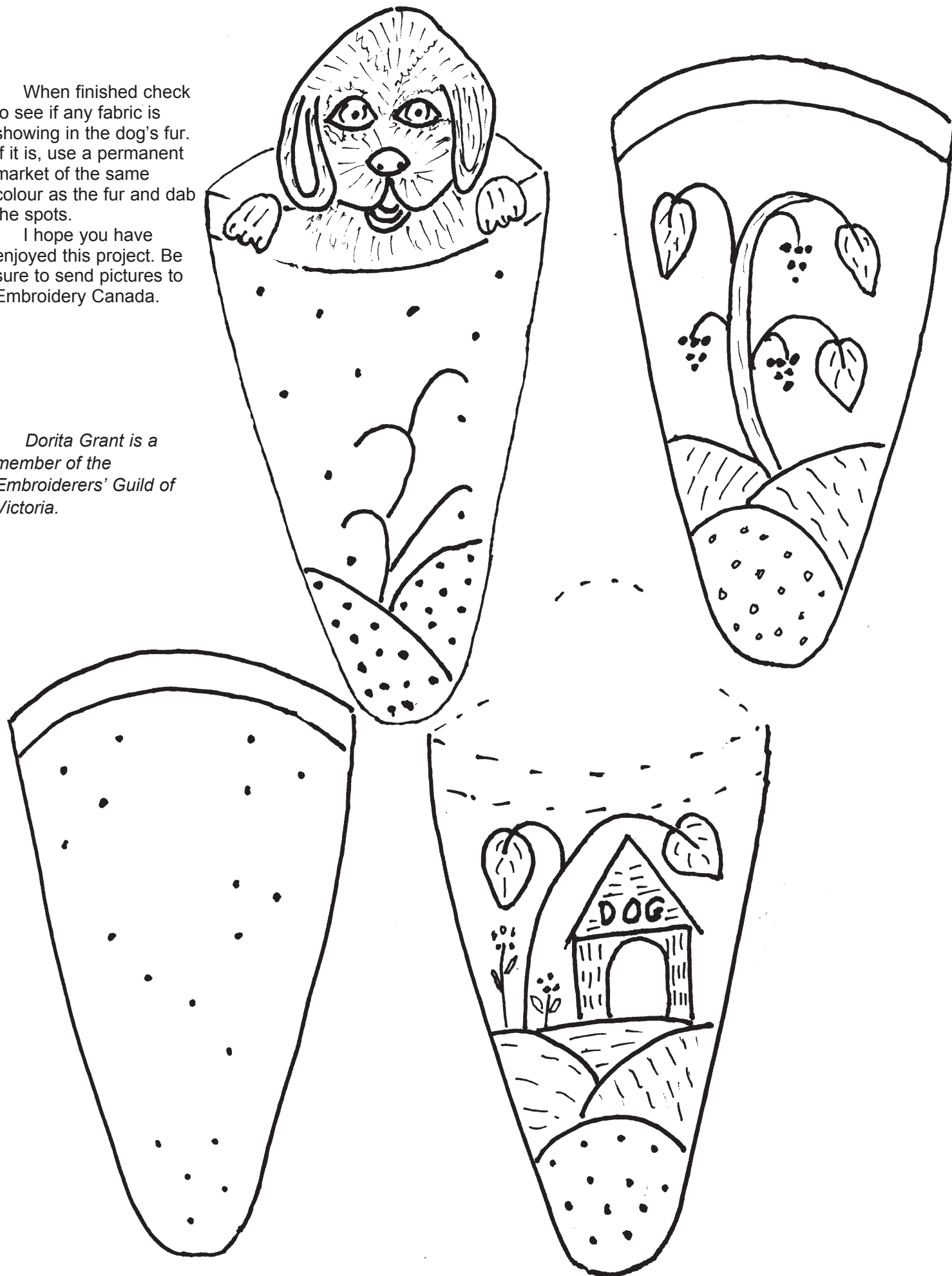
Using four strands of matching floss, catch the small stem stitches and pull enough to blend the two rows of stem stitches and hide the felt lining. You may want to cover the join a second time. I did a row of herring bone to cover.



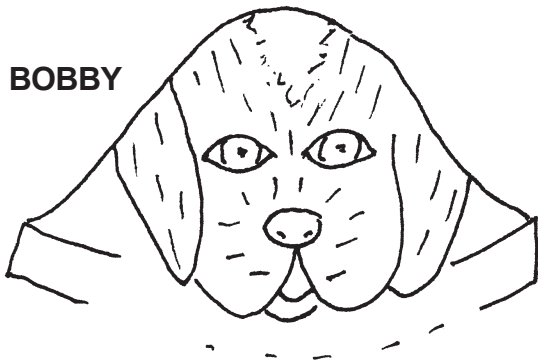
When finished check to see if any fabric is showing in the dog's fur. If it is, use a permanent marker of the same colour as the fur and dab the spots.

I hope you have enjoyed this project. Be sure to send pictures to Embroidery Canada.

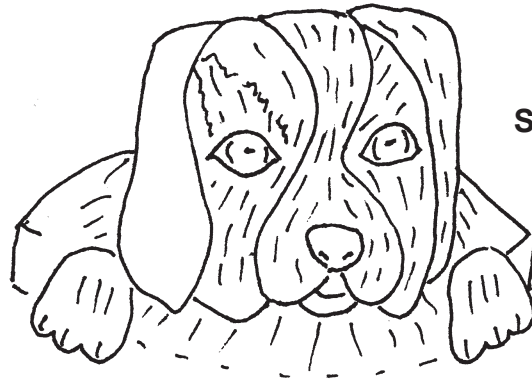
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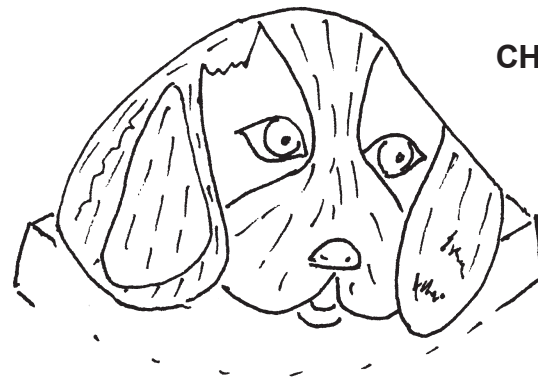
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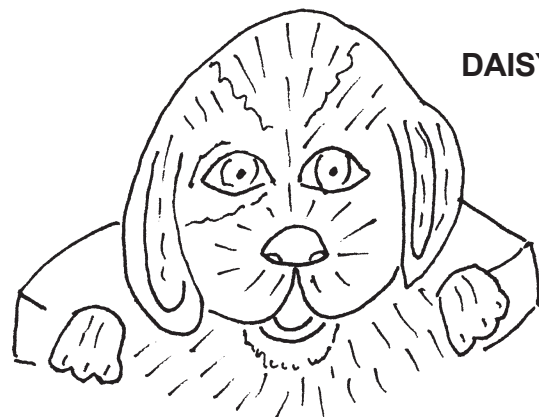
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