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EMBROIDERED CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

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PROJECT SHEET



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WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Silhouette cutting machine
- Rotary blade for Silhouette machine
- Strong grip cutting mat for Silhouette
- Red acrylic felt
- White acrylic felt
- Red embroidery floss
- White embroidery floss
- Ribbon or twine for hanging
- Embroidery needle
- Embroidery scissors

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1 - Using your Silhouette software, create a star shape in three sizes. The stars can be any size you wish but should overlap with a small border between each one.

Step 2 - Duplicate the largest star so that you cut two of them.

Step 3 - Place your red felt on your fabric grip cutting mat and follow the machine's instructions to cut your three red stars.

Step 4 - Repeat with white felt to create four white stars.

Step 5 - Layer a medium red star on a large white star, then place a small white star on top of both. Ensure they are neatly centred, then do the same with the other stars in the opposite colour pattern.

Step 6 - Use three strands of embroidery floss to free stitch a decorative pattern on your layered stars, both to embellish them and to hold the layers together. We stitched red on white and vice versa, but you could also try tone on tone, or introduce another colour like green, pink, or gold.

Tip - Use a variety of stitches such as back stitch, running stitch, French knots, and lazy

daisies to create a detailed look.

Step 7 - Take the second large star in the colour that matches the ornament you are working on and lay it in front of you. Trim a piece of the ribbon or twine you are going to hang your ornament with, and tie it into a loop with a small knot, then lay it on top of the large star with the loop extending out over the top of one of the star's points, and the knotted end laid on the felt.

Step 8 - Place the layered and embroidered piece on top so that the knotted end of the loop is sandwiched between the layers of felt and align the layers neatly.

Step 9 - Stitch around the outside with three strands embroidery floss using a running stitch. If you want a different look, try a blanket stitch instead. TIP: If you'd like to give your stars a plump, pillowy look, sew most of the way around, then stuff with a little bit of hobby fill before completing the stitching to close.

Step 10 - Repeat steps 7 to 9 with your second set of stars.

Step 11 - You should now have two completed star ornaments. Repeat the process to create a larger set or try different shapes in your Silhouette software to create variety. We suggest trying circles, and hearts.