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Dear Friend,
 We know that quilters love to decorate with handmade items, so we're offering this collection of Christmas ornaments. Make some to brighten your home, or stitch up a few to give as gifts for your family and friends.

Each of the featured patterns includes detailed, step-by-step instructions. We've also included diagrams or photos to help you along the way and guarantee your success.

Three of the projects include a Sew Easy lesson to teach you a special technique used. Learn reverse appliqué, English paper piecing, or shadow appliqué as you make a Christmas ornament.

We hope you'll enjoy making these quick projects as much as we did!

Happy quilting,

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1.

yo-man & yo-landa

Designer Madge Ziegler varied traditional yo-yo construction methods to create a charming snow couple. Hang them on the tree or display them on a tabletop this holiday season.



PROJECT RATING: EASY

Size: 3" tall

Materials

NOTE: Small polka dots are great for hat fabrics because they look as though they are covered with tiny snowflakes. To give your snow couple a country look, use muslin or tan fabric for bodies instead of white.

1/8 yard white fabric for bodies

5" x 9" rectangle black print for Yo-man's hat

5" x 9" rectangle red print for Yo-landa's hat

10 orange seed beads for noses

21 black seed beads for eyes, mouths, and buttons

1 (5 1/2"-long) piece of 1/8"-wide green satin ribbon

Black, red, and white quilting thread

1 yard white pearl cotton or crochet thread to assemble ornaments and for ornament hangers

Polyester fiberfill

3"-long tiny twig

Large darning or doll needle

Fine hand sewing needle that will fit through beads

Template material

ORNAMENTS BY **Madge Ziegler.**

Cutting for each couple

Make templates for circles from patterns.

From white fabric, cut:

- 4 Large Circles.
- 2 Small Circles.

From black print, cut:

- 1 Large Circle.
- 1 Small Circle.

From red print, cut:

- 1 Large Circle.
- 1 Small Circle.

Assembly

1. Tie a large knot at 1 end of length of white quilting thread. (We used black thread to be more visible in photos.) To make 1 stuffed body circle, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ "-long running stitches $\frac{3}{16}$ " from edge of 1 large white circle. Draw up thread slightly; insert polyester fiberfill to fill circle (*Photo A*). Draw thread tight around stuffed circle and knot thread. Repeat for remaining white circles. In a similar manner, use large black circle and black thread to create stuffed circle for Yo-man's hat.

Sew Smart™

The amount of stuffing you use will affect the appearance of your snow people. Each will look different, but you will want to stuff fairly firmly. —Madge

2. For Yo-landa's beret, make a traditional yo-yo from small red circle. Fold under $\frac{1}{4}$ " around perimeter of circle as you run a basting stitch with red thread around the circle. Pull up stitching to gather yo-yo; knot thread (*Photo B*). Repeat to make a traditional yo-yo from the large red circle for Yo-landa's beret and from the small black circle for Yo-man's hat brim.

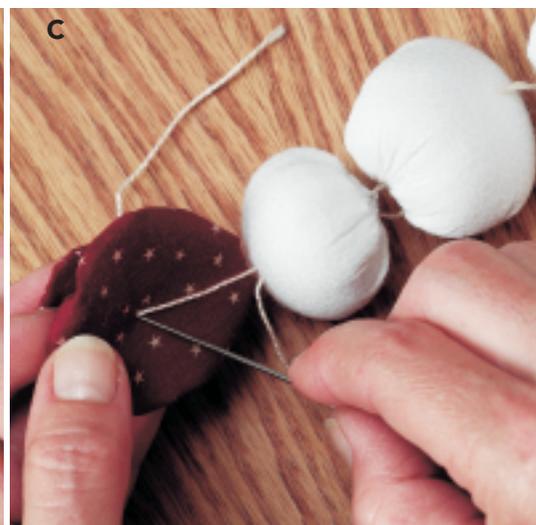
3. To assemble Yo-landa, thread darning or doll needle with 18"-long piece of pearl cotton or crochet thread. Leaving a 4"-5" thread tail when you begin, string pieces together by going through yo-yos in the following order: gathered side of small red yo-yo, gathered side of large red yo-yo, smooth end of small

white stuffed circle, knotted ends of 2 large white stuffed circles. Reinsert needle about $\frac{1}{8}$ " from where you came out and go back up through all 5 pieces (*Photo C*). Pull up thread firmly and knot; knot again about 3" away from first knot to create hanger. Trim ends of thread.

4. In a similar manner, string Yo-man together in the following order: smooth end of stuffed black yo-yo, gathered side of traditional black yo-yo, smooth end of small white stuffed circle, knotted ends of 2 large white stuffed circles.

