

## Tic Tac Toe Game



*A zippered pocket on the back of the game board is perfect for storing the embroidered game pieces.*

This fun and colorful Tic Tac Toe board game is great for traveling and playing on the beach, at a picnic, in the car...anywhere! Velcro conveniently holds the game pieces in place during play.

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

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### Required Designs/Hardware:

FREE downloadable designs (*Beach Ball and Beach Pail in PES format*)  
Amazing Designs® Amazing Box MAX™ to convert and transfer the designs

### Supplies:

- Embroidery/Sewing Machine with 4"x4" hoop or larger
- Assorted embroidery threads and machine embroidery bobbin thread
- Amazing Designs® Stabilize It!™ 1.8oz Medium Weight Tear-Away stabilizer
- One fat quarter of solid colored cotton fabric for front of game board
- One fat quarter of brightly colored coordinating cotton fabric for game board borders
- 1/2 yard of 45" fabric for the back and binding
- Two ¼ yard cuts of craft felt (two bright colors)
- Clover iron-on bias tape – bright coordinating color
- 9-inch zipper
- 16 ½ inch square piece of iron-on batting
- 15 inches of ¾ inch wide Velcro
- Invisible sewing thread

## Supplies continued...

Thread for construction of game board  
Thread to match iron-on tape  
Fabric marking pen/chalk  
Cutting mat, rotary cutter, and ruler

## Instructions:

### Cutting fabric:

1. Cut the Velcro into nineteen  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch long pieces (nine Hook Sides for the game board and ten Loop Sides for the game pieces).
2. From the solid colored fabric cut a  $12 \frac{1}{2}$  inch square
3. From the border fabric cut two pieces that are  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  inches wide by  $12 \frac{1}{2}$  inches long and two pieces that are  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  inches wide by  $16 \frac{1}{2}$  inches long.
4. From the backing fabric cut one piece that is  $16 \frac{1}{2}$  inches wide by  $14 \frac{1}{2}$  long and one piece that is  $16 \frac{1}{2}$  wide by  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  inches.
5. From the backing fabric cut one piece that is  $16 \frac{1}{2}$  inches wide by  $6 \frac{1}{2}$  inches long.
6. Use the remainder of the backing fabric to cut binding for the edges of the board and to make two 15-inch long ties. It will take approximately 3 yards of binding. Purchased binding may also be used.

### Game board pieces (at your embroidery machine):

- The game pieces will be finished on the back by sliding a piece of felt between the embroidery hoop and the machine bed before the last color is stitched.
- Stitch five of each game piece.

### Beach Ball Design

(Please note that the last two color changes in the beach ball should be stitched in the same color. The outline is represented in two different colors so the machine will stop after the outline of the sections of the ball is stitched.)

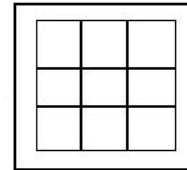
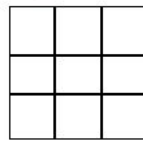
1. Hoop the felt and the Stabilize It! Medium Weight Tear-Away stabilizer in a 4" x 4" hoop.
2. Stitch out the first 8 color changes and slide a 4" x 4" piece of felt between the embroidery hoop and the machine bed. Be sure that the felt is centered under the design and continue to stitch out the outline around the ball.
3. Remove the design from the embroidery hoop and carefully tear away the stabilizer that is between the two pieces of felt.
4. Trim the felt leaving approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch around the design.
5. Mark the center of the back of the game piece. Center a Loop Side piece of Velcro over the center mark and sew around the edges using Invisible Sewing Thread.
6. Repeat the above steps for the other four Beach Ball game pieces.

### Beach Pail Design

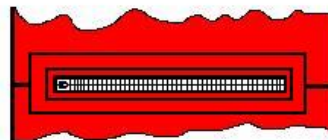
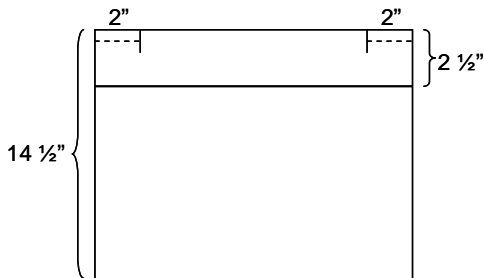
1. Hoop the felt and the Stabilize It! Medium Weight Tear-Away stabilizer in a 4" x 4" hoop.
2. Stitch out the first 7 color changes and slide a 4" x 4" piece of felt between the embroidery hoop and the machine bed. Be sure that the felt is centered under the design and stitch out the border.
3. Remove the design from the embroidery hoop and carefully tear away the stabilizer that is between the two pieces of felt.
4. Trim the felt leaving approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch around the edge of the border of the design.
5. Mark the center of the back of the game piece. Center a Loop Side piece of Velcro over the center mark and sew around the edges using Invisible Sewing Thread.
6. Repeat the above steps for the other four Beach Pail game pieces.

**Construction of game board front:** (All seam allowances are  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch wide.)

1. Mark the lines for the bias tape on the  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inch square with a fabric marking pen/chalk into nine equal sections. Remember to allow for the seam allowance around the outside edge.
2. Center the iron-on bias tape over the lines, iron in place and stitch each side of the bias tape to the square. (Tip: Use a 4.0/80 double needle to stitch the tape.)
3. Stitch one of the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  wide by  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inch long pieces of fabric to one edge of the fabric square with right sides together. Press the seams toward the darker fabric.
4. Repeat the above on the opposite side of the square.
5. Stitch the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide by  $16\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide border pieces to the sides of the square that does not have a border and press.
6. Iron the batting on the back of the game board and stitch in the ditch around the border. Square the corners if necessary.
7. Mark the center of each square on the game board. Center the Hook Side of each Velcro piece over the center mark and sew around the edges to secure.



**Construction of game board back:**



1. Place the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  long back piece on the  $14\frac{1}{2}$  long back piece, right sides together. Using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ \"
2. Easy zipper insertion: Center the zipper facing up under the opening (the right side of the fabric should be facing up) and baste the zipper in place. Using a zipper foot and stitching close to the edge of the fabric, stitch the zipper to the back. Stitch around the zipper again  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the first stitches to reinforce it.
3. Pin the  $16\frac{1}{2}$  wide by  $6\frac{1}{2}$  long piece of fabric to the wrong side of the back, the top edges should be even above the zipper. Both pieces of fabric should be facing right side up. This piece is going to form the pocket. Pin the two pieces together and stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the edge of the short piece.
4. Cut two 15 inch long pieces from the binding. Stitch across one end and the side of each piece. Locate the center of the back top (above the zipper), pin both ties (raw edges) one on top of the other at the center, the binding will secure the two ties.
5. Bind the edges of the board using your favorite method.

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