

Whimsical Fleece Hats



Add your own pizzazz to these two hats inspired by the “Polar Fleece Pizazz” and “More Polar Fleece Pizazz” books. Your kids will love the unique style and personal touches added to these hats and you will love their functionality. These are two hats you will have as much fun making as your kids will have wearing them! Both hats were easy to make from start to finish on the Imaginé serger. How could you go wrong!

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Skill Level: Beginner

Supplies:

Baby Lock Imaginé Serger

Baby Lock Esanté ESe2

Polar Fleece Pizazz and More Polar Fleece Pizazz by RuthAnn Spiegelhoff

Fabric for hats:

Shark Hat - main color fleece 1/4 yard, contrast color fleece 1/4 yard

Flower Hat - main color fleece 1/4 yard, scraps of fleece in contrasting colors for flowers and ties

3 cones YLI™ Pearl Crown Rayon thread, 2 matching spools for shark fins, 1 contrast spool for main color fleece

1 spool YLI™ Clear Wonder invisible thread

All-purpose sewing thread

5" Velcro™, sew on type

2 small pinches of polyester fiberfill

2 large wiggle eyes

Fabric glue

Seam sealant

1 medium sized rubber band

Instructions:

Shark Hat

Serger Set-Up:

Seaming-2-Thread Flatlock Narrow, clear thread in right needle, contrast spool Pearl Crown Rayon in lower looper. Set stitch selector on B, stitch length 3, stitch width 3.5. Edge finish-3-Thread Narrow Serging, clear thread in right needle, matching spools Pearl Crown Rayon in upper and lower loopers. Set stitch selector on B, stitch length 3, stitch width 3.5.

Cutting and Preparation:

Cut hat following the instructions from the Polar Fleece Pizazz book, using the pattern on pages 52 and 53. Cut 6 crown pieces and 2 ear straps from main fabric. Cut 6 crown pieces, 2 tail fins, 2 ear fins and 2 cap bills from contrast fabric.

Construction: (all seams are 1/4")

1. Main color cap pieces-flatlock the 3 main color crown pieces, wrong sides together, using the 2-thread serger set-up. Pull each seam flat. Repeat so you have two seamed sections. (Diagram 1)



Diagram 1

2. Contrast cap piece - same as above. Serge or sew the two flatlock seamed sections right sides together, leaving a 3" opening along one side edge for turning.
3. Shark fins and tail - serge the tail fins, wrong sides together, using the 3-thread serger set-up. Leave lower edge open for stuffing. (Diagram 2) Use seam sealant at the end of seams, trimming when dry. Serge the bill and upper fin together in the same manner. Lightly stuff tail and upper fin with polyester fiberfill and baste lower edge closed.

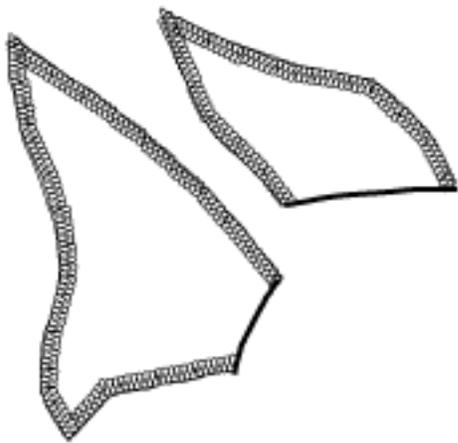


Diagram 2

4. Place the right side of the top fin to the right side of the main color crown section at the center. Place the tail fin 1" up from the lower edge. Join remaining crown section to this section right sides together. Serge or sew the two sections together.
5. Baste the bill to the center front of the main color hat section. Place the ear fins on each side of this hat piece, right sides together. Place the straps centered over the ear fins, right sides together, baste in place.
6. Place the two hat sections right sides together and sew or serge around lower edge. Turn hat right side out through the opening in the contrast crown section. Stitch to close opening after turning.
7. Sew the loop side of a 5" piece of velcro to the outside of one strap end. Sew the hook side of a 2" piece of velcro to the inside of the opposite ear strap.
8. Place wiggly eyes approximately 2-1/2" up from lower edge above bill, and 1/2" in from each side of center seam and glue.

Flower Hat

Serger Set-Up:

Seaming-2-Thread Flatlock Narrow, clear thread in right needle, contrast spool Pearl Crown Rayon in lower looper. Set stitch selector on B, stitch length 3, stitch width 3.5.

Cutting and Preparation:

Cut hat following the instructions from the More Polar Fleece Pizazz book, using the pattern on page 74. Cut one hat from main fabric. Cut 3 flowers, 3 leaves, and one strip 1/2" wide by 12" long (on straight grain) from scraps.

Construction: (all seams are 1/4")

1. Wrong sides together, flatlock the center back seam using the 2-thread serger setup. For decorative flatlocked trim, fold the hat lengthwise using the base of each scallop as a guideline, serging the length from scalloped edge to lower edge. Continue this between each scallop, forming four more serged "seams". (Diagram 1 and 2)

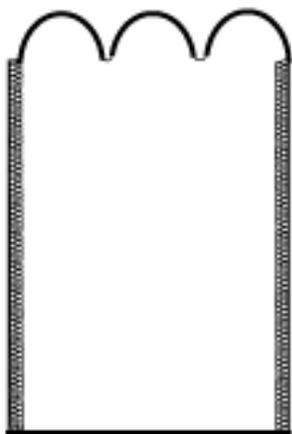


Diagram 1

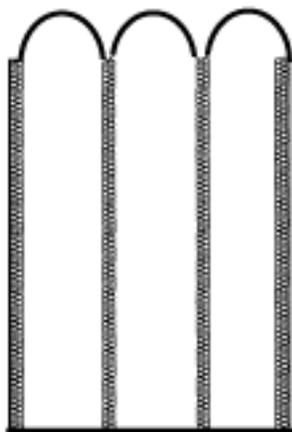


Diagram 2

2. Use a rubber band to gather up the top of the hat. Evenly distribute the fullness of the hat under the rubber band. Tie the fleece strip around the rubber band making a knot in the front. (Diagram 3)

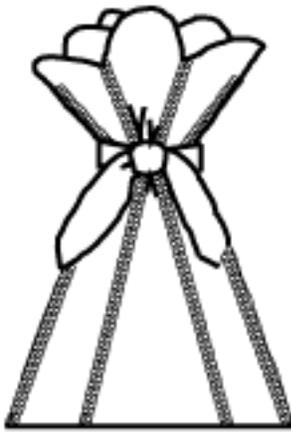


Diagram 3

3. Serge finish the lower edge of the hat, with the flatlock serger set-up, making sure the decorative thread is on the inside of the hat. Fold the lower edge up 3" to the hat right side, and stitch in place using a medium length and width zigzag stitch, with clear thread in both the needle and bobbin.
4. To make the flowers, fold the circle in half, then fold the half circle into thirds. Place the leaves behind each flower, matching at lower edge. Sew across the end to secure leaf and flower together. Position two flowers at the top of the hat and stitch in place. Place the third flower at the hem edge and stitch to secure. (Diagram 4)

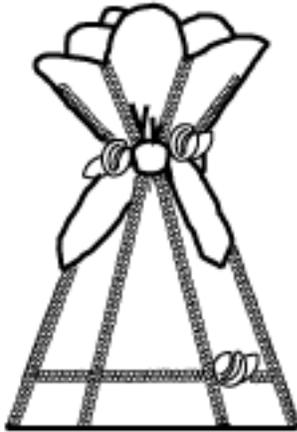


Diagram 4