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Letter from the Editors

Dear Reader,

As we prepare for the Holiday Season, Brother Sews would like to share some unique, holiday-inspired projects that let you express your creative side – and show off your talents to family and friends during your holiday celebrations. You'll find this eBook a valuable resource for inspiration and special techniques, such as appliqué and embroidery on unique holiday fabrics.

Create a Holiday Stocking or a Snowflake Ornament for a new family member. Entertain guests at your home during the holidays with stylish décor, including a tablecloth bordered with holly or table settings embellished with appliqué. Our Sheer Magic Holiday Table Set also makes for beautiful décor – or the perfect gift for a special friend.

Each project outlines all you need to know, from a list of materials and supplies to easy-to-follow instructions and helpful advice. At Brother, we aim to make magic easy.

And friends don't forget. The gifts that mean the most are those that come from the heart!

Happy Holidays,



June Mellinger
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Applique Christmas Placemat and Napkin

By: Brother Home Sewing Machines and Embroidery Machines

Use the classic log cabin quilt technique to sew a Christmas placemat and napkin set with applique. Make this free Christmas sewing pattern and give as a festive gift this holiday season.



Fabric strips for log cabin pattern: three log cabin blocks were made to create the Appliqué tree.

- 2 strips 1" X 1"
- 2 strips 1" X 1-1/2"
- 2 strips 1" X 2"
- 2 strips 1" X 2-1/2"
- 2 strips 1" X 3"
- 2 strips 1" X 3-1/2"
- 1 strip 1" X 4"

Materials:

PLACEMAT:

- Pre-quilted cotton fabric for front of placemat
- 14" X 18" pre-quilted cotton fabric for back of placemat
- All-purpose sewing thread to match fabric
- Paper pattern in the shape of a Christmas tree, approximately 7" tall
- 4-1/2" X 3" piece of wood-patterned fabric
- Scrap gold metallic fabric
- All-purpose sewing thread in two contrasting colors
- Metallic thread (optional)

Note: If the base of the tree is wider than 4" add 1" strips on the sides of the bottom square.

NAPKIN:

- 12" X 12" square of fabric for each napkin

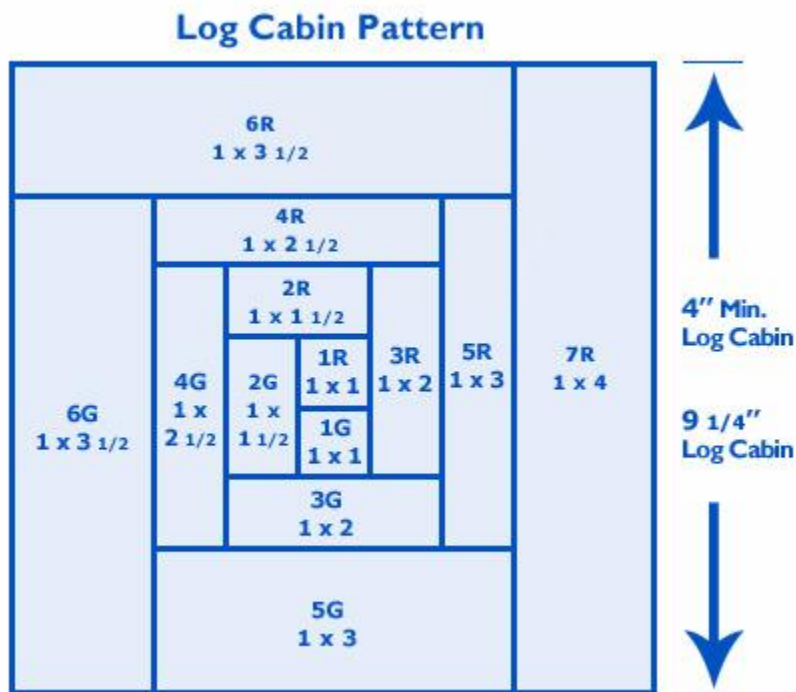
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Instructions:

Placemat:

1. Sew strips of fabric together to create the log cabin design. (For complete instructions on the basic log cabin technique, visit www.brother.com.) Create three blocks for the Christmas tree Appliqué.



2. After creating the three blocks sew them together to create one long piece.
3. Pin the paper pattern Christmas tree onto the long log cabin strip and cut out
4. Position the Christmas tree Appliqué on the placemat front. Pin in place.
5. Create the tree trunk by using a 4-1/2" X 3" piece of woodpatterned fabric. With right sides together fold in half and sew 1/4" seam. Turn to the right side and fold in half again. Slip the raw edges under the tree Appliqué.
6. Stitch tree in place, catching top half of trunk piece.
7. Stitch bottom edge of trunk piece in place. (Sides of trunk should be open to allow for insertion of napkin.)
8. Using contrasting or metallic thread, topstitch along log cabin seam lines - through tree and placemat front.

9. Cut star shape out of scrap of gold metallic fabric. Stitch in place at top of tree.
10. Place the back of the placemat onto the placemat front with right sides together.
11. Stitch around all four sides using a 1/4" seam allowance and leaving a section open for turning.
12. Turn right side out.
13. Press under a 1/4" seam allowance in the open area. Hand sew the opening closed.
14. Select a decorative stitch on your sewing machine and stitch around the placemat 1/4" from the edge in contrasting color.

Napkin:

1. Sew strips of fabric together to create log cabin block.
2. Cut the block in half diagonally (you now have a triangle shape.)
3. Place the half-block on one corner of the napkin.
4. Stitch in place.
5. Using contrasting or metallic thread, topstitch along log cabin seam lines.
6. Finish the edges of the napkin by serging or using the rolled hem foot.
7. Insert the napkin through tree trunk on placemat.

Fabric Advent Calendar

By: Amy Thompson of Progressive Pioneer

Use coordinating fabrics to create a simple, hanging advent calendar. You can fill your advent calendar with little treats or strips of paper with Christmasy activities like designer [Amy Thompson](#).