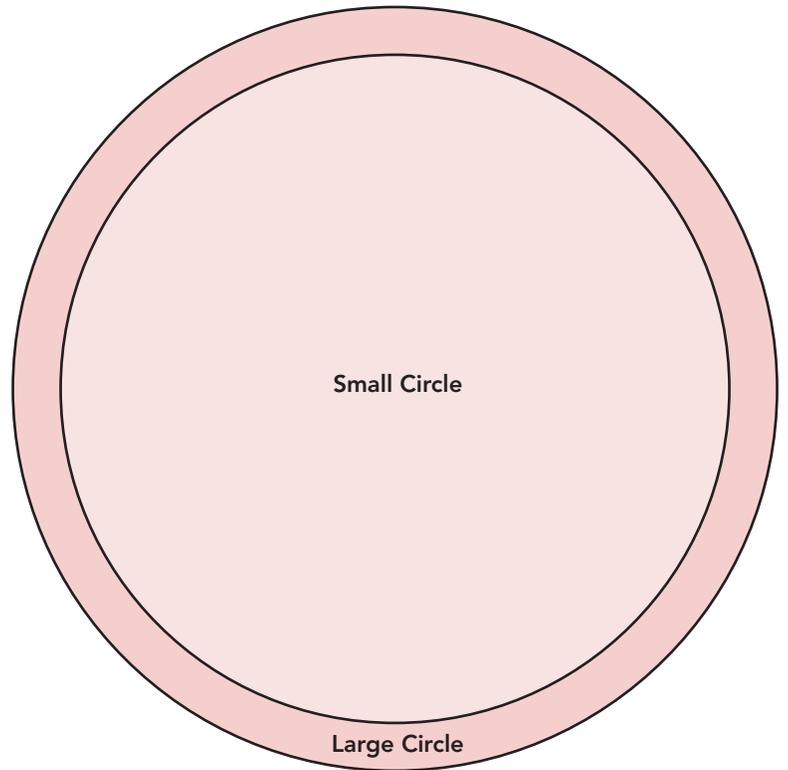
5. Use a pencil to lightly mark position for eyes, nose, mouth, and buttons on each snow person.

6. Thread beading needle with black quilting thread and tie knot at 1 end. Begin stitching under Yo-landa's hat so knot will be hidden. Bring needle out at spot for 1 eye and stitch on 1 black bead; come up at spot for second eye and add bead. Next, come up at spot for nose, string 4 orange beads onto thread, insert thread in second bead from end and





go back through remaining beads, insert back into nose position
 (Photo D). Nose will stand out from face. Come up at 1 end of mouth spot, sew on 3 or 4 black beads for mouth. Come up at spots for buttons and add 1 black bead for each button; knot thread and pop knot into body. Tie green ribbon around neck. Using the same method, add bead facial features to Yo-man, but use 5–6 orange beads for nose and 5–6 black beads for mouth. Add buttons; come out at side of bottom circle and stitch twig in place. Knot thread and pop knot into body. Stitch top of twig to Yo-man's hat brim.



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2.

CHRISTMAS *Star*

This reverse appliqué design celebrates a great symbol of the season—the Christmas Star.

PROJECT RATING: INTERMEDIATE

Size: 3½" x 8"



Ornament by Madge Ziegler.

Materials (for 1 ornament):

2 (5" x 10") pieces dark blue fabric
1 (5" x 10") piece bright yellow fabric

1 (5" x 10") piece thin cotton batting

Fancy sequin and bead for center
Gold cord or satin ribbon for hanger
Blue thread for appliqué and quilting
Template material
Gold or silver thread for embellishment (optional)

Cutting

Make templates from diamond and star patterns at right.

From blue fabric, cut:

- 2 diamonds.

From yellow fabric, cut:

- 1 diamond.

Assembly

NOTE: Refer to *Sew Easy: Reverse Appliqué*.

1. Trace star pattern on right side of 1 blue diamond.
2. Place right side of yellow diamond beneath wrong side of marked blue diamond and baste at least ¼" outside star outline.
3. Reveal yellow star shape by using reverse appliqué technique. (See *Sew Easy: Reverse Appliqué*.)
4. Press carefully and sew a fancy sequin and bead to star center. If desired, use metallic thread to add decorative stitching, such as rays from star, as shown in photo.

