

“Embroidered Christmas Garland”



This free embroidery project will show you how to make Christmas countdown garland which will add to the Holiday festivities. With the use of Playtime Appliqué Interactive and Christmas Traditions Interactive designs anything is possible. Your little ones will be counting the days till Christmas!

Skill Level: Basic

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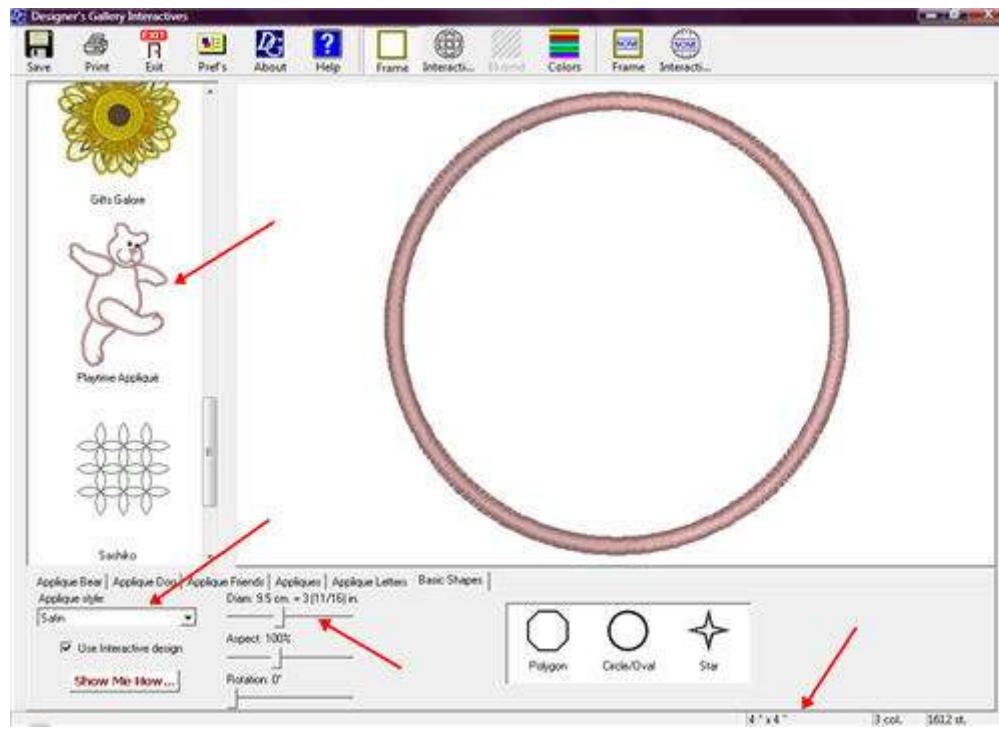
Supplies:


Baby Lock Embroidery Machine with a 4" x 4" (100 x 100mm) hoop
Christmas Traditions Interactive design collection
Playtime Appliqué Interactive design collection
4 coordinating Christmas fat quarters
½ yd. white or light blue organza
1 spool ⅛" satin craft ribbon of both red and green
1 spool 20 gauge craft wire or 24 decorative hooks
Purchased holiday garland
Baby Lock Dissolve-Away Mesh stabilizer
Baby Lock Tear-Away stabilizer
Baby Lock Cut-Away Plus stabilizer
Temporary spray adhesive
Embroidery thread assortment
Rotary cutter and ruler
Small appliqué or embroider scissors
Cutting mat
All-purpose sewing thread
Monofilament sewing thread
Extra bobbin

Instructions:

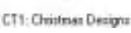
Create Designs:

1. Open Playtime Appliqué Interactive software which is installed on your PC.
2. Select the Basic Shapes tab and the Circle/Oval from the shape selection box.
3. From the Appliqué Style selection box select satin.
4. Using the Diam. slide bar, adjust the size to 3 ¾" x 3 ¾" or an overall size of 4" x 4".