Materials:

- 2 coordinating fabrics
- rotary cutter and cutting board
- pins
- sewing machine and thread
- wood dowel

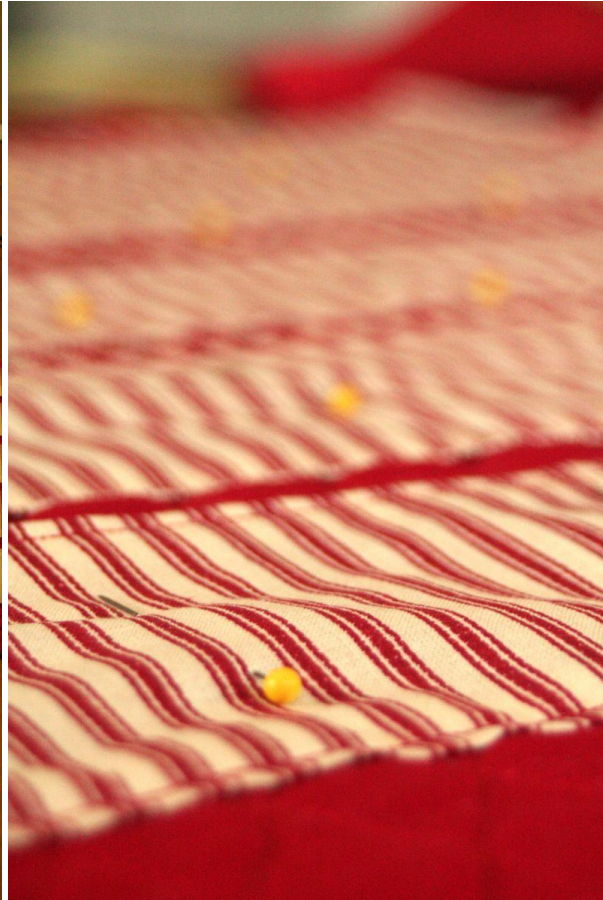
Instructions:

I've been wanting a nice, fabric advent calendar that we could use year after year, but I had trouble thinking of something that wasn't too elaborate and involved. I'm all about streamlined, easy projects. Instant gratification or I'm out!

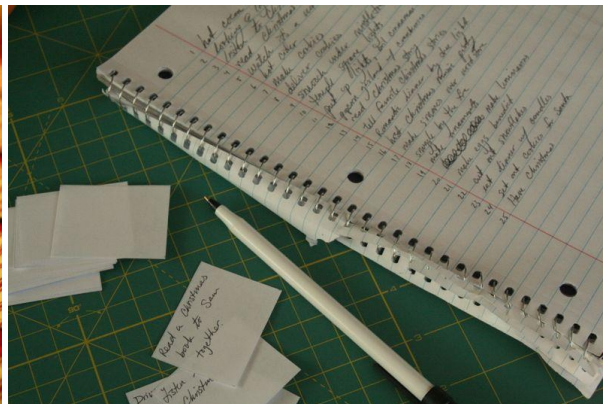
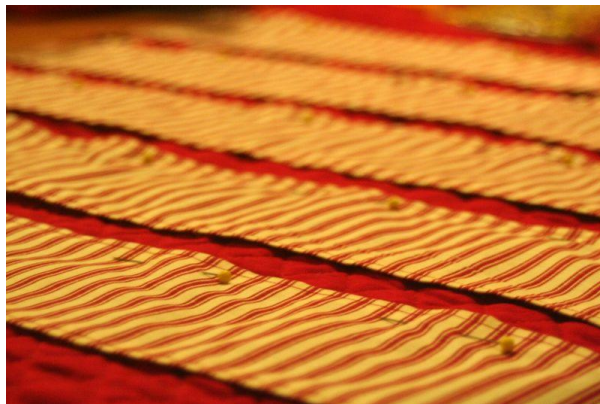


When looking through my stacks of fabric, the idea for this calendar just sort of materialized. It was SO simple! I just cut out a piece of this red, quilted fabric using my cutting board as a guide. Then, since it

was 25 inches tall, I cut out five 5" lengths of this striped material, knowing that once the seams were in there would be space between them. I gave the striped fabric a double seams (I don't what it's really called, I just mean I folded it over twice so there weren't any stray straggly threads) on the top, since these would be the tops of the pockets and I wanted them to be neat and clean.



Because my materials had repeating, geometric patterns it made the spacing a piece of cake. I left half a diamond in between each strip of pockets.



Once they were pinned in place, I stitched the bottoms straight across.



I trimmed the striped pieces to the edge of the quilted backing, and using the stripes as a guide to keep my hem even, I pinned and sewed along the two long sides. I counted up those little tiny stripes and divided it by five pockets (five strips with five pockets each makes 25 pockets). Marking the spots I would sew made it easy not to get dizzy trying to follow the stripes. I sewed four vertical lines and then I had my twenty five pockets. Then, I needed to hem the bottom, which I did using the diamonds as a guide to get it even. Then I found a dowel in the garage and pinned the top over it to create a loop.



I sewed the dowel loop with that dowel right in there, I'm not sure why, it just seemed easier at the time. All in all the sewing took about an hour or two, an easy afternoon project. Then I brainstormed some fun, simple and inexpensive Christmas activities that would could do each day between now and Christmas. If you don't have time to make a calendar, you could always just keep a list and do something fun to keep the Christmas spirit in the air throughout the month.

Here are some the activities in our calendar this year: have hot chocolate with candy canes, drive around to see the lights, listen to a Christmas CD, read a Christmas book to Sam together, Watch It's A Wonderful Life, have hot cider, make Christmas cookies, deliver Christmas cookies to neighbors and friends, smooch under mistletoe, go to Temple Square to see the lights

They're all simple things, but help to keep us in the holiday spirit. I hope this month is magical for all of you!

Embroidered Christmas Stocking

By: Brother Home Sewing Machines and Embroidery Machines

Create a beautiful Christmas stocking in two coordinating fabrics embroidered with gold bows. This embroidered Christmas stocking would make a perfect Christmas gift. Follow the free Christmas stocking sewing pattern to make your own.



