

## “Noel Basket”

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Along with Designer’s Gallery Interactives, Christmas Traditions collection, an embroidery machine and thread is all you need to create this fun simple basket. It’s a perfect decoration by itself. Filled with sweet treats it’s even better.

**Skill Level:** Beginner

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**Supplies:**

- Baby Lock Embroidery Sewing Machine
- Computer with Designer’s Gallery Interactives, Christmas Traditions collection installed
- Baby Lock Dissolve Away Mesh Stabilizer
- 1 yard each ¼ “ red and green satin ribbon
- Mettler silk-finish 100% cotton 50 wt. thread
  - Gold #105-767
  - Green #105-553
  - Red #105-770
  - Off-white #104-703

Robison-Anton Metallic thread

- Gold #1003
- Emerald #1010
- Red #1009

Clear Monofilament thread

Yarn needle

Pair small embroidery scissors

### **Instructions:**

#### **At the computer:**

1. Open Designer's Gallery Interactives, Christmas Traditions collection. Select the Basic Shapes from the project window.
2. Selecting the polygon shape, make an 8-sided shape with 2 ½" edges with a Split border. To do this use the edge and side slide bar. Select holly from the theme menu by clicking the down arrow and highlighting the selection.
3. Using the Background tool. Sliding the density slide bar to the left set the density to 2.0. Adjust the color by sliding the color slide bar. Red, white, and green color arrangement was used in this basket.
4. Save this piece by clicking the Save icon in the toolbar.
5. Select the Basic Shapes from the project window and create a 4-sided shape with 2 ½" edges. From the border selection box, select the Split border.
6. Using the top tool bar, select the background tool. Sliding the density slide bar to the left set the density to 1.5. Adjust the color by sliding the color slide bar. Red, white, and green color arrangement was used in this basket.
7. Save this piece.
8. From the selection window, select the Design Frame, then select Design from the tool bar. From here, select the CT1: Christmas Traditions from the selection window and then the Letters tab from the Project Window.
9. Type the letter "N" and hit enter. Using the height slide bar, size the letter to 1 ¾". Save this piece. Follow these steps for the letters "O", "E", & "L".
10. Next, select the Bonus design tab from the Project Window. From the select piece box, select the holly leaf. Save this piece.

#### **At the machine:**

1. Hoop 2 layers of the Baby Lock dissolve away mesh in the appropriate hoop for your machine.
2. With the machine set up for embroidery, transfer the centerpiece design to your machine. Follow the instructions for your machine to transfer the design to the proper media.
3. Stitch one, 8-sided piece, this will be the base of your bowl. Trim excess stabilizer and rinse all the pieces and set aside to dry.

4. Following the manufacturer's instructions, use the embroidery edit from your machine to bring in one of the squares and then centering the "N" in the square. Do this for each of the letters, using four of the squares. When you stitch these squares, use the cotton thread for the first four colors. You will use the metallic for the letters, the last three colors.
5. Follow the same steps for the four remaining squares using the holly in the center. When you stitch these squares, use the cotton thread for the first four colors. You will use the metallic for the holly, the last two colors. These squares will make up the sides of your basket.
6. Trim excess stabilizer, rinse and set aside to dry.
7. After these pieces are dry we are ready to assemble our bowl. Set your machine up for zig-zag stitch, 2.5 stitch length, 1.5 stitch width. Thread your machine with clear monofilament in both the needle and bobbin.
8. Starting with the 8-sided shape, stitch 1 square to each side of this piece alternating between the letters and the holly. Be sure to catch the edge of each shape with the zig-zag stitch while stitching. Using monofilament in the bobbin and needle it will not matter if you sew from the top or bottom. You do however, want to make sure that you stitch all pieces the same, either rights up or right sides down.
9. After you have finished attaching the sides to your basket fold the squares to the inside, finger pressing the joining seam.
10. Thread a yarn needle with 36" of ¼" ribbon with green. Weave through the top left and top right of two adjoining squares. Tie in a bow and trim the ends of your ribbon to finish. Continue with the green tying every other pair, the remaining will be tied in red in the same way.
11. Place a napkin in your basket as a liner and fill with Christmas treats.

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