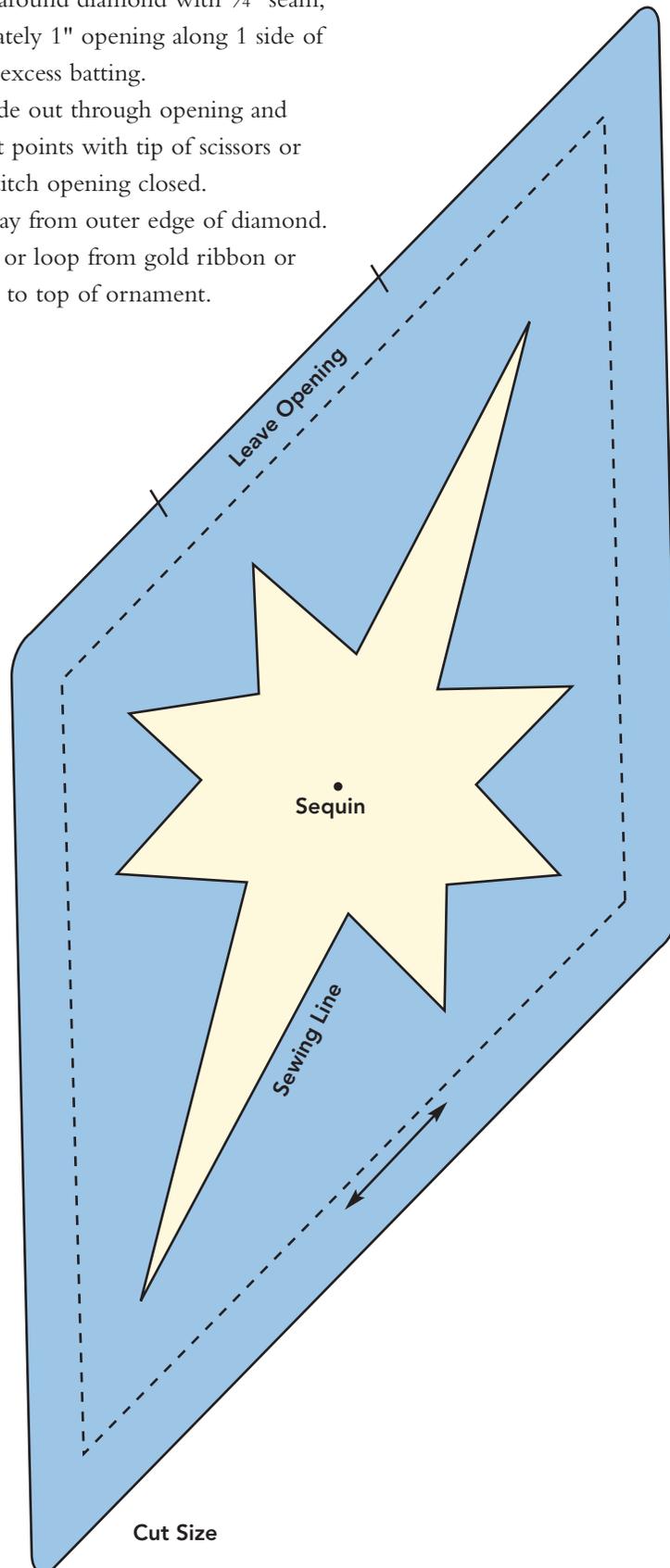
Reverse Appliqué

Instead of stitching one shape atop another, as with traditional appliqué, reverse appliqué involves cutting away the top fabric to expose a layer of contrasting fabric beneath.

1. Mark outline for reverse appliqué shape on top fabric.
2. Place right side of bottom fabric to wrong side of top fabric. Baste at least ¼" outside the marked appliqué outline.
3. Cut through top fabric about ⅛" inside marked outline. Cut only about 1"–1½" at a time.
4. Using regular sewing thread, needle turn and appliqué seam allowance of top fabric firmly to fabric beneath using a blind stitch. Cut and appliqué a little at a time until you stitch all the way around design. As you work, clip inside points to line.



5. Place completed star front atop star back, right sides facing. Layer batting beneath star back. Working with star front facing you, machine stitch around diamond with ¼" seam; leave approximately 1" opening along 1 side of diamond. Trim excess batting.
6. Turn right side out through opening and gently poke out points with tip of scissors or stiletto. Hand stitch opening closed.
7. Quilt ¼" away from outer edge of diamond.
8. Form a bow or loop from gold ribbon or cord and attach to top of ornament.