Materials:

- Brother ULT2003D version 4.00 or any Brother ULT upgraded to version 4.00
- Brother Border Frame kit
- Brother Embroidery thread #999
- All-purpose red sewing thread
- Vogue pattern #7815 (or any other stocking pattern)
- 1 yard of red satin fabric
- 1/4 yard of contrasting fabric for cuff
- 1 yard of warm and natural batting
- Tear away stabilizer
- Chalk marker
- 8" trim for stocking hanger
- Spray Adhesive

Instructions:

1. Trim excess tissue from around selected stocking pattern.
2. Trace around stocking pattern approximately 1" larger than pattern.
3. Set up the Brother ULT sewing/embroidery machine for embroidery.
4. Select "Embroidery Edit" and then press BORDER. Insert the floppy with the border designs into the machine and select the bow border pattern.
5. After selecting the pattern press SET. From the embroidery edit screen select REPEAT. This feature repeats the design selected and can be repeated to the maximum to fill the embroidery area. Select MAX REPEAT. Press CLOSE.
6. Select Size and increase the size to as large as the design will go. Note the complete size of the combined designs is 17.8cm x 3.1cm. Select the thread marking feature and select the bottom right hand marking, the center bottom and the left bottom.

7. Stitch the design out on scrap fabric to get a better idea of size. Measure the width of the design with a ruler in inches if needed. Mark the fabric by drawing lines 1 1/4" apart across the fabric where the stocking will be cut out.
8. Spray warm and natural with spray adhesive and place red satin on top.
9. Hoop a piece of tear away stabilizer then spray the stabilizer with spray adhesive while it is in the hoop.
10. Place the red satin with the warm and natural in the hoop. Position the first marked line in the hoop slightly to the right of center. (The space between two lines should be in the center.)
11. Use the grid for the border hoop to make sure the fabric is straight in the hoop. Move the design using the directional arrows to the line on the right. Make sure the needle will drop directly on the marked line.
12. Touch the trial key to check that this is exactly where you need to stitch the design. Stitch the first row of bows.
13. Move the design to the left using the directional arrows. Make sure the needle will drop directly on the marked line. Touch the trial key to check that this is exactly where you Holiday Stocking Be sure to center the space between the two marked lines. need to stitch the design. Stitch the second row of bows.
14. Rehoop the fabric with stabilizer lining up the same two rows to extend the design. Move the embroidered lines up in the hoop. Line up the marked lines using the grid again to make sure the lines are straight. Make sure the needle drops on the center thread mark as the design is continued. Stitch the rows only long enough to cover the fabric that is needed to make the stocking.
15. Hoop another piece of stabilizer and spray with spray adhesive. Hoop the next set of lines marked on the fabric.
16. Use the grid again to make sure the lines are straight in the hoop. Move the design to the lines on the right making sure the needle will drop directly on the marked line. Touch the trial key again to check that this is where you need to stitch the design. Stitch the design. Move the design to the left and stitch the left row.
17. Continue stitching rows of the bow border design until the entire area where the stocking will be cut out is full of the design rows.
18. Place the pattern on top of the embroidered fabric and cut out.
19. Turn the pattern piece over and cut out the back of the stocking on a piece of plain red satin.
20. Construct the Christmas stocking according to the directions in the pattern.

Holiday Apron Tutorial

By: Freda Marie for Creative Chics

Sport this cute holiday apron while you prepare Christmas dinner for the family. This easy Christmas craft requires basic sewing skills. It makes a great Christmas gift or fun Christmas craft with your friends.



Materials:

- Apron
- Fabric scraps (4" x 4" works best for easy drawing and cutting)
 - 1 piece for the snowman body
 - 1 piece for the hat
 - 1 piece for the shawl
- Sewing Machine with zig zag stitching
- Sharp scissors
- Spray fabric adhesive
- Black fabric paint or black marking pen
- Matching threads for your fabrics

Instructions:

1. Purchase an apron at your favorite craft store that is ready for you to create your own holiday design. The apron can vary in price but seldom will cost you more than \$5.00, making this entire project very affordable and fun!



2. Decide what design you want on your apron, snowman, reindeer, a saying, etc and create the design from fabric. In my example, I found a snowman online, printed it on my printer (4 copies)

and used it as a pattern to cut out my fabric pieces. Be sure you allow 1/8" overlap between pieces that touch each other.

3. Cut out the printed image and pin it to your apron. Then sew a basting stitch around the outside edge of the design.
4. Now cut the image into the individual pieces. In my case I had a snowman body, scarf, and hat. I cut the snowman out of the fabric I was using for his body and another cut was made from a stabilizer (pellon) the same size as my fabric cutout. I did this with each piece of the snowman design.
5. Next I used fabric adhesive to place the stabilizer on my fabric making sure I placed it on the sewn outline for the body. Using the same technique I then placed my fabric for the snowman on the stabilizer. Now I was ready for the next layers, the scarf and hat. Using the same technique of a layer of stabilizer and then the fabric I laid all of the pieces on my apron outline.
6. Then, topstitch around the outside edges of each piece of fabric in the design. Use a narrow and short zig zag stitch to create a tight sewn edge on your design, changing threads to match the color of your design fabrics.
I used black fabric paint to create dots for the eyes and buttons and orange thread in a zig-zag stitch for the carrot nose and a straight black thread basting stitch for the mouth.
7. Finish off by using an off white thread the color of my snowman to embroidery "Let it Snow" and some embroidered snowflakes finish off the theme.

Crafter's Tip for Moms: You can make this a fun project for the entire family by letting them come up with the designs and cut them out while you help out with the sewing and embroidery. If you don't have an embroidery machine there are lots of felt letters in the craft store that can work for your design. Happy Holidays Everyone.

Embroidered Holly Tablecloth

By: Brother Home Sewing Machines and Embroidery Machines

Create special linens embroidered with a holly border with this free Christmas embroidery craft project. With a sewing/embroidery machine and holly design, you can create a set of Christmas linens in no time, perfect for holiday gift-giving.



