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Patchwork Christmas Stocking



It doesn't take much fabric to make these stockings and adding that personal touch with an embroidered name will make them cherished keepsakes.

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Supplies:

Baby Lock® Sewing and Embroidery Machine

If you will not be embroidering, a machine that only sews will work

¼" Piecing Foot with Guide

Stitch in the Ditch Foot

Walking Foot or Digital Dual Feed Foot

Open Toe Foot

A good quality sewing thread, like Madeira for construction

A good quality 40wt. embroidery thread, like Madeira for embroidery

Wonder Clips

Rotary Cutting Mat, Ruler, Rotary Cutter

Pins

Plastic Point Turner tool or Hera Marker for turning scallops on cuff

Pencil for marking scallops

Stocking Pattern-draw your own or use a favorite pattern

Fabric:

- 9 - 2-1/2"x44" wide strips from assorted Christmas Print fabrics for patchwork stocking front (the sample has 3 different prints)
- 9 - 2-1/2"x44" wide strips of white fabric with red polka dots for patchwork stocking front
- 6- 4" x 16.5" strips of fabric for the cuff
- 1 yard of white fabric with red polka dots for stocking back
- 1 yard of fabric for lining
- 1-yard Lightweight Batting for stocking front and back, the sample used Warm & Natural
- Ultra-Soft Stabilizer from Baby Lock for the Stocking Cuff

Instructions:

1) Take each 2-1/2" strip of fabric and cut in half lengthwise so each piece measures approximately 2-1/2" x 22".

2) Stitch 9 strips of fabric together, using a 1/4" seam allowance and beginning and ending with the Christmas print fabric and alternating with the solid.



3) Press your strip set as you stitch so that all fabric seam allowances go toward the printed fabric side. This will minimize show through on the white fabric and help in nesting your seams together in a future step. **Pro Tip:** Use the long straight edge of your ruler to assist in keeping your rows straight as you press. Simply lay the ruler on your ironing surface and but the raw long edge of one of your pieces of fabric nest to the edge. As you flip the fabric up to press it will help so that your fabric doesn't get a bend or curve in it.



4) Stitch 9 strips of fabric together, using a 1/4" seam allowance and beginning and ending with the Solid fabric and alternating with the Christmas print fabric.



- 5) Your strip sets should look like the photo above. The next step is to cut each one of the pieced fabric rectangles into 2-1/2" wide strips, cutting the fabric so that you have strips with all of the fabrics in them as in the photo. Now stitch all of the fabric strips together, alternating so that you have a piece of fabric that looks like the photo.



- 6) Lay your finished piece of fabric on top of a piece of batting cut to the same size as your fabric and a piece of the lining fabric cut to the same size as well. Using your Stitch in the Ditch foot, stitch down the fabric rows, quilting as much or as little as you like.



- 7) Lay your stocking pattern on top of your quilt sandwich and cut out. Be careful to cut your stockings in the same direction. We will only be using the pieced fabric for the front of the fabric.



- 8) Lay the stocking back fabric on top of a piece of quilt batting and a piece of the lining fabric and cut out three stocking backs, taking care to make them opposite of the stocking fronts so that when your stocking is sewn together it will work! Once cut, quilt using your walking foot or Digital Dual feed as desired. **Pro Tip:** stitch around the outside edges of the stocking too as it will help when the sides get sewn together.



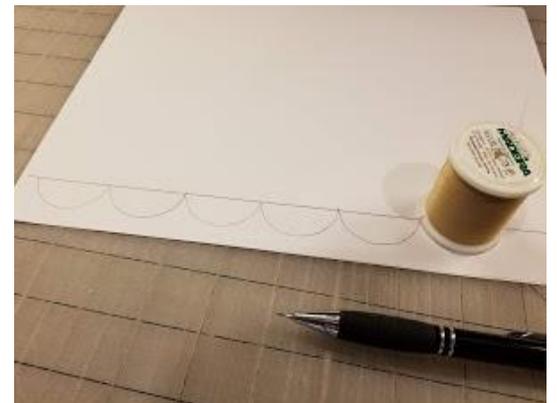
- 9) Place stocking fronts and backs together, pin, sew around the stockings, leaving the tops open. Turn right side out. Press.



- 10) Cut a strip of fabric 2" x 18" long and fold in 1/2" on each long edge. Press. Fold in half again and press. Stitch close to the open edge, creating a long strip. Cut into 3 pieces 6" long. These will be the hanging loops for your stocking. Place on the outside of the stocking top and at the back seam (the seam above the heel) and tack in place with a 1/4" seam allowance.



- 11) To create the cuff, measure up 1" on a piece of 8.5"x 11" paper and draw a line across the long side. Using a spool of thread, draw your "scallops" like the photo shown. Lay your cuff fabric on top of the pattern and with a pencil copy the scallops to the fabric, giving yourself 1/2" of seam allowance on the first edge and moving your fabric to continue making the scallops along the entire 16". (see fabric list at the beginning of the pattern for cuff cutting dimensions) **PRO TIP:** Using a flexible tape measure, mark with a sharpie on the base of the spool, two dots that are 1-1/2" apart. This distance is a perfect depth for your scallops. Align the marks on the drawn line and trace with your pen.



12) Fuse a piece of Ultra Soft Batting to the remaining piece of fabric for the cuff. Lay the fabric with the drawn scallops on top of the fabric that has the batting; batting side down. Secure with Wonder Clips and stitch on the drawn lines using an Open Toe Foot and a 2mm stitch length. Take your time and sew slowly. When you get to the top of the point, raise your presser foot, rotate your fabric, take one stitch parallel to the edge of your fabric, raise the presser foot, pivot and continue to stitch. This single stitch at the top of the scallop point will ensure that when you turn the scallop and press that the fabric will lay smoothly. Stitch all scallops, leaving the sides of the cuff open.



13) Turn the scalloped cuff right side out and using your Turning tool or Hera Marker push out the scallops and press. If you are going to embroider names, now is the time to do it using your favorite font and hooping method. I used the Gingerbread font from www.designsbyjuju.com. After embroidery, stitch the short edges together to form cuff as shown in the photo below. **PRO TIP:** Open the cuff prior to embroidery so that the back of the stitching doesn't go through all layers.



14) Place the right side of the cuff inside of the stocking, matching the cuff seam to the back of the stocking. Be sure to have your hanging loop stitch in place! Stitch with a 1/2" seam around the top of the stocking. Flip the cuff to the outside and your stocking is finished!



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