

12 Days Ornament Applique Finishing Instructions

MATERIALS REQUIRED

- ◆ Felt in coordinating color to design—cut about the size of the hoop
- ◆ Hanging thread— 7-8" of 1/8" ribbon or cord the same color as the felt

STABILIZATION: This technique requires the use of sticky stabilizer. Hoop the sticky stabilizer. Position the fabric to be stitched on top of hooped stabilizer.

If your machine has a Baste-In-The-Hoop function, use that function to hold the fabric and sticky stabilizer in position.



IMPORTANT

The correct Diamond Finishing File must be used to stitch the In-the-Hoop Ornaments.

Please note that in the 12 Days Collection, the 14 and 11 Count Sizes require a hoop larger than 4" x 4" (100mm x 100mm) in order to stitch BOTH the design and finishing file in the same hoop.

The numeral at the end of the design filename must be the same numeral at the end of the Diamond Finishing file. For example, for the 2-Turtledoves-14 design file, use the DiamondFinishing-14 file. **Stitch** the complete ornament design, leaving the finished stitched design in the hoop.

Load the *DiamondFinishing* file into your machine. Decide on the color you would like your outer Satin Stitch border to be—usually red or green for Christmas Ornaments works best. You could use the same color as your fabric though, if you want a more subtle effect.

Finishing File Color Stops

While there are 3 Color Stops in the finishing design, you will use the same color of thread for all 3 Color Stops.

- Color Stop 1: Stitches the Hanger in place.
- Color Stop 2: A Double-Running stitch that stitches the ornament fabric to the felt underneath the hoop. Back ground Fabric will be trimmed away after this Color Stop is completed.
- Color Stop 3: Stitches the Satin Stitch Outer Border.



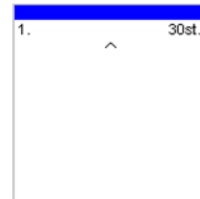
Step 1: Hanging Thread

Cut a piece of ribbon or hanging thread about 7" long. Fold in half and position at top of diamond shape. (Use spray adhesive to hold ribbon or cord in position, if necessary).

Using thread the color you want the outer Satin Stitch border to be, stitch Color Stop 1 (blue on your machine) to attach hanging thread. Machine will stop. Do not change thread.

After Hanger has been stitched in place, Trim the ends of the Hanger as close to the stitching as possible so that these ends will be covered by the Satin Stitch Border.

Color Stop 1 Running Stitches Attach the hanger.

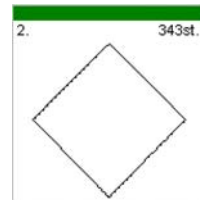


Step 2: Double Running Stitch

Cut a piece of felt about the size of the hoop for easy handling. Position underneath hoop and gently hold felt in place as you start the machine stitching

Stitch Color Stop 2. Running Stitches will stitch around the diamond shape. When machine stops, remove hoop from machine. Remove the In-the-Hoop Basting Stitches.

Color Stop 2 Running Stitches Positions fabric and felt.



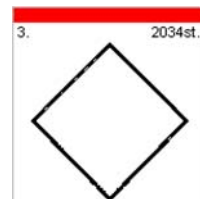
Step 3: Satin Stitch Border.

Pull fabric away from sticky stabilizer at each corner. *Very carefully*, trim background fabric (*not hooped stabilizer*) away from the outside of the stitched line. Trim as close to the running stitches as possible without cutting the actual stitches. After trimming is complete, replace hoop in embroidery unit.

The outer Satin Stitched Border will now be stitched around the diamond shape, covering the previously stitched Running Stitches.

Step 4: Trim using regular scissors, trim felt about 1/4" away from Satin Stitch border, around the diamond shape. Alternatively, you can use some fancy Pinking Shears to cut a scalloped edge around the diamond.

Color Stop 3 Satin Stitch Border



Remove from hoop.
Tear away any remaining stabilizer.

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