Materials:

- Brother Innov-•s 4000D sewing/embroidery machine
- 12" x 7" embroidery hoop
- Built in border holly design (#88) or one modified in PE-Design 6
- Brother Aqua Melt Adhesive Backed (SA5906) water soluble stabilizer
- Purchased tablecloth
- Washable pen
- "W" foot

Instructions:

Preparation for Embroidery:

1. Measure your tablecloth and decide where you wish the holly row to stitch. The center of the sample design is 2" from the tablecloth edge. Use the washable pen to mark a line all the way around your cloth.
2. You can use the built-in design but the sample uses a version of Border design 88 enlarged in PE Design® 6, which also changes the density. See below.*
3. Open the design in Embroidery Edit. Touch the Border key.



4. Touch the Thread Mark key. That opens a dialog box where you can click the lower two corners and the lower center thread mark. These marks will sew arrows using the final thread in a design so you can line up subsequent sections. Click Edit End and then Sewing. Save design to Memory.



* If you have the Brother software, save design 88 to USB media and import into PE Design® 6. Highlight the design and select Edit/Numerical/Size and check the "Aspect" and "Keep density and fill pattern" boxes. Change size as desired. You can also hold down the Control key as you change the size with the corner handles to keep density and fill pattern. The design used on the sample was about 234 mm long. Save the single design to USB and transfer to your machine. Use legal size paper and you can print the whole design at once to check your spacing. Duplicate the design several times to make a print out to cut up for templates.

Embroidery:

1. Hoop the Aqua Melt Adhesive Backed stabilizer. Tear away the protective paper in the center where you will first embroider. Use the plastic template to gauge where to position the first corner. Pin the top edge in place. Place hooped stabilizer/fabric in machine.
2. If you want the bobbin to be the same color as the top, wind bobbins and set up to embroider with green.
3. Use the Starting Point key (and then the top center point) so the design moves to the top. Use the arrows to move the needle to the top of the line you drew on the fabric. To line up the lower portion of the fabric use the Starting Point key Holly Bordercloth fragile. Don't forget to remove the protective paper as you move the design to the bottom (center). Adjust the fabric if needed so the needle is on the same line at the bottom as the top. Pin tablecloth to the stabilizer at the bottom and around the sides. Use the Trial key to test that the design will go where you plan and not hit pins.

4. Embroider the design, which will include thread marks at the bottom of the design. Carefully cut the stabilizer close to the embroidery. Patch the Aqua Melt and move to a side if you used the center the last time. You may get a least three embroideries from one piece of stabilizer before it is too work.
5. Select the top (center) Starting Point again and move the needle so it goes back in the point of the center thread mark you embroidered. Adjust your fabric as before and pin in place. Once you get the design started, you are using the Thread Marks, needle and the Starting Point icon/arrows to position the fabric. If your design is not too heavy, this is a fast and easy way to do border work.
6. Embroider the design and repeat around the cloth.
7. Rinse Aqua Melt from cloth and press. Trim loose bobbin threads.
8. Add red beads and crystals as desired.

Heating Pillow with Buckwheat

By: Jenya of MyEvaForeva

Sew up an easy pillow filled with buckwheat to serve as a heating pad. Buckwheat holds the heat (or cold) better than rice or other grains and is hypoallergenic, since buckwheat is not actually a cereal or grass. Add a few drops of your favorite fragrance oil, or just enjoy the smell of buckwheat. You can also use this pillow as a wrist pillow when working with your computer mouse.

This project comes to us from Jenya of [MyEvaForeva](http://MyEvaForeva.com).



Materials:

- hand knitted piece (optional, but if you do use it – only natural yarn like wool or cotton)
- piece of fabric (preferably cotton) that is at least twice bigger than your knitted piece
- sewing machine
- needle and threads
- scissors
- piece of paper
- buckwheat

Instructions:

Knit a cover piece; make it the shape you want your heating pad to be. place your hand knitted piece in a flat position and slightly stretch



Cut your cotton into two exactly the same pieces so that they are slightly bigger than your knitted piece.

Take two cotton pieces and place the knitted piece in between like in the photo.



Sew around the edges making sure you get all three layers. Leave an opening about 2" long.

Turn it inside out.



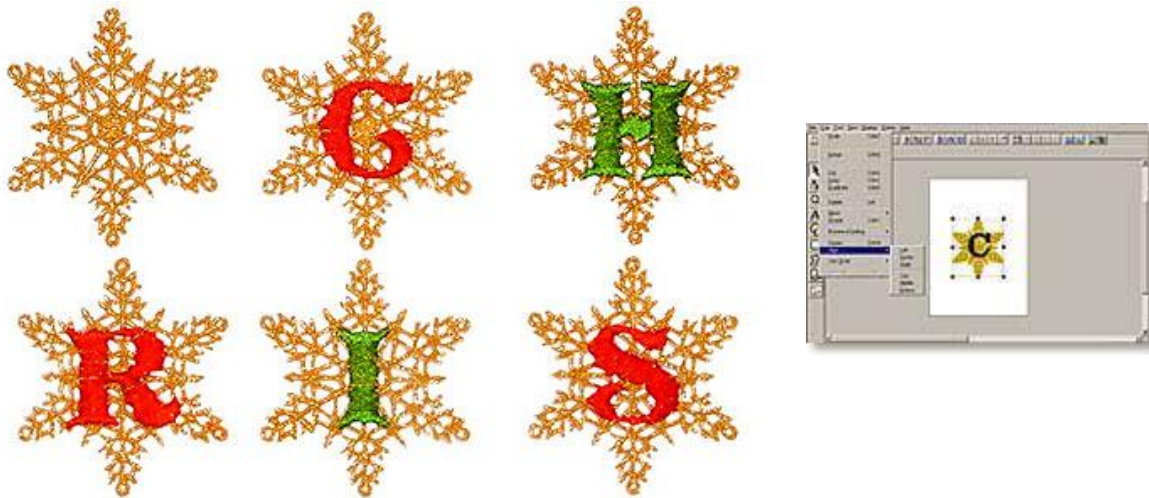
Make a little fennel out of paper and use it to fill up the sack with your precious buckwheat about half way so the sack is rather loose – this way it will take a shape of whatever you want to warm up easier.

Use blind stitch to close it up. You are done! Now go put it in the microwave and heat it up for 1 minute, take it out and shake it up. Then put it back in for another minute. Don't you love it?

