

OCTOPUS EMBROIDERY TUTORIAL



HERE ARE ALL THE TOOLS YOU WILL NEED FOR THIS PROJECT

PATTERN
PRINTER
PAPER
FABRIC
WASHABLE FABRIC PEN
WINDOW AND SUNLIGHT
TAPE
SCISSORS
BLACK THREAD
NEEDLE
HOOP
HOT GLUE GUN (OPTIONAL)



STEP 1:

- Print out the designs on plain white paper.
- Tape the paper to a window that had a good amount of sunlight coming through. This will act as your "light box".
- Then take your piece of fabric and tape it over the paper, making sure the image is in the center.



- Next take your washable fabric marker and trace the design onto the fabric.
- Once done tracing, take down the tape and you are ready to hoop your fabric!



STEP 2:

- Unscrew the hoop screw and place the fabric on top the smaller wood hoop. Then take the hoop with the screw and place on top and secure the fabric centered and tight. Close the screw closure.



STEP 3:

- Time to prepare your thread. Cut about 12-18 inches of thread. Separate the 6 threads, put 2 of them back together. You now will fold the 2 in half so that you can take the 4 ends and use them to thread the needle. This will leave you with a loop at the end (see image).
more info here <http://www.craftsy.com/blog/2015/05/how-to-start-embroidery-without-a-knot/>



STEP 4:

- Now that you have the needle threaded, find a starting point from the back. Pull thread through leaving about 1-2in of the loop in the back.

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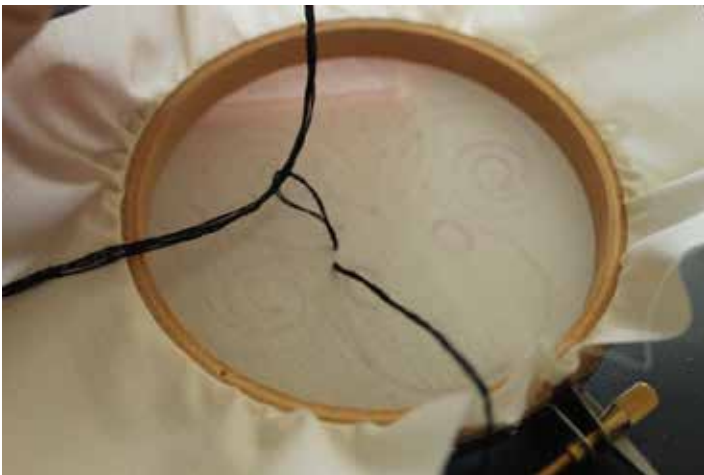
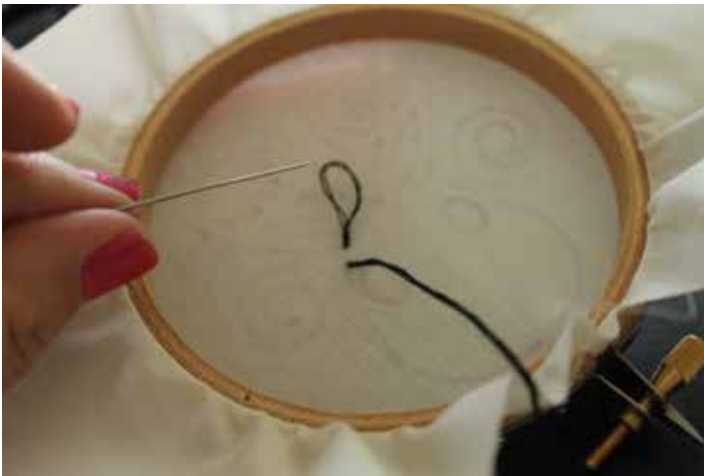


STEP 5:

- Take your needle and make your first stitch about 1/4 inch long. Once through the fabric and your needle is in the back again, run it through the loop that you left with the end of the thread. (see images and more info link)

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If my lack of writing skills gets confusing, please see more info link or google "starting embroidery" for more help :)

<http://sublimestitching.com/pages/how-to-back-stitch>

STEP 6:

- For our embroidery stitch we will be using the "Backstitch".
- Bring the needle up from the back through the fabric about another 1/4inch from the previous stitch, following the octopus outline.
- Next, bring the needle back down and through the same hole that the first stitch ended at. Confusing? Check out the pictures for better understanding.



- You will continue stitching the backstitch around the entire design.



