



This is a fun and easy project that shows your patriotism and individuality.

I personally love working with freestanding designs and with using the Freestanding or Quilted fill in StitchArtist Level 1, you could design and make this too. For those that don't have StitchArtist you can at least have fun sewing it out.

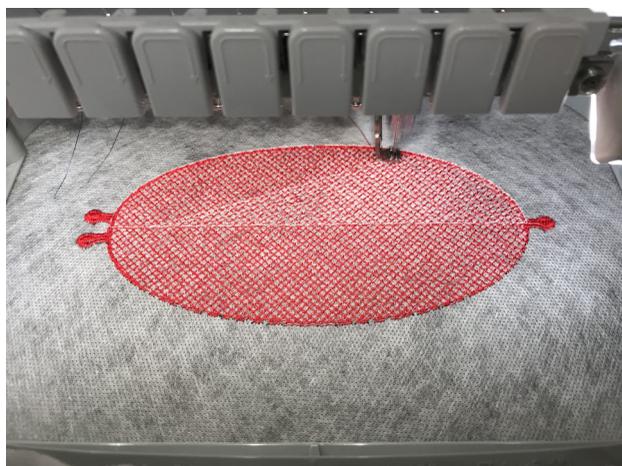
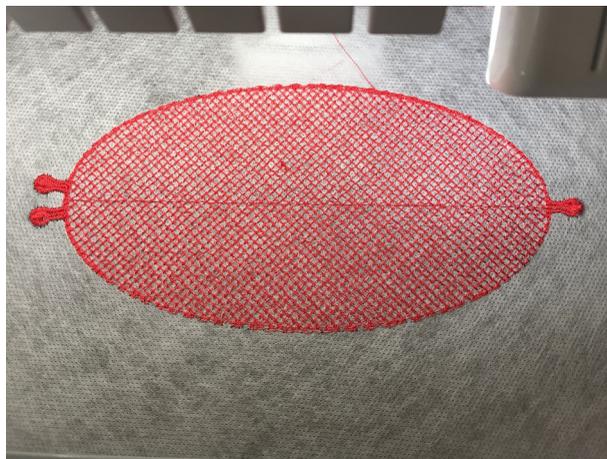
Supplies Needed:

- 1 layer of wash-away stabilizer
- 5 X 7 Embroidery Hoop
- 5 colors of your favorite thread brand
 - A. Color 1 Red
 - B. Color 2 White
 - C. Color 3 Blue
 - D. Color 4 Gold
 - F. Color 5 Light Blue



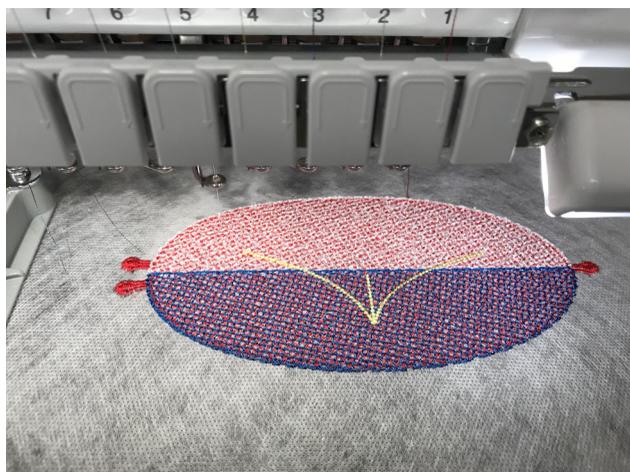
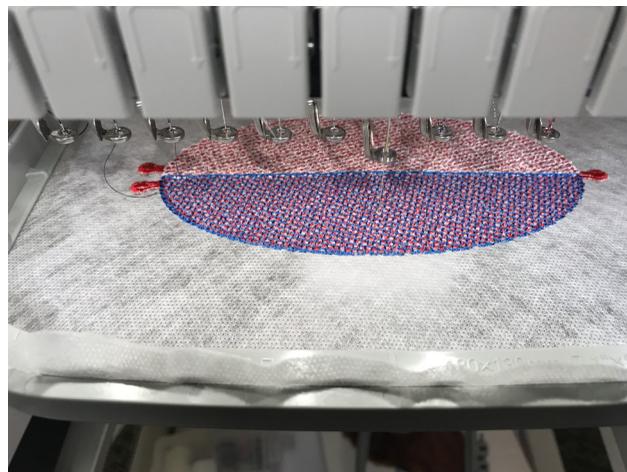
So the first thing you will want to do is hoop your wash-away stabilizer.

The first color to be sewn out is the red. It starts out with the Freestanding fill and then the catches. I wanted the red to be the background color because I thought the red would show through the best.

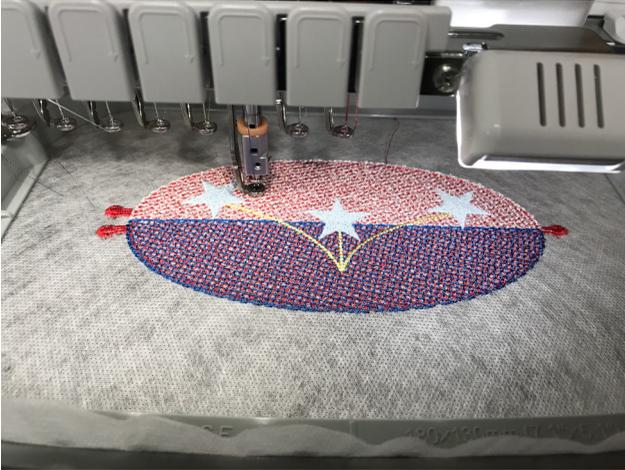


The next color is the white. It will sew right on top of the red at a slightly different angle than the red. This was done purposefully so that the red would show easier through the white.

Next comes the Blue. Again sewn out at a slightly difference angle to give a slight hint of the red thread.



Now for the gold(ish) color. Now I could have made this as a straight stitch or a bean stitch, but I though, "how boring" so I decided to make this a Stem stitch. It's a little like a backstitch but with this I had the choice of width, length and rotation. I left it at the default.



The next color is the light blue. Using the Star in the new shapes in the tool bar of StitchArtist Level 1. Now, if you are feeling brave you could do the stars with a metallic thread.

Back to the Blue... Using the built-in Block font with the new branching and closest connection point made these beautiful letters and made it to where you can hardly see the jump stitch. After the letters it will do the Satin Border along the top.



Now for the last part of the sew out and back to the white. Again using the built-in Block font and the text in a circle I was able to get the arc just where I wanted it. After the letters are sewn out, the bottom Satin Border will sew out.



Congrats!! You have finished the sewing.

Now, this is the way I finished it. First I un-hooped the stabilizer and cut away as much of the stabilizer as I felt comfortable with.

Once I had cut away the excess stabilizer I ran the design under cold water. Please do not pick at the pieces around the edges. Believe it or not, the water will do it for you.

Once the stabilizer is gone you can blot dry it. Please do not rub, there is not a lot that you will do to it if you do, but it may distort the shape.

I hope you like the design and have fun sewing it out.

Thanks, Jim