Embroidered Snowflake Ornament

By: June Mellinger for Brother Home Sewing and Embroidery Machines

These embroidered snowflake ornament crafts have a lovely, old-fashioned charm. Make these embroidered ornaments as gift toppers, ornaments for the tree or string together as a garland for holiday decorating.



Materials:

- Bridal Tulle or Sheer Organza (preferably white)
- Brother Embroidery Thread (White 001 or Gold 999)
- Brother Water Soluble Stabilizer (SA520)
- FREE Snowflake Embroidery Design from the "Christmas" collect (SA328)
- Brother Embroidery Machine (any model)

Instructions:

1. Cut 2 pieces of Water Soluble Stabilizer that are approximately 1" larger than your embroidery hoop.
2. Cut one piece of tulle the same size as above.
3. Sandwich the tulle between the two layers of Water Soluble Stabilizer and secure within the embroidery hoop.
4. Wind the same color thread in your bobbin that you will be using for the top thread.
5. Put the FREE Snowflake design in your machine.

Note: If your machine has the embroidery edit feature, you can bring in several snowflakes at a time placing them as many places within the embroidery area that your hoop can accommodate. This will create an assembly line process saving you on stabilizer and tulle.

6. When you are done embroidering the snowflake, remove the hoop from the machine and take the fabric out of the hoop. Trim away the excess getting as close to the snowflake as possible. Don't worry if you cannot get the exact shape; it will be close enough.
7. Rinse the snowflake out in warm water and place on a flat surface and let air-dry. Press with an iron. The snowflake will be stiff and ready to attach a pretty ribbon to.



Snowflake Garland

Following the basic instructions above for making a snowflake garland that you can add letters to and make up fun phrases. I used the large satin stitch letters that are found in my machine for one garland. Here are some suggestions: "Merry Christmas", "Happy NewYear", "Let it Snow", "Winter Holidays" or "I love winter". I made a garland that said "Merry Christmas". The snowflakes are white and I alternated the letters with red and green embroidery thread. When I had finished and rinsed all of my snowflakes and let them dry I was ready to assemble the garland. I selected a satin zigzag stitch on my sewing machine and I set the stitch length to .5. I put two snowflakes under my press foot with two of the little circles close to each other and then I rotated my hand wheel to determine that the needle would drop in each of the holes. I sewed several bars and "Voila" I was ready to attach the next snowflake. I was done with the assembly in a matter of minutes! I attached two bows to each end and I had a great garland.

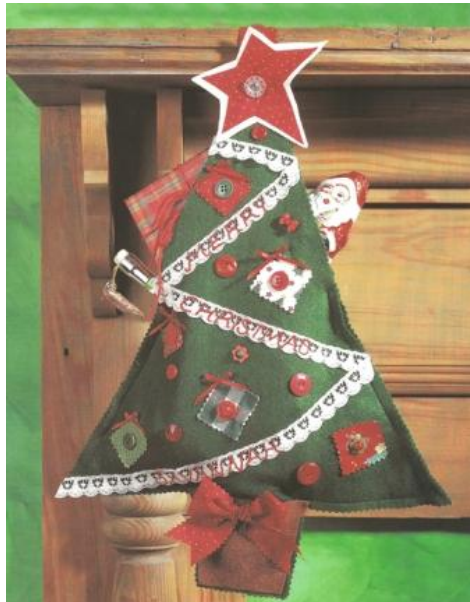
Note:

If your machine has the embroidery edit feature, you can bring the snowflake into the machine using this feature and then add a letter on top of it! If your machine does not have this feature, then simply use your own judgment for centering. Don't forget that your machine does have a TRIAL feature. Select a letter and press "trial" to determine whether or not it is in the correct location for embroidering. If you have PE-Design®, you can import the snowflake into "Layout and Editing". Then use any of the fonts available with the software.

Christmas Tree Stocking

By: *Inspired at Home*

With a few pieces of felt and scrap holiday fabric, you can create a Christmas tree shaped stocking for your fireplace mantel, banister or anywhere else you would like to hang a pretty Christmas tree. Follow this project from [Heidi Borchers of Inspired at Home](#).



Materials:

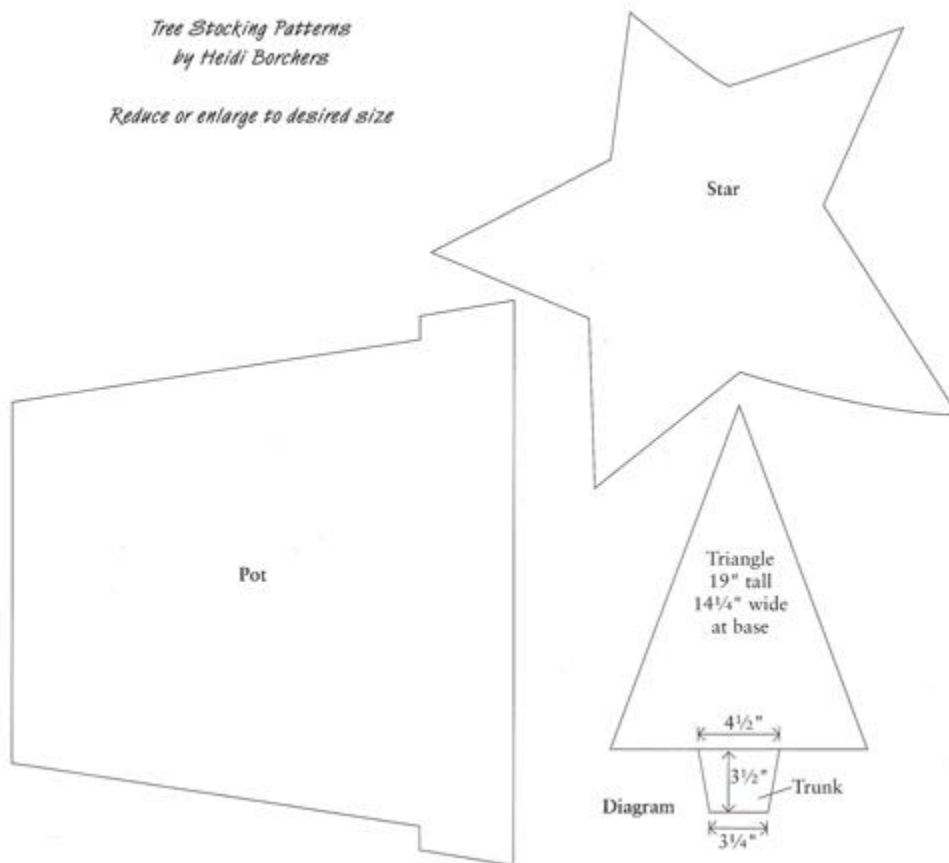
- Felt – 2 (16" x 20") pieces green, 1 (4" x 6") piece brown, 1 (6") square off-white
- Scissors
- Pinking shears
- Green thread
- Iron-on fusible web
- Iron
- Fabric scraps – assorted holiday prints
- Aleene's® Jewel-It™ Glue
- 33" length 3/4" wide off-white lace trim
- Buttons – assorted
- 5 (8") lengths 1/8" wide red satin ribbon
- Dimensional paint - red

