

## How to ITH Snap Tray

### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

**This PDF may not show exactly the same tray you are making but the steps are the same 😊.**

### *Materials:*

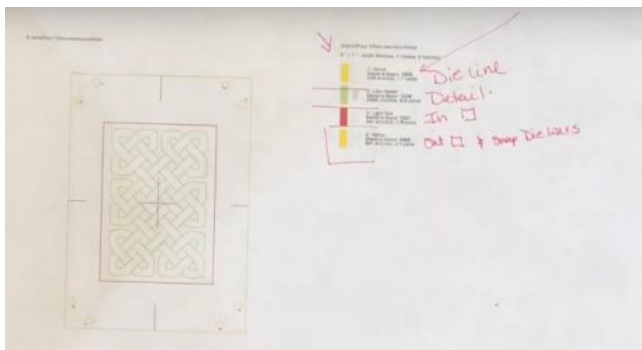
Medium- heavy weight cut away Stabilizer  
(2) vinyl pieces large enough for your tray (cut slightly larger than your die line from stop 1)  
4-6 sets of Kam snaps, ( 2 caps, 1 innie, and 1 outie)  
505 spray and painter's tape



**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.

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



The tray in this PDF has 4 Color stops, yours may have more, but that's ok. This PDF will work for any STFA tray.

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

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

The last color stop is your final outline, this will be a bean stitch and you will place your backing vinyl on BEFORE you run this stop.



**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 one)



**Step 5:** Now take you hoop off of the machine but **DO NOT** unhoop your tray. 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! You can also tape a layer of clear water soluble stabilizer over the vinyl to make sure it doesn't stick to the machine bed. I recommend this, especially with sticky vinyls like glitter vinyl.

Now you're going to stitch that last color stop, this is the one that stitches the final outline, it will be a bean 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 6:** Now it's time to get your cut on with some super sharp scissors. You want to cut close to the final stitching, but not TOO Close, usually about 1/8" away does the trick. If you are making one of the hex shape trays you can also round the corners.

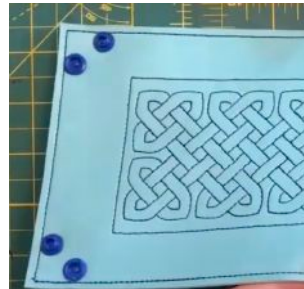
**Step 7:** Now that your tray is all cut out, you need to put a bunch of holes in snap up corners. I recommend leather punch but if you don't have one you can use an awl and stab them open, but you're going to have to stab it real good.



**Step 8:** Grab your snap parts. You need 4-6 complete sets, depending on which shape tray you are making. One complete set is 2 caps (the spikey ones), 1 innie, and 1 outie.



**Step 10:** Slide one of the spikey caps through one hole on your tab. Make sure the flat pretty part is what you'll see on the front of your tray. Place either the innie or the outie (your choice this time) on the spike, grab your snap setting pliers and give it a good hearty SQUEEZE!



**Step 11:** Place your other spikey cap in the hole next to the one you just did, grab the opposite piece you used for the last snap. IE: If it was an innie use an outie now and vice versa. You want to alternate them so you can snap your tray sides up when this is all over. use your snap pliers to smash those parts together.

**Step 12:** Snap your snaps!



**That's it, you're done. Now you can use it to roll dice in, or put them all around your house to put stuff in like rings, watches, money, pins, clips, if it fits it sits!**



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