



Instructions: ITH Tabby Cat Coffee Sleeve 6x10

1. Gather materials

- Main fabric (felt or vinyl – must be non-fraying)
- Coordinating embroidery thread colours for your tabby colouration
- Masking tape
- Jean button (or any medium sized button of your choice)
- 10-15cm of thin elastic in coordinating colour (elastic length may depend on how wide your coffee cup is)
- Optional: fabric hold puncher to help set the jean button
- Optional: Rubber mallet to set jean button

2. Set up your 6x10 hoop with stabilizer of choice (suggested tear away or water soluble)

3. Run the first outline stitch shown in **TEAL**

4. Place your main fabric right side UP over the teal outline stitch, making sure it covers it completely

5. Run the next stitch in your coordinated tabby colour shown in **ORANGE**

6. Run the next colours for the tabby cat features – **BLACK**, **WHITE**, and **PINK**

7. Note the TOP of your hoop. Remove and flip over your hoop. Fold your elastic in half, making a loop with each ends of the elastic side by side (not overlapping). Place the loop on the back of your hoop so that the raw cut edges of the elastic are facing towards the inside of your sleeve (towards the kitty face) and the folded portion. Place the elastic so that 1-2cm of the elastic is over the stitch outline of the sleeve. Tape into place, top and bottom making sure not to cover the stitch line. Return hoop to your machine.

8. Run the elastic placement stitch to hold the elastic in place shown in **TEAL**. This will also stitch out an “X” for your button placement.

9. Remove hoop and flip over. Place another piece of your main fabric right side facing UP from the back of the hoop (aka wrong sides together), completely covering the outline stitch again. Tape into place. Return hoop to your machine.

10. Run the final stitch to sew both pieces together in coordinating tabby colour shown in **ORANGE**.

11. Remove from hoop. Trim excess fabric from sleeve leaving 1-2mm around your outline stitch. Be careful NOT to cut through your elastic – trim the sleeve on each side (aka trim each piece of fabric) while holding the elastic away from your scissors so it doesn't get caught. Trim/wash away any remaining hoop stabilizer.

12. Sew on button of choice in the spot marked as “X”.



OPTIONAL: use a fabric hole puncher to punch a 1-3mm hole on the “X” to make applying a jean style button. Use rubber mallet to secure front and back jean button components together.

Why use a jean button? For anything that relies on elastic catching on a button, I prefer jean buttons because the button has a stem as part of it’s design the elastic can nicely loop around. Additionally, they are screwed in/hammered together as two pieces which makes it more secure than a sewn button for this kind of project.

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