STEP 7:

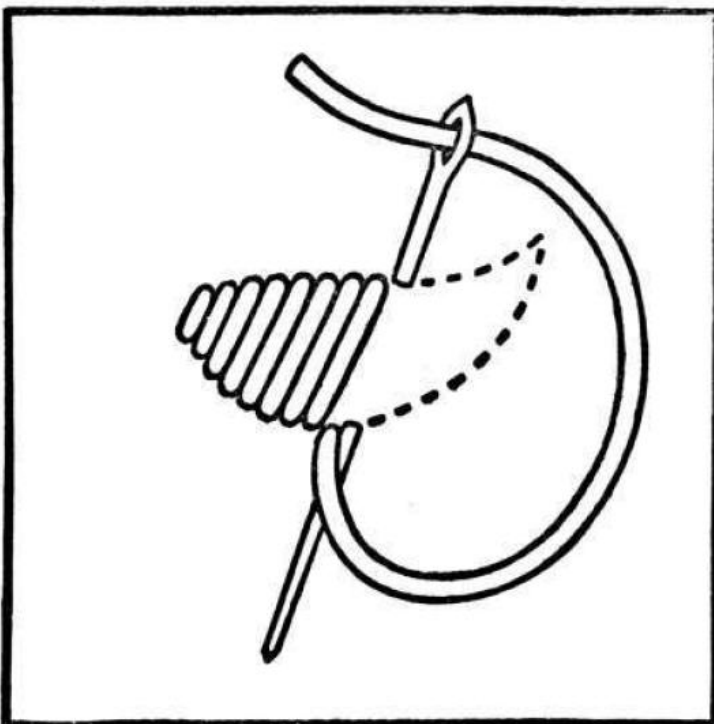
- If you run out of thread or when you end a particular stage in your project, you can end it with a small knot or by running it through previous stitches in the back (see image). Start again with more thread like you began the project.



STEP 8:

- Once you have finished stitching the outline of the octopus, you can either outline the eyes or you can fill them in and then outline them. Filling them in, we use a "Satin Stitch".

- You start the satin stitch by coming up through one side of the eye and going back down on the other. You continue that until the eye is filled in.



- After you fill in the eyes, do a backstitch around each one.

STEP 9:

- Now that your stitching is complete, there are several ways you can close up the back. For this project, we will use hot glue (not included) or other strong glue.
- Turn your project face down. Round off the excess fabric by cutting a circle. This can be a rough circle, we will be gluing it down. Leave about 1 inch of fabric.



STEP 9.5 OPTIONAL:

- If you find the marker template is showing too much once your sewing is completed you can rinse it out.
- Remove the fabric from the hoop.
- Run it under some cool, clean water until you no longer see the ink. Take a clean dry towel and lay the piece on the towel. Roll the piece up in the towel and let it dry over night. Having the towel helps the pen ink to not run to another part of the piece.

STEP 10:

- Take your preheated hot glue gun or whatever glue you chose and dab a spot of glue on the inside of the hoop. Press down the fabric to the glue to secure.



- Continue this step around the whole hoop till all the fabric is secured to the inside of the hoop like pictured.

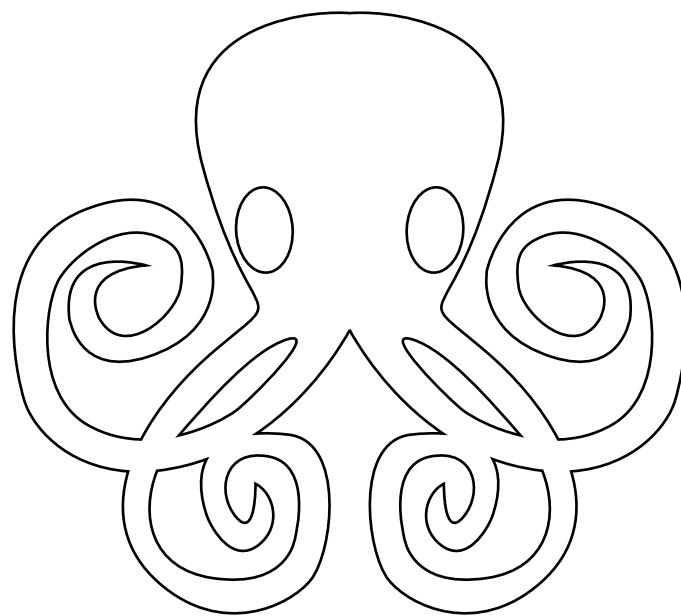


NOW YOUR PROJECT IS COMPLETE!
HANG USING A SKINNY NAIL

ALTERNATIVE TO HOT GLUE:

no glue? you can also sew up the back!
check this awesome tutorial:

hell2breakfast.wordpress.com/2012/01/15/325/



for use in 4 inch hoop (pictured), print this page to size and keep the octopus around 3.5 inches wide