Instructions:

To cut 1 large tree from each piece of green felt draw triangle 19" tall x 14-1/2" wide at base on 1 piece of felt. Referring to diagram, draw 1 trunk at base of tree. With edges aligned and pattern side up, stack green felt pieces. With pinking shears, cut 2 trees, cutting just inside marked line through both felt layers. With edges aligned and beginning and ending 9" from top of tree, machine-stitch trees together around sides and bottom, using 3/8" seam allowance.

Transfer patterns to felt and cut 1 pot from brown and 1 star from off-white. Fuse web onto wrong side of 1 print fabric scrap. Transfer pattern to fused scrap and cut 1 star, cutting 1/4" inside marked line. Center and fuse print star onto off-white felt star. Cut 1 (3/4" long) vertical slit in star to create buttonhole for button. Cut 1 small triangle from remaining green felt and glue to top back of tree for stability. Let dry. Stitching through all layers and placing button 1-1/4" from tree tip, stitch 1 button at top of tree. Slip star over button and glue star to tree. Let dry.

To decorate tree, glue lace trim onto tree for garland effect. (See photo). Let dry. With inking shears, cut several small squares and rectangles from assorted print fabric scraps. Tie each ribbon length into bow. Glue fabric pieces, buttons, and bows to tree as desired. Let dry. With pinking shears, cut 1 (1-1/2" x 14") strip and 1 (1-1/2" x 10") strip from 1 print fabric scrap. Tie 14" strip in bow. Glue bow to top of pot. Let dry. For hanger, fold 10" strip in half to form loop. Glue ends to top back of tree. Let dry. Write message and name on lace trim with dimensional paint. Let dry.



Snowman Holiday Towel

By: Brother Home Sewing Machines and Embroidery Machines

Follow this free Christmas sewing pattern to create a cute holiday towel featuring a cheerful snowman figure. Create a set of snowman towels as sewn Christmas gifts this season.



Materials:

- Quattro Brother Sewing / Embroidery Machine
- SA126 Narrow Hem Foot
- SACCIRC1 Circular Attachment
- SA120 Gathering Foot
- SA5810 Tear-Away Medium Weight Stabilizer – Two 5” squares
- SA541 Light Weight Water Soluble Stabilizer – Two 5” squares
- MT999 Gold Metallic Thread
- 4”x44” strip of fabric for ruffle
- 7”square holiday fabric
- Two 5” squares white fabric for snowman
- One purchased cotton hand towel
- Fusible gems

Instructions:

1. To create narrow rolled hem, fold a small section of the fabric over twice, so that the width of the hem is the size of the cut out on the bottom of the foot. Snap on narrow hem foot, place folded fabric under foot and take a few stitches.
2. Stop with the needle in the down position, raise the presserfoot, and carefully pull the fabric up and into the scroll on the foot. The inner

fold should rest inside the left side of the scroll.



3. Hold the edge of the fabric in your right hand, holding it upslightly so that it feeds into the scroll. See finished hem.
4. Snap on gathering foot and gather strip to create a ruffle.
5. Measure the gathered strip so it is the same width as the towel. Turn under each end to the wrong side.
6. Turn under top edge on gathering line and press to create a finished edge.
7. With a straight stitch sew the gathered strip to the towel so the hems of both the towel and the pleated strip meet.
8. Layer medium weight stabilizer, white fabric and water soluble stabilizer. Fold to find center.
9. Attach circular attachment. Pierce fabric and stabilizer sandwich with pin and attach to circular attachment.
10. Move circular to 40, select center straight stitch and stitch to create a circle.



11. Remove tear away stabilizer and cut around circle leaving a ¼" seam. Clip curves.

12. Make a slit in water soluble stabilizer and turn, creating a finished circle.
13. Move circular attachment to 30 and follow the directions above to create a smaller finished circle
14. Place two circles on 7" square to form a snowman and pin in place. Thread machine with gold metallic thread.
15. Place each circle back on circular attachment using original center hole as a placement guide. Move the attachment so that the foot lies on the edge of the circle. Select feather stitch (Q-19) and stitch around each circle attaching to background fabric.
16. Place 7" square on towel "on point" and appliqué to towel using blanket stitch (Q-14) and gold metallic thread.
17. Decorate snowman with ribbon and bells. Use glue on jewels for eyes and mouth.



Fleece Gnome Hat Tutorial

By: Beth Ritzman for BabyEtte Boutique

This fleece baby's gnome hat is adorable for the cold weather. It is easy to make following this quick tutorial and it will keep your little one warm while looking super cute.



