

# Novelty “ID Tags” (for Goblets, Napkin Rings, etc.)

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Be the hit of YOUR PARTY (or give a fabulously *unusual* gift to a friend) with novelty fabric “ID Tags.” These are tiny pieces of fabric designs that are embroidered with a decorative pattern and/or a name. When your guests arrive and are served a beverage in a goblet, you can cleverly hinge their own personal ID Tags onto the stems of their glasses. Wherever they leave their glasses, they can easily identify them again. ALSO, these same tags may be used as clever napkin rings—either as nametags or as decorations for a theme-based meal. They are EASY and QUICK to make—most take only 8-12 minutes from start to finish! IF YOU CHOOSE TO DO SO, there can be only ONE HOOPING for the ENTIRE SET (*explained below*). You can create many NEW designs if you wish!

**For Your FIRST Design: Step A:** Hoop ONE 8"x10" piece of **STABIL-STICK TEAR AWAY** (paper side UP) in your medium hoop. Stitch the one-step design entitled “IDTagTemplate.ART” WITHOUT ANY THREAD. *You will receive the message that there is no thread, but just click out of it.* This will make an outline of tiny needle-perforations in your stabilizer. Remove the hoop from the machine (but leave the stabilizer hooped), and score an “X” on the INSIDE of the shape with a straight pin AND score the complete design outline ON the line of needle perforations. Loosen ONLY the PAPER portion of the stabilizer—beginning at the scored “X,” then gently tearing out ONLY THE PAPER PART of that INSIDE shape.

**Step B:** Loosely place a 5"x 6" piece of UNHOOPED heavy non-adhesive stabilizer atop the now-exposed adhesive section of the hooped Stabil Stick. Atop that layer, loosely place a 5"x 6" piece of UNHOOPED lightly-sprayed-on-the-back-side main/decorative fabric. Put the hoop back into the embroidery module. Download and stitch **STEP ONE** of your chosen “IDTag...” design.

**Step C:** Remove the hoop from the machine (but DON'T UNHOOP ANYTHING). **Very closely trim the outside edges of the TOP two layers** (*only the decorative fabric and the heavy stabilizer*). *Do this on a FLAT surface—not on your lap.* The OUTER edges will be EASY to trim closely, but it will be trickier to trim down the long neck into the inner circle. HOWEVER, with the sharp curved scissors, this task can be easy. Be very, very careful NOT to cut into the Stabil-Stick stabilizer (BOTTOM layer) at any time. (If so, just patch it with a separate scrap.)

**Step D:** Place the hoop back into the machine and stitch STEP TWO of the design. When that is finished, remove the hoop. DON'T UNHOOP ANYTHING.

**Step E:** Carefully **tear away** the completed ID Tag, LEAVING THE STABIL-STICK inside the hoop. *Note: By SAVING this hooped stabilizer “template,” you can use FAR LESS stabilizer for your future ID Tags. This allows you to stitch ANY NUMBER of the ID Tags without ever re-hooping any fabric/stabilizer AND without ever having to remove the fabric/stabilizer from the hoop. You may trim away the sticky section around the design's inner edge.*

**Step F:** Do any minor touch-ups (if needed) to the embroidered design, such as trimming away any fabric “whiskers” that remain and/or touching up anything with a matching-color Sharpie permanent marker (**fine** point).

**For All Subsequent Designs:** For every remaining design you want to embroider, cut one 5"x 6" (approximate) piece of **each** of the following: (1) **STABIL-STICK TEAR AWAY**, (2) heavy non-adhesive stabilizer, and (3) top/decorative fabric. For each design, remove (and discard) the paper backing of the cut piece of STABIL-STICK TEAR AWAY, and position the sticky side to the REVERSE/BACK SIDE of the hooped template remaining from your first design. Flip over the hoop so you are now looking at the FRONT/TOP. Now do Steps B, C, and D above. Gently lift out your design (from the back), leaving the hooped stabilizer template. Now do Step F.

**PROVIDED DESIGNS:** There are TEN complimentary patterned designs and FIFTY designs with NAMES. All names have the same base background and the positioned name. The female names have the Anniversary font that is .8 in height; the males have the Lisa font and are .7 in height. The names provided are: Aaron, Amy, Ann, Barbara, Becky, Bert, Beth, Betty, Bill, Bob, Brenda, Carol, Charlotte, Diana, Donna, Edna, Flora, Fred, Glen, Greg, Harold, Henry, Jane, Jason, Jeff, Jim, Joe, John, Judy, Ken, Kim, Linda, Mary, Michelle, Myra, Nancy, Pat, Ramona, Ross, Roy, Samantha, Sandy, Scott, Serena, Sharon, Sherry, Steve, Sue, Teresa, and Wayne. The **patterned** designs are named “IDTagPattern1” (and subsequent numbers). **IDTagPattern1.ART** is the BASE that is used in those with names—but the name has been omitted. This design has a manually-digitized fill stitch. To prepare designs with NEW names, simply add a step and type in the name. The specifications for the remaining decorative designs are: **IDTagPattern2:** Fill stitch—Blackwork B0008a; Size X=.55; Size Y=.55; Rotation angle=0; Column spacing=.55; Row spacing=.55, Rotation Angle=0. **Pattern 3:** Lacework L00021, .2, .2, 45, .2, .2, 0. **Pattern 4** (Hearts): Heirloom 2706, .33, .35, 0, .33, .35, 0. **Pattern 5** (Baby Buggies): Children 901, .9, .33, 0, .8, .4, .5. **Pattern 6** (Leaves): Nature 124, .9, .4, 0, .9, .4, .4. **Pattern 7** (Music): NP005a-1023a, .39, 1.01, .5, 1.01, .3. **Pattern 8** (Stars): Misc-Star, .39, .37, 0, .39, .37, 0 (Caution—There is a jump stitch to trim for EVERY STAR in this fill stitch.) **Pattern 9** (Animal tracks): M065a—default settings. **Pattern 10** (Solid Christmas Trees): Fancy-180XmasTree(48)—default settings. This one takes 20+ minutes and is DENSE! Feel free to create a trillion or so additional “ID Tags”! Have fun!!