

JHB464 ITH Stars freebie

Thank you so much for downloading this freebie. I am sure you are going to enjoy making this little beauty. Use it as a coaster, tree ornament, gift tag or use it in a wreath to celebrate the festive season.

This is an in the hoop project and quite quick stitching and thread colours are purely going to depend on your choice of fabrics. I chose to do my star in hessian and I used a closely woven one. If the weave is too loose your stitching will fall in between the weave.

For your star you are going to need

1 x 6 inch (15 cm) square fabric for the top of your star

1 x 6 inch (15 cm) square fabric for the lining of your star

1 x 6 inch (15 cm) square of quilters or compressed batting

Various scraps for applique of the inside stars for the four designs that have that option

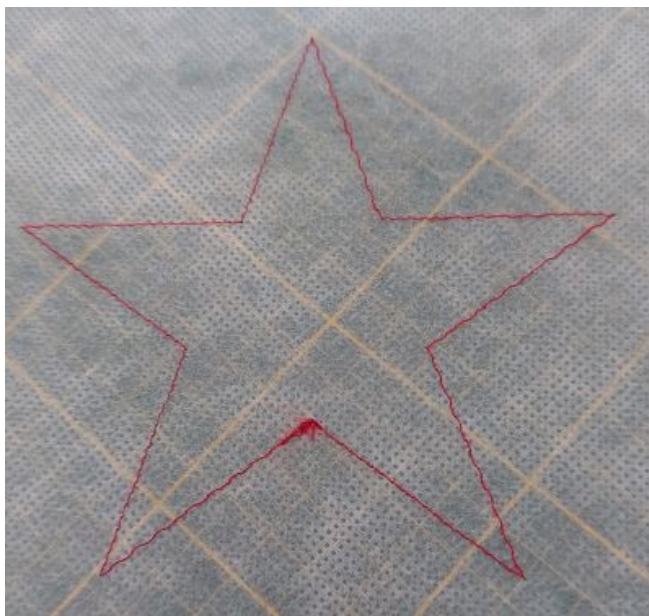
Water soluble vilene or cut away as a stabilizer – just remember if you are using cut away you are going to have to burn away any fuzzies

Various thread colours, I used two colours, red and green. You do need a matching bobbin thread for your satin stitch outline colour

This is how you go about making your star.

Hoop up your stabilizer and thread up your machine with your satin stitch outline colour, matching your top and bobbin thread.

Stitch the first colour line straight onto your stabilizer, this is a placement line of where your batting is going to go.



Float your batting over this placement line, making sure you are exceeding all the points and then secure your batting with the next colour line whilst lightly holding the batting in place so that it does not move or bubble. This is a double run stitch line.



Remove hoop from the machine, but not the design out of the hoop, and cut away the excess batting close to the run stitch line.

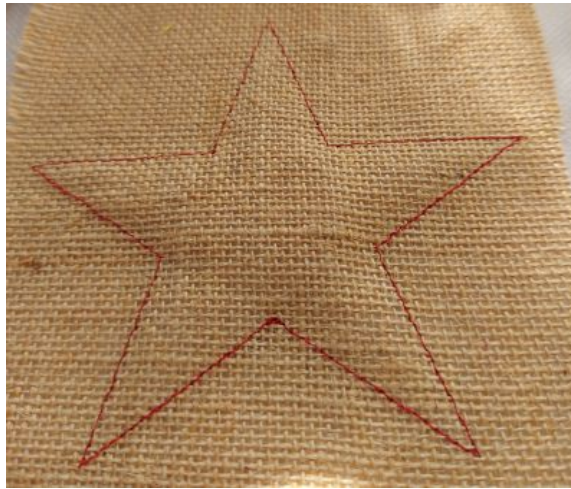


Next up float your top fabric over the batting right side up. You can pin this in place if you so wish outside the stitching area or just lightly hold it in place so that the fabric does not move or bubble.



Secure your fabric with the next colour line, which is a single run stitch line. DO NOT cut away any excess fabric at this stage.

If you do, the fabric will pull out from under the run stitch line when you stitch the inside detail.



Stitch the detail in the colour of your choice.



Once you finished with the inside stitch detail, change your thread back to your outside satin stitch outline colour, matching your top and bobbin thread.

Add your lining underneath the hoop, right side facing away from the hoop.



Carefully place the hoop back on the machine and stitch the next colour line, which is a run stitch line and a zigzag line.

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Remove hoop from the machine, but not the design out of the hoop, and cut away the excess fabric on top and underneath the hoop close to the zigzag line.



Place hoop back on the machine and stitch the final satin stitch outline.



Once you have made your star, you can wash out your stabilizer, dry flat and once dry, lightly press on the reverse. If you are going to use it as ornament, add a ribbon loop with your sewing machine or by hand and you are ready to be a star!

Enjoy!

Kind regards
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