Materials:

- No-pill fleece about 24" square
- Matching thread
- Sewing shears
- Pins
- Baby's head measurement

Instructions:

1. Cut your fleece into 2 rectangles and lay them right sides together
2. Take your baby's head measurement and add 1" for ease and 1" for seam allowance, for a total of 2" extra. Then divide this by 2. Use this number to measure out from one side along the bottom and mark that place with a pin. You can also use another of your child's hats as a guide.
3. Start at the place you just marked, and think about the shape of hat you'd like. How long and pointy do you want it? Would you like a symmetrical hat, or one that places the point towards the back of the head? You can even make 2 points if you'd like... have fun with it! Remember, while cutting, you want to keep about 5" of the crown of the hat close to the head measurement before swooping in toward the point. My total length here is about 20".
4. Pin around the 2 seams. You want to leave the bottom open of course!
5. Use a straight stitch to sew up one side and down the other, leaving a ½" seam.
6. Trim your seam allowance and the tip of the hat, being careful not to cut any stitches.
7. Now we're going to turn the point inside out. I've found the best way to do this is reach one hand inside and then poke the tip between your fingers from the outside. Grab the point and pull it out! Work as much of the point through as you can by hand, then use a bone turner or some fancy tool to gently poke out the tip of the hat.
8. Now that everything has turned out well... lets give this hat a hem! Turn the bottom in about ¼" and run it through your machine, folding as you go. I like to use a decorative stitch along the bottom.
9. There! You have a hat! Now, to add the irresistible to this cuteness, let's knot the top. Now find your little Pooky and see just how cute Cute can be!

Sheer Magic Embroidered Holiday Table Set

By: Brother Home Sewing Machines and Embroidery Machines

This holiday embroidery craft project shows you how to embroider motifs onto sheer fabric to create a stunning holiday table set. Create a table runner, covered candle centerpiece, placemats, napkins and more.



Level of Difficulty: Intermediate

Materials:

- Brother ULT2001 or ULT2002D embroidery machine
- Embroidery designs from Birds (SA624) Appliqué kit
- Memory Card 57
- Memory Card 33
- Embroidery needles
- Assorted Brother embroidery threads including Satin finish & Metallic
- Brother Water Soluble Stabilizer (SA520)
- 4-5 pkgs. of Wrights 1/2" Double Fold Bias Tape Extra Wide, color - Red
- 1 pkg. of Wrights 1/4" Tubular Bias (Passementerie), color - Red
- Steam a Seam 2 Double Stick Fusible Tape 1/4" wide

- Silver & Gold Offray 1/4" metallic ribbon, approximately 2 & 5/8 yds. each
- White linen/ linen blend fabric 52" wide, 3yds.
- White polyester organza 45" wide, 1 & 1/2yds.
- Fusible interfacing to firm up placemats and table runner if desired.
- Glass candle chimney with straight sides approx. 8" high. (This was purchased at a craft store and has a place to hold a votive candle on top)
- Basic sewing supplies including white and red sewing thread

Instructions:

Preparation

Cut the following pieces from Linen:

- Two pieces 14" X 44" on the crosswise grain to make one Table Runner
- Eight pieces 18" X 12" to make four Placemats
- Four pieces 19" X 19" to make four Napkins

Cut the following from Polyester Organza:

- Two rectangles 18" X 20" for Table Runner Overlays
- One rectangle 18" X 20" for Candle Chimney Cover
- One rectangle 12" X 18" for Napkin Rings
- One strip 12" X 32" for Ruffle

Embroider Sheer Rectangles

1. Embroider each sheer rectangle for table runner and chimney cover as follows: Hoop sheer fabric with a layer of water soluble on the top and bottom, having fabric centered in the hoop. Select Embroidery Edit mode. Create a design layout using image of table runner as a guide. Note that designs are overlapped in some areas. When finished, carefully press embroidered rectangles using a press cloth to avoid damaging the organza. These designs were placed on the Edit Screen and stitched in the specific order listed:
SA624 Cardinals Appliqué
Memory Card 33, pattern #10 Pinecones, rotated, sized, & mirrored to fit lower hoop area
Memory Card 57, pattern #11 Cross Stitch Snowflakes (Silver MT997 substituted for 017)
Memory Card 57, pattern #35 Snowflakes (Gold MT999 substituted for 348, Silver Sheer Magic Holiday Table Set MT997 for 001)
2. Hoop 12" X 18" sheer rectangle for napkin rings as in step 1. You will complete four napkin rings in one "hooping". Select Embroidery Edit mode to create a design layout for napkin rings. Insert card #57 and select pattern 11. Touch Set. Touch End. Select pattern #35. Touch Set, and move to the right of the first pattern. Touch End and repeat the process to place another snowflake to the left. Using this same process select a satin stitch rectangle from built in frames. Re-size to 4.0 X 15.7. Stitch the design in the center of the hoop, then move the design to an empty space in the hoop to stitch again. You will need to embroider a total of four designs by moving to an empty area of the hoop. Use the trial feature to avoid overlapping your previous stitching. Remove stabilizer thoroughly and apply Seam Sealant such as Fray Check to the satin stitched outline. Let dry and carefully cut close to the edge. Tack short ends together to form rings. Note that frame patterns form a tacking stitch in the center at the end of the pattern. You will need to stop the machine before it is stitched or remove it afterwards.

Finish Table Runner & Placemats

1. Fuse interfacing to wrong side of each of the placemat and table runner pieces. Best results are achieved when you fuse the top as well as the underside pieces. Having wrong sides together, baste table runner and placemat pieces together. Using a small (6") plate, round off each corner. Bind edges with double fold bias tape, piecing where necessary. Be sure to ease the binding around the corners, taking care not to stretch it. Topstitch the binding in place with the Quilting Appliqué Stitch 01-33, Mirror image (W-2.5) (L-2.5). TIP - Stitch binding using the walking foot.
2. Cut the two rectangles for table runner overlays down to 8 1/2" X 11", having the Appliqué centered. Use a 6" plate to round off the four corners. Pin in place along each short end of the table runner with the raw edge approx. 2" from the end. Secure with a narrow zigzag around the raw edge. Next, completely cover raw edges by applying Steam a Seam II to the wrong side of 1/4" Tubular Bias, fusing it in place over the raw edges. Using a press cloth, follow package instructions for fusing. Begin and end at the center of the lower edge. Cover ends with metallic ribbons tacked in place and tied into a bow.

