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Christmas Present ITH

Materials

12cm x 12cm fabric for front – scrim, burlap, hessian or felt

12cm x 12cm fabric for back – scrim, burlap, hessian or felt

Decorative fabric – plaid or other design

Tear away stabiliser

Embroidery Threads

Bobbin thread

Ribbon

Low tack tape or temporary adhesive spray

Toy stuffing (optional)

Needle and thread if stuffing

Optional decorations – beads, buttons, bows

This design can be used to create a stuffed decoration and will require a small amount of handsewing to close the gap. Alternatively use the same design to create a fully finished unstuffed decoration in the hoop.

Please read these instructions through before commencing the project

Certain colours are to allow the machine to stop. You do not need to use these colours. The placement line will not be seen so you can use any colour thread. The tack down line will be seen and so it is best to match the colour of your fabric or the colour for the final outline. Match the bobbin thread for final 2 colours of the design if unstuffed and for the final colour if stuffed.

Present Instructions

1. Hoop stabiliser and stitch placement line (*thread will not be seen*)
2. Lay fabric onto stabiliser so that there is an overlap, right side uppermost. Stitch tack down line. (*thread will be seen so match it to your fabric or colour to be used for final outline*)
3. Embroider motif detail
4. Stitch placement for decorative plaid
5. Lightly spray the back of the decorative plaid with temporary adhesive spray (use a spray box away from your machine) and lay it onto the fabric in the hoop, completely covering the placement line just stitched. Ensure there is an overlap. Embroider blind stitch. Trim the fabric close to the stitch line.

6. Stitch placement line for the top of the bow

7. Lightly spray the back of the decorative plaid with temporary adhesive spray (use a spray box away from your machine) and lay it onto the fabric in the hoop, completely covering the placement line just stitched. Ensure there is an overlap. Embroider blind stitch. Trim the fabric close to the stitch line.

8. Embroider the centre of the bow

Follow the red instructions for stuffed design. Follow blue instructions for unstuffed design.

9. Stitch triple line which will ensure the front has no outline gaps. Use the same colour thread for colour 9 and 10.

10. Remove hoop from machine but do not unhoop project. Turn hoop over. Fold hanging ribbon in half and place the ends inside the top of the decoration, with approx .5/.75 inch overlap. Secure the fold of the ribbon away from the stitching area, using low tack tape.

Attach the backing fabric to the stabiliser on the back of the hoop, right side away. Secure with low tack tape or temporary adhesive spray (use a spray box away from your machine).

Use the same colour top thread as you used at stage 9. Change bobbin thread to match top thread or fabric.

Stitch final triple run which will leave a gap for stuffing.

Remove stabiliser, stuff and handsew gap closed with matching thread and a stab stitch. Trim.

9. Remove hoop from machine but do not unhoop project. Turn hoop over. Fold hanging ribbon in half and place the ends inside the top of the decoration, with approx .5/.75 inch overlap. Secure the fold of the ribbon away from the stitching area.

Attach the backing fabric to the stabiliser on the back of the hoop, right side away. Secure with low tack tape or temporary adhesive spray (use a spray box away from your machine).

Change bobbin thread to match top thread or fabric. Stitch the triple line.

10. Using the same thread stitch the final triple stitch.

Remove stabiliser and trim.

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