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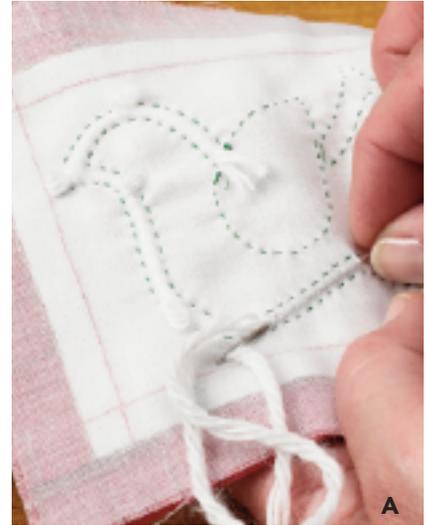
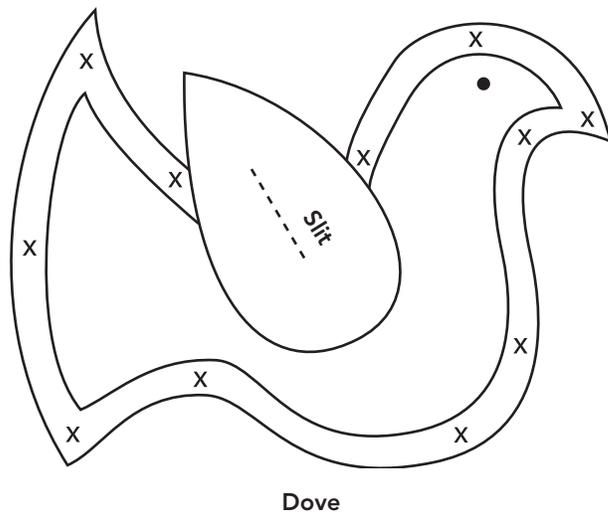
TRAPUNTO DOVE
ornament

Ornament by Madge Ziegler.

PROJECT RATING: EASY**Size:** 5" x 4½"**Materials (for one ornament)**

- 1 (4" x 3½") rectangle white solid (Madge used cotton sateen for a more elegant ornament.)
- 2 (1¼" x 3½") strips red or green print for side borders
- 2 (1¼" x 5½") strips red or green print for top and bottom borders
- 1 (5½" x 5") rectangle red or green print for back
- 1 (5½" x 5") rectangle prewashed white organdy or batiste
- Water-soluble fabric marker or tailor's chalk
- 1 yard white worsted-weight acrylic yarn
- Polyester fiberfill
- Red or green hand quilting thread
- Tapestry needle
- ½ yard ⅛"-wide red or green satin ribbon for hanger
- Tiny seed bead for eye

The Trapunto Dove is one of a series of Christmas ornaments Madge Ziegler designed to teach her students traditional quilting techniques.

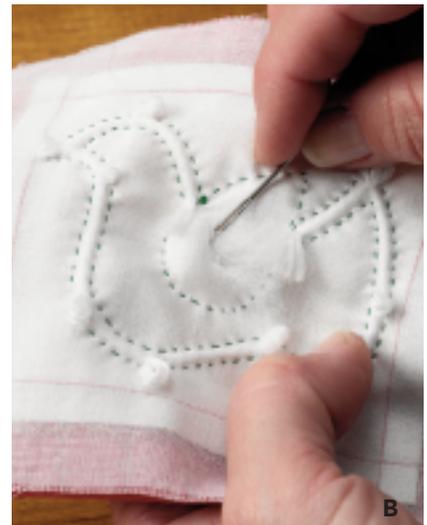


A

Traditional Hand Corded and Stuffed Method

1. Stitch side borders to white center rectangle; add top and bottom borders. Press seam allowances toward borders.
2. Trace dove pattern above onto ornament center fabric.
3. Pin organdy on wrong side and baste in place. Remove pins.
4. Using red or green thread, quilt through both fabrics on pattern lines.
5. Thread tapestry needle with worsted-weight acrylic yarn. Working from wrong side, pull yarn through double-line channel made by quilting (*Photo A*). Leave approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " yarn tail at beginning and end. No knots are needed.
6. At Xs on diagram above, or every 1" or so, bring needle out on wrong side and insert it back in same hole,

- leaving about $\frac{1}{8}$ " loop of yarn. This loop keeps project from puckering.
7. Cut a small slit in center back of wing area. Using eye end of tapestry needle, stuff very lightly and evenly with polyester fiberfill (*Photo B*). Overstuffing will distort design. Close slit loosely with a few large hand stitches.
8. Sew on seed bead for eye.
9. Stitch top to backing, right sides together, with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, leaving about a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " opening; turn. If desired, add a small amount of polyester fiberfill for stuffing and stitch opening closed.
10. To make a hanger for ornament, stitch a ribbon bow tied with an extra loop to top center (*Photo C*) or tie a tiny bow in each end of the ribbon and stitch to the top corners of ornament.



