

Animals on the Edge



Colorful "on the edge" designs are the perfect choice for embroidering on bath towels. The cute little critters have a flat bottom, and when they're placed just right along the edge of towels, it looks like the designs are peeking out!

The steps below show how to align these designs with the towel edge for maximum "peeking" effect.

Project Needs & Notes:

- Bath or hand towel
- Medium weight (2.5 ounce) cutaway stabilizer
- Water-soluble stabilizer for topping
- Temporary spray adhesive (like Gunold KK100)
- Air-erase pen

For this tutorial I used the small size of the [Peeking Cat](#) design. More "on the edge designs" are [here](#).



Begin by pressing the towel with an iron to eliminate wrinkles and folds. This keeps the towel flat and even while embroidering.



The design will be placed at the bottom of the towel, so don't hoop the entire towel. Instead, hoop just half of the towel. Here's how it's done:

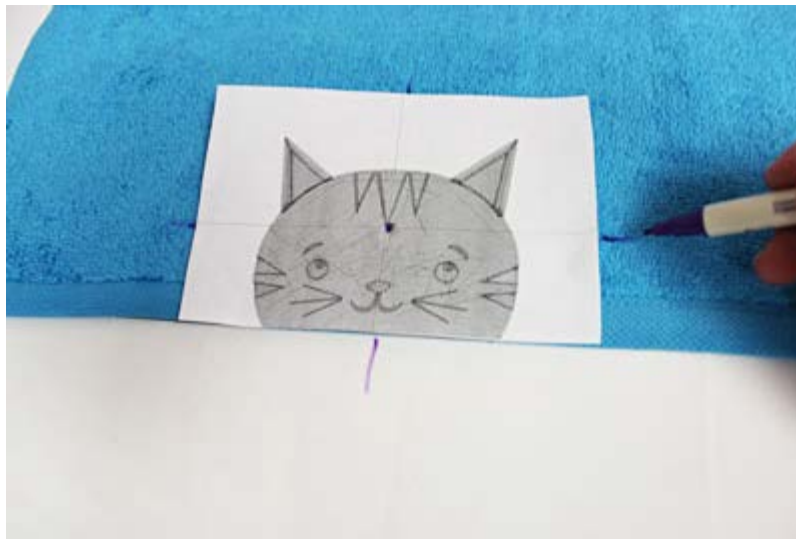
Cut a piece of medium-weight cutaway stabilizer a little larger than your hoop. Spray the top half of the stabilizer with temporary adhesive, (like Gunold KK100).

Place the towel on the stabilizer halfway down, so that half the stabilizer extends out from the bottom of the towel.



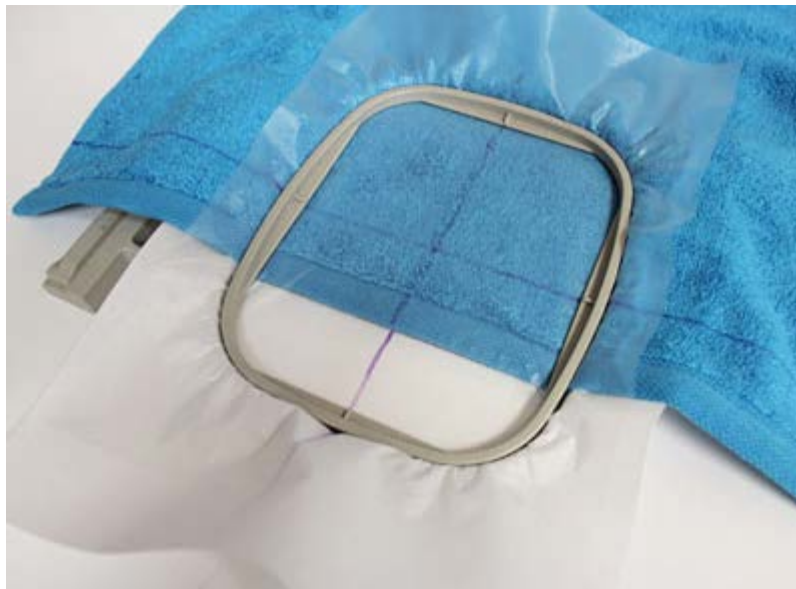
A template is a printout of the design, and it's a great tool for positioning and placement.

Print a template with embroidery software. If you do not have an embroidery software program, Wilcom's TrueSizer is a free program that can print templates. Trim the template; leave an inch around the top and sides, but cut the bottom right along the edge.



Place the template on the bottom of the towel, and extend it a tiny bit (about 1/16 of an inch) over the edge of the towel.

Use an air-erase pen to mark the center point, and the axis lines.



After the placement marks are made, hoop the cutaway stabilizer, towel, and water-soluble topping together. Use the marks on the towel to align with the marks on the hoop.

You can see that all of the stabilizer and three sides of the towel are hooped.



Attach the hoop to the machine, and load the design. Move the hoop so that the needle is right over the center point, then embroider the design.



After the embroidery has finished, remove the water-soluble topping by tearing it away. Any small bits that remain can be removed with a damp sponge.

Trim the stabilizer away from the back. Leave about 1/2 inch of stabilizer around the entire design.



The "on the edge" designs are adorable additions to bath towel sets. The above example uses the [stitch-filled versions](#).

[Applique versions](#) are available too, and [project instructions are here](#).

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