

How to ITH Standard Bookmark

SPECIAL NOTES:
This PDF may not show exactly the same bookmark you are making but the steps are the same 😊.

Materials:
Medium- heavy weight cut away Stabilizer
(2) pieces of vinyl
approximately 5" x 5 1/2"

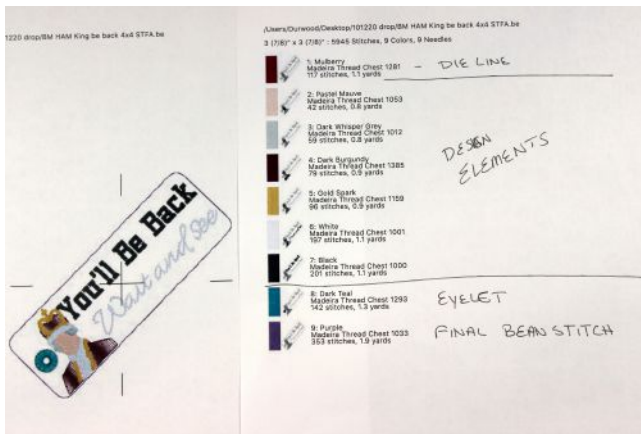
505 spray and painter's tape

Before we get start stitching, let's take a look at the Color Stop PDF that came in your zip file.



Step 1: Guess what step 1 is? If you guessed Hoop a piece of medium-heavy cutaway stabilizer you WIN!

Step 2: Run Color Stop 1 on your blank stabilizer only. This is going to give you the die line so you know where in the hoop to place your vinyl. On the 4x4 this may look a little odd because it's on a diagonal, but we want to optimize hoop usage.



The bookmark in this PDF has 9 Color stops, yours may have more or less, but that's ok. This PDF will work for any STFA bookmark.

The first color stop is the Die line that will show you where to place your vinyl. You're going to run this before placing your vinyl.

The next few colors are going to be your design elements.

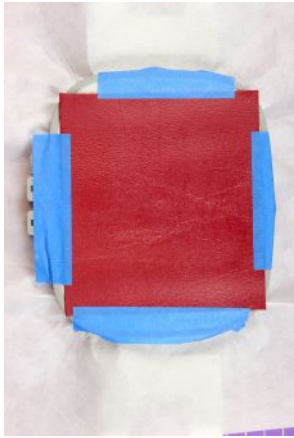
The 2nd to last color stop is your stitched eyelet. We're going to put the back piece of vinyl on before this step.

The last color stop is your final outline, this will either be a bean stitch or a satin depending on your bookmark design.

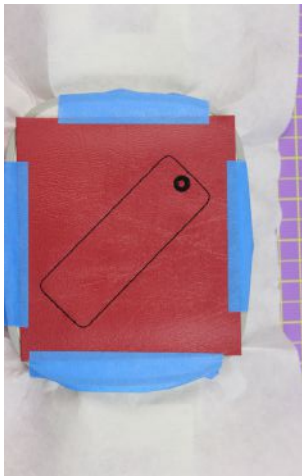


Step 3: Place your Vinyl. DON'T hoop it, FLOAT it! You can use a little 505 spray to hold it in place or a little blue painters tape works well too. Make sure your vinyl covers up your die line completely.

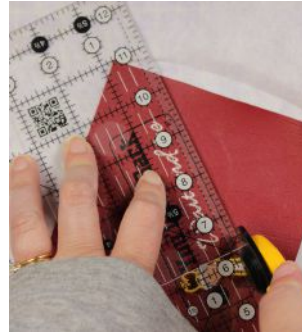
Step 4: Run all of the design element color stops, (this will be all but the last 2)



Step 5: Now take you hoop off of the machine but **DO NOT** unhoop your bookmark. Flip your hoop over and tape your back vinyl piece to the hoop. Make sure you secure this to your hoop really well, because... Gravity! **Run the 2nd to last color stop, the stitched eyelet we mentioned at the beginning.**



Step 6: Now you're going to stitch that last color stop, this is the one that stitches the final outline (it will either be a bean stitch or satin stitch) This is when you want to change your bobbin thread to match your top thread if you prefer that. Just remove the hoop from your machine and swap out your bobbin. **Run the last color stop.**



Step 7: Now it's time to get your cut on. If you have a rotary cutter and ruler you'll want to use that. Line up your ruler to trim 1/8" away from the outline of your bookmark, and trim all 4 sides of each bookmark.



Step 8: Now that your bookmark is trimmed, you want to round those corners. A nice sharp pair of scissors works best for this. Moving your vinyl, not your scissors will give you a cleaner cut.



Step 9: Now you can use an awl or leather punch to punch a hole in the eyelet.



All that's left is to add a tassel.



Step 10: Thread your tassel through the eyelet and slip knot it on your bookmark. An Awl can help push the tassel thread through the hole.



Done! Grab yourself a good book and enjoy!



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