

Plush Christmas Stocking with Elsa from *Frozen*

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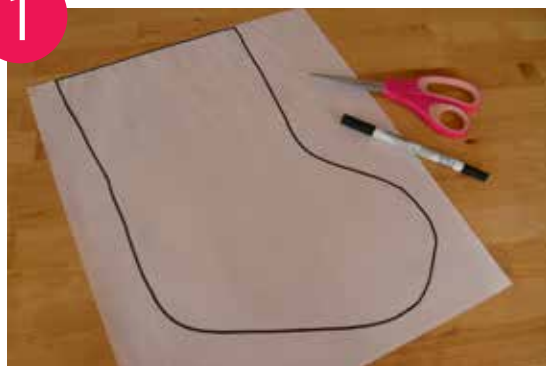
Knock Santa's socks off by creating your own custom Christmas stockings with this easy machine embroidery and appliqué technique! Choose colors that go with your holiday theme and customize these stockings with your favorite Disney•Pixar characters!

SUPPLIES:

Satin Fabric for Stocking, Contrasting Satin Fabric for Appliqué and Hanging Loop, White Fleece for Topper, Fiberfill, Quilt Batting, Tear-Away Stabilizer, Machine Embroidery Thread, Sewing Thread
Optional: Fabric Glue, Glitter and Heat Set Rhinestones



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Create a paper pattern by tracing the outline of an existing stocking that you've turned inside out.

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Layer up four layers of satin fabric (two with the 'right' sides up and two with the 'wrong' sides up).

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Pin your pattern onto the four layers and trim.

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Then, use the same pattern to cut out two layers of quilt batting and set aside all of the stocking pieces.

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Next, begin your appliqué by layering up your hoop with a piece of quilt batting that's sandwiched between a layer of the contrasting satin fabric and a layer of tear-away stabilizer.

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Embroider the design of your choice and then embroider a frame around the design in a simple straight stitch. This frame will serve as a guide for positioning your appliqué, so be sure to save the dimensions and position that you used.

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Remove the piece from the hoop and trim any excess threads. Then trim around the stitched border of the appliqué and apply some dry fabric adhesive to the back.

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Then, layer up the front part of your stocking with a piece of stabilizer and place the assembly onto the machine.

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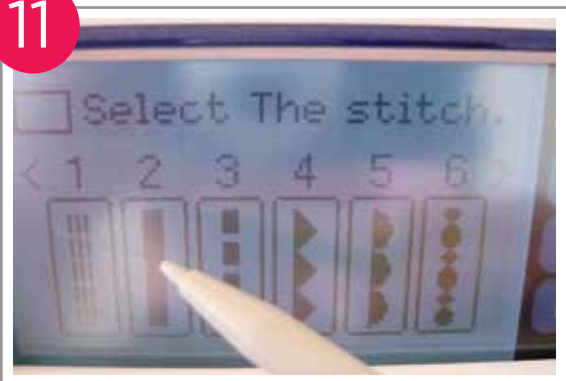
Stitch the exact same frame onto the front of the stocking.

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Follow the instructions on the touchscreen, changing out the top thread as the machine tells you which color thread to use next.

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Then, stitch the exact same frame (in the exact same location of the hoop), only this time use a wide stitch pattern that will serve to secure the two pieces together.

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Feel free to add as many concentric frames as you like for a really custom look. (For mine, I added an additional blue-dotted frame.)

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Remove the assembly from the hoop and tear the stabilizer from the back of the appliquéd stocking front.

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Next, you are ready to assemble the front and back pieces of the stocking. Sandwich the layer of quilt batting between the two corresponding pieces of satin with the right sides facing out. Repeat this step on both the front piece and back piece for the stocking.

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Baste stitch around the perimeter of each assembly using a 1/4" seam allowance.

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Then, pin together the two sides (with the appliqué on the inside) and stitch around the stocking with a 1/2" seam allowance, leaving the top of the stocking open. Be sure to remember to backstitch at the beginning and end of all your seams.

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Cut notches around the curved areas so that the stocking seams lay nice and flat.

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Create the hanging loop by sewing a tube of fabric that coordinates with your appliqué design.

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Now you are ready to create the fleece topper. You could create a traditional straight topper, but I went with a wavy icicle topper for this project to coordinate with the theme of the movie *Frozen*. Cut the fleece long enough to fit around the top of your stocking with a little overlap.

Cut a long piece of fleece and fold it in half. Sew a wavy line along the folded edge and trim away the excess.

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Turn the fleece piece inside out and stuff it gently with the fiberfill, using your stocking as a guide. Measure and sew the topper to size so it will fit around the top of your stocking.

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Next, stuff and then secure the topper with pins to the top of the inside out stocking. Be sure to also secure the hanging loop in place as shown.

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Then, stitch around the perimeter of the stocking opening using a 1/2" seam allowance.

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Turn the stocking right-side out.

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Optional: embellish with glitter and heat set stones.

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Now you are ready to adorn your holiday mantle with your beautiful custom stocking! Additional design ideas include personalizing the stocking topper with people's names and using the hooping and re-hooping technique to cover the front of the stocking with multiple embroidered designs! The creative options are endless!