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Christmas Tree Trimmings

Project: Santa Tree Skirt

Skill Level: Intermediate

Create holiday memories that last a lifetime when you dress your tree with the charm of old-world style Santas.

FREE PATTERN TEMPLATE

Materials:

- Baby Lock Ellegante or Ellageo machine
- Baby Lock Old World Santas disk pack (BLDP-P07)
- Large hoop
- Pattern template
- 6 yards unbleached muslin
- 1 1/2 yard Holiday print fabric
- 20 yards flat lace (your choice of width)
- 2 yards batting (I prefer the kind that comes on a big roll and is sturdy)
- Matching all-purpose thread
- Various colors of embroidery thread
- Cut-away stabilizer
- Bobbin thread
- Marking pen or chalk
- Hand sewing needle
- Scissors
- Pins



Cutting Instructions:

1. Using the pattern template, cut eight skirt body panels, placing the indicated edge of the pattern piece straight along the grain of the fabric. Option: If you would like the center front panel without a seam, cut one panel on the fold then cut six panels.
2. Cut eight batting pieces as you did for the skirt panels.
3. Cut eight lining panels as the skirt and batting pieces.
4. Cut ten strips of the Christmas print fabric 5 inches by the width of the fabric.
5. Cut eight strips of the muslin fabric 9 inches by the width of the fabric.

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Instructions:

1. Select the Santa designs of your preference from the Baby Lock Old World Santas collection.
2. Layout the skirt panels to decide the placement of the embroidery designs and mark a center position for each embroidery design. We centered our Santas within each panel.
3. Hoop the skirt panels and stabilizer in the large hoop.
4. Set up the machine for embroidery with the first of the chosen Santa designs selected.
5. Embroider the Santa using various colors of embroidery thread.
6. When the embroidery design is complete, remove it from the hoop and set it aside.
7. Repeat the embroidery process to complete all panels.

Option: Add additional holiday designs if you prefer. We also added a tree design from Designer's Gallery® Studio to our tree skirt.

8. Once you have the embroidery on the panels complete, baste each piece to the batting pieces.
9. Once the batting is on each piece, start sewing the pieces together. Match the sides that were placed on the grain to the sides placed on the grain and the bias edge sides to the bias edge sides when assembling.
10. Remember to leave the back two panels open (which will be two straight sides).
11. Note: If you opted for a double front panel, one panel on the fold and six regular panels, you will have a double panel in the front and three single panels on each side of the double panel at this point.
12. Sew eight of the 5-inch

Christmas fabric strips together end to end.

13. Trim with lace and finish off one edge of the Christmas fabric strip.
14. Sew the right side of the lace to the right side of fabric; matching edges then fold under the seam allowance and top stitch. This prevents leaving a raw seam showing.
15. Sew eight of the 9-inch muslin fabric strips together end to end.



16. Sew the right side of the lace to the right side of the fabric; matching edges then fold under the seam allowance and top stitch. This prevents leaving a raw seam showing.
17. Layer the Christmas fabric and lace strip on top of the muslin and lace strip with right sides facing up.
18. Baste these two together, and then gather the raw edge to create a ruffle. Pin fit the ruffle to the bottom of the tree skirt. You have eight panels and eight widths in the ruffle so one width goes to each panel. If you have a double panel in the front, then two widths will fit to it.
19. The remaining two 5 inch Christmas fabric strips are sewn together, and folded in half lengthwise with right sides facing.
20. Sew each end closed and then turn the strip to the right side. Press and stitch together the raw edges with two rows of basting stitches.
21. Ruffle this strip to fit along the center edge of the tree skirt. Pin and then stitch the ruffle in place to the skirt.
22. Sew together the lining panels with the same method you did the skirt panels, matching the straight of grain and the bias edges.
23. Press your seams flat.
24. Layer the lining on top of the skirt, right sides together and pin in place. Note: tuck all the ruffles toward the right side of the embellished skirt panels.
25. Sew all around the skirt, leaving a generous opening along the bottom edge to turn the skirt to the right side.
Note: Be careful not to catch the ruffles in the seams as you attach the lining.
26. Press and whipstitch the opening closed using the hand needle.
Option: Embroider a label for the back of your tree skirt or sign and date it, using a permanent fabric-marking pen. Add an extra special touch for a gift, by writing a quick note to the recipient.

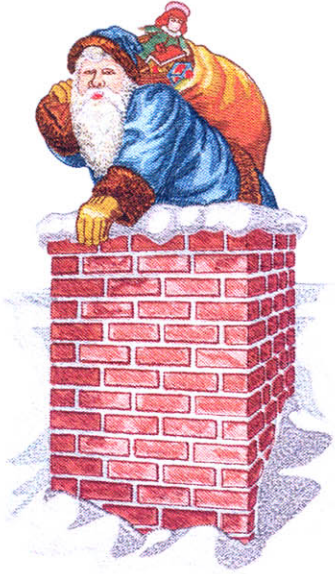
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1
= 1 inch

Place along straight of grain



Copy and enlarge the template so you can see the details of the pattern clearly. Confirm the width you want the image in inches, divide that width by the number of squares in the templates width. That number is the size you should make each box in the grid. A 1" grid box was used here. Then draw the figure freehand, copying each portion of the image square by square.