5. You are now ready to save the design. Click “Save”  found in the toolbar. Name your file base circle, select your USB drive or other location using the “Save in” drop down menu. Select the format from the list by clicking the down arrow on the “Save As Type” box and clicking the desired format. Click “Save”. If your machine requires media other than a USB drive, follow the manufacturer’s instructions to transfer the design to that media.
6. To add the numbers, select the Interactive tool found in the tool bar,



- then  from the selection window.
7. Select the Letter tab, use the Height slide bar to set the number height to 1 ½”. Type the number 1 into the text box and press enter on the keyboard.
8. This is ready to save following the previous instruction. You will repeat these steps for numbers 1-24 saving each one.

Prepare the Fabric:

1. From the Christmas fat quarters cut 48-5 ½” x 5 ½” squares. For a good variety, cut 12 squares from each of the fat quarters.
2. Cut 24-5 ½” x 5 ½” squares from the Cut-Away Plus stabilizer.

3. To create the organza circles, simply layer a piece of the Dissolve-Away Mesh stabilizer with the organza. To maximize the fabric, the circles will be stitched on the fabric and then cut after they have all been sewn.

Embroidery the Machine:

1. Set your machine up for embroidery and load the base circle design onto the machine. Select the proper size embroidery hoop and hoop a piece of tear away stabilizer.
2. Center one of the Christmas squares in the center of the hoop, wrong side facing up and stitch the first color of the design; this will be for placement and to tack the fabric to the stabilizer.



3. Remove the hoop from the machine but DO NOT remove the stabilizer or fabric from the hoop.
4. Spray the square with temporary spray adhesive. Attach a square of Cut-Away Plus and spray that with spray adhesive. Attach the second piece of fabric right side facing up.
5. Stitch the next color tacking all the layers to the stabilizer.
6. Remove the hoop from the machine but DO NOT remove the stabilizer or fabric from the hoop. Using small appliqué or embroidery scissors, trim all the way around the outside of the circle. Trim as close to the stitching as possible without cutting the stitches or the hooped stabilizer.



7. Replace to the hoop on the machine and continue stitching finishing the edge of the circle.
8. Remove from hoop and tear away the stabilizer from the inside and outside of the circle. Set aside. Repeat these steps to complete 24 base circles.
9. Load the first numbered circle design onto the machine. Select the proper size embroidery hoop and hoop the organza with a layer of Dissolve-Away Mesh.
Note: If you have a larger hoop for your machine, you can put more than one of these the hoop to sew at a time.
10. Sew the numbered circle(s), re-hoop and continue until you have completed the 24 numbered circles.
11. When all the pieces have been completed, cut them out using small embroidery scissors. Cut close to the satin stitching being careful not to cut the stitches.
Note: You can also use a soldering iron to cut the circles out.
12. Once all the pieces have been cut out, rinse them in warm water to remove the water soluble stabilizer. Spread a towel out and lay the pieces flat to dry.

Assembling the Garland pieces:

1. Set machine up for regular straight stitch sewing with all purpose thread in the needle and the bobbin.
2. Cut 24-2" pieces of ribbon, 12 red and 12 green.
3. Take one piece of ribbon and fold it in half. Attach it to the top of the base circle. Repeat for each of the base circles.
4. Wind the extra bobbin with thread to match the color used for the base circles.
5. Set the machine up for a zig-zag stitch with a length of 2.5mm and a width of 2.5mm. Thread the needle with monofilament and the bobbin wound with the matching thread.

6. With wrong sides together, place one numbered circle on top of a base circle. Be sure to center the ribbon at the top so it will hang nicely.
7. Stitch around the circle from 2 o'clock to 10 o'clock, leaving an opening at the top for a candy treat.
8. Repeat for each of the 24 circles.
9. Cut a 3" piece of craft wire. Bend it to form a hook on both ends of the wire.
10. Repeat to create a hook for each of the pieces.
11. Hang a length of garland child height and place the pieces on the garland.

Put a treat inside each of the pieces and let the count down begin! As an alternative, hang these like ornaments on the tree and make it a game to find each day as you count down the days till Christmas.

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