

4x4 Mini Frames

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Picture openings range from 1 3/4" x 2" up to 2" x 2 1/4" (Square openings are 2" square)

Supplies needed:

Aqua Magic or Vilene (wash away stabilizer)

Pellon "Craft Fuse"

Cotton fabric & Embroidery thread

Note: Pellon Craft Fuse is used to stiffen fabric. Place shiny, adhesive side against the wrong side of the fabric and with a hot, dry iron and slight pressure iron the Craft Fuse to the fabric. Craft Fuse adds body and strength to fabrics used for eyeglass cases, tote bags, hat brims, soft luggage, etc. Cut edges will not ravel.

Preparation:

Cut 1 piece of fabric & 1 piece of Pellon Craft Fuse 4 1/2" x 9". Iron the Craft fuse onto the wrong side of the fabric per manufacturer's instructions. Cut the strip in half so that you have 2 pieces 4 1/2" x 4 1/2". On one piece fold down one edge 1/2" and top stitch on your sewing machine. This piece will go on the back side of the frame to form a pocket.



1. Hoop 1 piece of Aqua Magic (or Vilene) and sew the first outline on the stabilizer only. (No fabric yet!)



2. Place one piece of fabric over the outline just sewn. Make sure the fabric covers the outline completely



3. Sew the second outline. This will secure the fabric to the Aqua Magic. The outline for the picture opening will be sewn in this step as well.



4. Remove hoop & trim fabric from inside picture opening. Do not to cut into Aqua Magic, it is needed to support the final satin stitch outline. Place hoop back on machine.



5. The zig zag underlay & satin outline of picture opening stitches next. Stitch rest of design following the instructions in the text file provided until you are instructed to stitch the outer outline again.



6. Take your other piece of 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" fabric and fold down 1/2" and top stitch on your sewing machine.



7. Remove hoop, clip all jump stitches. Turn hoop over to backside & tape the fabric centered over the outline but with top stitched edge 1/2" down from top of frame design.



8. Place hoop back on machine. Sew the final single outline which secures the fabric on the back. This will form a pocket for sliding the picture into the frame.



9. Remove hoop, trim the excess fabric on both the front & the back of the hoop. Do not cut into the Aqua Magic.



10. Place hoop back on machine and sew the final satin stitch outline around the mini frame.



11. Remove hoop & trim the Aqua Magic from inside the picture opening. Turn hoop over & trim the frame from the Aqua Magic. Do not cut too close to the satin stitching & end up nicking the threads!



12. Run a warm wet rag along the edge of picture opening and outer edges to dissolve the remaining stabilizer. Let the frame dry completely before inserting your pictures.

13. Glue two strips of 1/2" wide magnetic tape (use rubber cement) to the top & bottom edge of the frame. Place your favorite billfold size photo inside the pocket to display on your refrigerator or file cabinet at work!