

Making Yo-Yos in Circles, Flowers, and Hearts!

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Fabric yo-yos are fun and easy to make! Yo-yos are a "take along" project and can be made in many different shapes and sizes to embellish your quilt, giving it a special look.

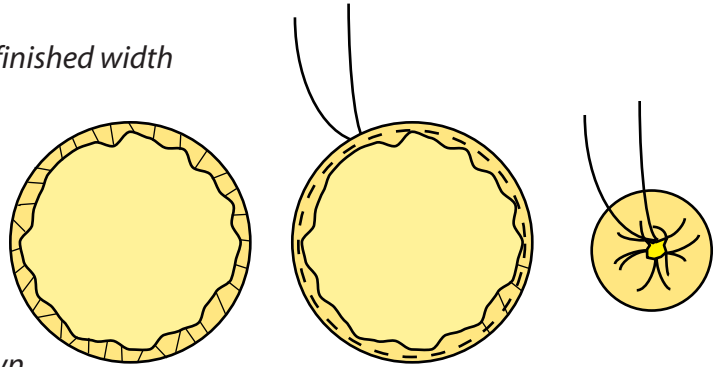
Circle Yo-Yos

1. Cut a circle yo-yo template to measure twice the desired finished width of the yo-yo plus 1/2" for seam allowances.

2. Turn under and press the outside edge, to the wrong side, a scant 1/4" to create a finished edge on the yo-yo.

3. With needle and double thread, run a basting stitch around the outer edge of the fabric circle. Pull the basting thread to gather and close the center, right side out, as shown.

4. Draw the needle through the back of the yo-yo and knot the thread to hold it tight.



Heart Yo-Yos

1. Turn under and press the outside edge, to the wrong side, a scant 1/4" to create a finished edge on the yo-yo.



2. With needle and double thread, run the first basting stitch from the top "V" point, counterclockwise to the bottom point. Leave a 2" length of thread. Run the second basting stitch from the top "V" point, clockwise to the bottom point. Leave a 2" length of thread around the outer edge of the fabric heart.

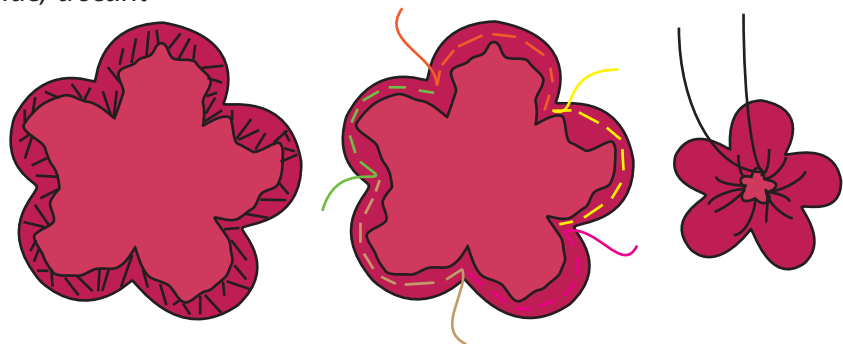
3. Pull both basting strings to gather the piece into a heart shape, right side out, as shown. Tie a knot to secure.

4. To define the heart shape, knot thread and stick the needle up through the heart at the top "V" point, take a small stitch at the top of the yo-yo, and stick the needle down through the heart in the same top "V" point. Tie a knot to secure.

Flower Yo-Yos

1. Turn under and press the outside edge, to the wrong side, a scant 1/4" to create a finished edge on the yo-yo.

2. With needle and double thread, run a basting stitch from one "V" point, around to the next point. Leave a 2" length of thread. Continue running basting stitches from point to point, leaving a 2" length of thread around the outer edge of the fabric flower.



3. Pull all basting strings to gather the piece into a flower shape, right side out, as shown. Tie a knot to secure.