Sew Candle Chimney Cover & Ruffle

1. Wrap remaining sheer rectangle around Candle Chimney with the Appliqué centered. Pin loosely to fit, then mark top and bottom edge of the chimney. Remove and cut down to size leaving enough seam allowance to make a French seam at the center back, and a 1/2" hem at the top and the bottom. Hem top and bottom with a double turned 1/4" hem. Trim the top edge with bands of gold and silver ribbon. Sew up center back seam. Slip over chimney.
2. For ruffle, first hem short ends with a double turned 1/4" hem. Fold strip with wrong sides together having long raw edges even. Stitch a 1/2" seam along this edge. Press seam open and refold strip so the seam falls in the center. Select a narrow zig zag stitch and top stitch down the center of the seam as well as 3/8" on each side to form casings for the ribbon. Thread 36" of gold and silver ribbon through casings. Pull up and tie ribbon to form a ruffle that fits around the bottom of the Candle chimney.

Hem napkins

Press and stitch a double turned 1/2" hem on napkin edges. Tip- Miter the corners for a quality look, then topstitch with gold and silver metallic thread to add a little glitz!

Bright Stripe Bag

By: Pat Sloan

se four, bright coordinating fabrics to create a beautiful stripe bag adorned with ribbons, ric-rac and embellishments. This colorful stripe bag by [Pat Sloan](#) would be a cherished present for Mother's Day.



Materials:

- 4 -- 1/8-yard pieces coordinating prints (flap)
- 1/2 yard red print (bag, strap)
- 1/3 yard green print (bag and flap linings)
- 12x50" thin cotton batting
- 1/4 yard fusible fleece
- 7 or more 10" lengths of ribbon, yarn, rickrack, or other trim
- Assorted embellishments such as beads, charms, and antique buttons

Finished Bag: 7-1/2x8-1/4"

Quantities are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton

fabrics. All measurements include a 1/4" seam allowance. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut the Fabrics- To make the best use of your fabrics, cut the pieces in the order that follows.

From each of four coordinating prints, cut:

- 2 -- 1-1/2x9" strips

From red print, cut:

- 2 -- 2x42" strips
- 2 -- 8x9-1/2" rectangles

From green print, cut:

- 1 -- 8-1/2" square

- 2 -- 8x10-1/2" rectangles

From thin cotton batting, cut:

- 1 -- 3/4x48" strip
- 1 -- 9" square

From fusible fleece, cut:

- 2 -- 8x9-1/2" rectangles

Assemble and Embellish Flap

1. Referring to Diagram 1, cover the 9" batting square with the eight coordinating print 1-1/2x9" strips, overlapping strip edges by about 3/8". Topstitch through all layers along each strip raw edge to make flap front.
2. Cover raw edges where strips overlap with 10" lengths of ribbon, yarn, rickrack, or other trim; machine-stitch in place. To couch yarn or small cording, zigzag over it with clear monofilament

thread. Sew wide ribbons in place with a straight stitch along both edges or a wide zigzag stitch. Attach rickrack and other narrow trims with a straight stitch down the center. If beaded trim has a decorative header (like this purse trim's satin ribbon), you don't have to hide it in a seam; straight-stitch in place instead.

3. Hand-stitch any small beads or charms as desired, placing them at least 1" away from the flap front raw edges. (Attaching these small embellishments now ensures that most knots will be hidden inside the finished flap.)
4. Trim flap front to 8-1/2" square. With right sides together, sew the flap front and the green print 8-1/2" square on all sides, leaving an opening for turning in the center of the top edge (Diagram 2). Turn right side out and press, turning under raw edges. Topstitch 1/8" from all edges to complete the flap.

Assemble Bag

Body and Lining

1. Following the manufacturer's instructions, press the fusible fleece 8x9-1/2" rectangles onto backs of the red print 8x9- 1/2" rectangles; let cool. Sew together red print rectangles along both 9-1/2"-long edges (the sides) and one 8" edge (the bottom) to make the bag body (Diagram 3). Press seams open.
2. To box a bottom corner of the bag body, match the bottom seam and side seam; stitch across the resulting triangle 1" from the point (Diagram 4). Trim the seam allowance to 1/4". Repeat to box the remaining bottom corner. Turn bag body right side out.
3. Join green print rectangles along 10-1/2"-long edges (the sides) and one 8" edge (the bottom) to make the bag lining. Press seams open.
4. Repeat Step 2 to box the bottom corners of the bag lining. Do not turn bag lining right side out.
5. With wrong sides together, insert bag lining into the bag body; the lining should extend 1" above bag body. Fold lining top edge under 1/2" twice; topstitch through all layers close to folded edge of lining (Diagram 5).
6. Referring to Diagram 6, lap the top edge of the flap 1-1/2" over the top edge of the bag back; flap will extend slightly beyond bag side edges. Being careful not to catch bag front in stitching, topstitch across flap two or three times to secure.

Finish Bag

1. Cut and piece red print 2x42" strips to make a 2x49" handle strip.
2. Press under 1/4" along each long edge of the red print handle strip. Insert the batting 3/4x48" strip under one fold; batting strip should end 1/2" from handle strip ends. Fold the handle strip

in half along the batting edge and topstitch 1/8" from folded edges to make the handle (Diagram 7).

3. Turn under handle ends 1/2". Referring to Diagram 8, position ends along flap top edge, 3/4" from flap sides. Topstitch in place, being careful not to catch bag front in stitching.
4. Hand-stitch buttons and larger charms to flap, stacking two or more buttons if desired.

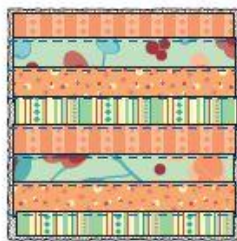


DIAGRAM 1

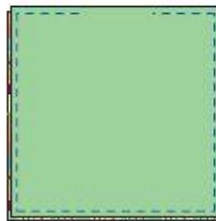


DIAGRAM 2



DIAGRAM 3

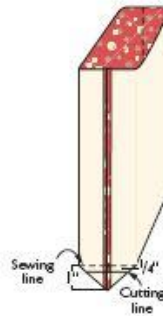


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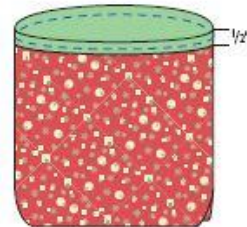


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DIAGRAM 6



DIAGRAM 7



DIAGRAM 8



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