

Van Go Designs' Snap Tag Tutorial

*If you choose white as your vinyl, you may want to use a topper.

*I always use cutaway stabilizer.

To Begin: hoop cut away stabilizer in your 5x7 hoop.



Stitch step 1: the placement stitch. This is the stitch that shows you were to place your vinyl.

Whatever color I know I am going to need for stitch step two, I use for stitch step 1. The placement stitch is covered, so this saves me one thread change. Yay!



Next: Place your vinyl over the placement stitches. Be sure that the vinyl covers at least half an inch outside the stitch line. Tape your vinyl down. Being sure to keep the tape out of the stitch area.

This is a scrap piece of vinyl that I had saved.

I save scraps for snap tags, appliqué etc...

You can check placement by peeking under the vinyl.

Save and use those scraps!



Stitch step 2: the stem of the dandelion.



Stitch step 3: the words.



Pro Tip: Cutting jumps and tails can be easier if you do it as you go along. It eliminates having to dig jumps and tails out from under other stitch steps especially with fonts. But, you can wait if you want. Sometimes I snip just enough off so other stitch steps don't stitch over top of the jumps and tails. Then, I trim properly at the end.

Stitch step 4: the white of the dandelion.



Snip tails and jumps as needed.

Stitch step 5: the center of the dandelion



At this point, you are done with the main design. The last step is attaching the back of the snap tag.

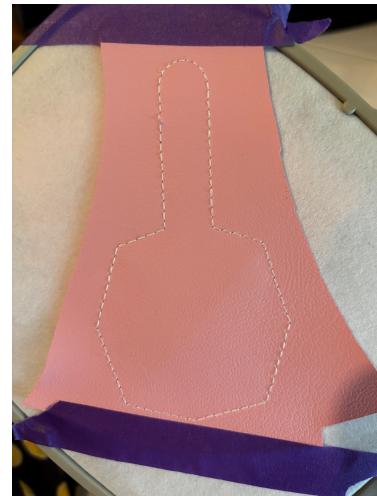
Carefully slide/unhook the HOOP off the arm of the machine.

(Do not take the design out of the hoop! Just the hoop off the machine!)

Turn the hoop over to the backside. Tape a piece of vinyl over the stitches. Again, your vinyl should cover the stitching by half an inch on all sides. Peek around all edges to be sure it's being covered by at least half an inch.



Stitch step 6: this is the final stitch. It's the outline that attaches the backside of the snap tag to the front.



If the last stitch step happens to catch the tape, you will be able to remove it. No worries. It's a thin stitch. Getting tape caught in the front of a design is much more difficult to remove because of more dense stitches.

You're just about finished!

Remove the hoop from the machine.

It is now time to remove the design from the hoop.

Before I cut my design out, I cut off the extra stabilizer. It's easier to handle and move the design while cutting without extra bulk.



Cut out the design, attach your hardware, and enjoy!



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