

Crabby T-Shirt Project
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Supplies:

Plain White T-Shirt

1-1/2" Tiny Beach Mini Designs and 3/4" Teeny Beach Mini Designs from
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Red and black embroidery thread

Lightweight cutaway stabilizer such as Madeira polymesh



To find the center front, fold the neck opening, matching the shoulder seams. Place a pin along the fold to mark the center front of the neckline.

Lay the shirt flat. Measure 1-1/2" down from the stitching of the neckband. This is where the center of the middle crab design will be. Use a little sticker and

mark it with a cross to indicate the vertical and horizontal orientation of the design.



Measure 2-1/2" to the left of the sticker (measuring from the center of the cross). And 1-1/2" down from the stitching of the neckband. Place another sticker with a cross to mark this point. Place one more sticker 2-1/2" to the right of the first sticker. The crosses on the left and right stickers



should be oriented to follow the curve of the neckline.

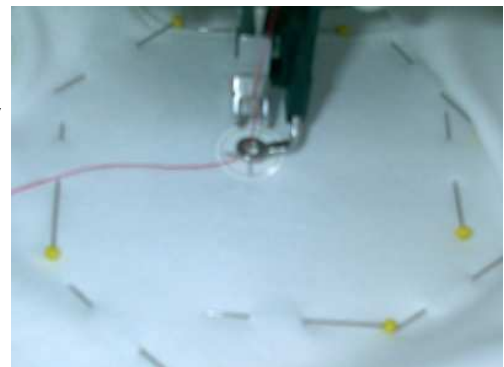
Hoop a layer of lightweight cut-away stabilizer. Madeira polymesh is soft and light,

but a bit slippery, so strip of textured shelf liner have been hooped at the edges to improve the grip on the stabilizer.



Turn the shirt inside-out. Pin the shirt to the stabilizer, placing pins all around one of the stickers. Eight straight pins should suffice, taking care that they are outside where the design will embroider. Be sure the cross on the sticker aligns with the vertical and horizontal markings on the hoop, although it is not necessary to center the design within the hoop.

Use the positioning feature on your embroidery machine to center the design over the cross on the sticker. Carefully remove the sticker, then embroider the 1-1/2" Tiny Crab design. Embroider the left and right crabs in the same fashion, being sure to orient the cross to the markings on the hoop.



Next you will mark for placement on the sleeve. Place the center of one sticker on the outside center, 1 inch above the top of the sleeve hem. Place another sticker 1-1/2" to the left and to the right of the center sticker. With the sleeve inside out, pin it to the hooped stabilizer as with the other designs.

You should be able to pin for all three designs at once. Stitch a 3/4" Teeny Crab design, centered over the cross on each sticker. Repeat for the other sleeve.

Trim the stabilizer closely around each crab design. You may also wish to add

lettering to the front of the shirt, such as “Feeling Crabby”, or embroider lettering on one sleeve in place of the crabs.



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