B



C



Ornaments by Madge Ziegler.

4.

CATHEDRAL WINDOW

ornament

Follow the steps to make this classic design for your tree. If you need a last minute gift, this could be it!

PROJECT RATING: EASY

Size: 4¼" x 4¼"

Materials (for one ornament)

2 (9") squares background fabric
2 (2½") squares window fabric
Polyester filler
Ribbon for hanging

Assembly

1. Fold the 9" square in half right sides together. Using a ¼" seam, stitch across short ends (*Photo A*).



2. Open rectangle and line up seams. Stitch from center toward corners, leaving about 1¼" open in the center for turning (*Photo B*).



3. Turn, carefully pushing out corners. Press. Turn under seam allowance on opening and press flat (*Photo C*). Repeat Steps 1–3 for second unit.



4. Fold 4 corners in so points touch center and press to create creased guidelines (*Photo D*). Repeat for second unit.



5. Stitch 2 units together on opposite sides along crease lines to make a tube (*Photo E*).



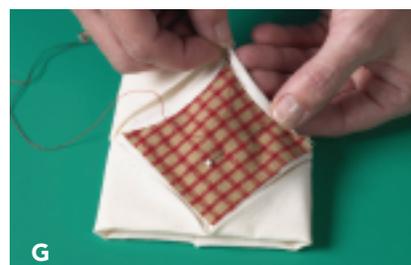
6. Tack corners to centers (*Photo F*).

7. Roll tube so seams are at center on front and back. Center 1 (2½") square over seams that join units. Bring folded edges of background over raw edges of small square.

Hand stitch using blind or other invisible appliqué stitch (*Photo G*). You may stitch through top only or all the way to the back.



8. Whip stitch bottom opening closed. Fill with polyester. Stitch top edges together, stuffing firmly before finishing top seam. Add ribbon bow tied with an extra loop for hanger.



Hint: Make a template with a 2½" square cut out of the center to take with you when shopping for novelty-type fabrics for your "windows." The template tells you if the motifs will fit in the window.

5.

The card stock pentagons used for English paper piecing this cute 3-D basket stay in permanently to help the basket retain its shape. Designer Madge Ziegler suggests you hang this ornament on your tree or fill it with tiny candies for a dinner favor.

ENGLISH BASKET *ornament*



PROJECT RATING: EASY

Size: approximately 1¼" tall, excluding handle

Materials (for 1 ornament):

- 3–4 index cards for paper-piecing templates
 - 1 (2¼" x 20") strip each of 2 different Christmas prints, one for basket and one for lining
 - 5 (7"-long) pieces ⅛"-wide wired metallic ribbon for handle (If you plan to hang the basket, you can use regular ribbon.)
- Template plastic
Sewing thread to match fabrics
Spray temporary fabric adhesive
Optional: seed beads to decorate top edge of basket

Cutting

Make template from pentagon pattern. To make a larger basket, enlarge pentagon pattern.

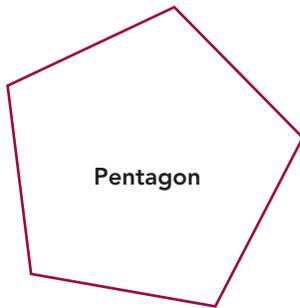
From index cards, cut:

- 12 pentagon pieces.

Assembly

1. Refer to *Sew Easy: English Paper Piecing* to make basket.
2. Whipstitch around top edge of basket through 2 layers of fabric,

Ornament by Madge Ziegler.



catching end of 1 ribbon at top point of each pentagon. If desired, add beads to top edge of basket as you whipstitch around top edge.

3. Tie or twist ribbon ends together to form handle. If desired, add an additional bow at top of handle.

Sew Smart[™]

If you are using wire or wired ribbon, twist each piece 4 times around a fine dowel, skewer, or knitting needle to curl ribbon ends before joining them together. —Madge ✱

English Paper Piecing

1. Fold 1 fabric strip in thirds. Lightly spray 2 paper templates with temporary adhesive and place atop folded fabric, leaving at least ½" between paper pieces to allow for seam allowances. Cut around paper pieces, adding ¼" seam allowance as you cut (*Photo A*). You will have 6 matching pentagons. Repeat for second fabric.
2. Lightly spray wrong side of fabric pieces with temporary adhesive. Center 1 card stock pentagon atop each fabric piece (*Photo B*).



Sew Smart[™]

Placing fabric pieces inside a cardboard box when spraying keeps the adhesive from accumulating on work surfaces. —Madge



3. Lightly spray card stock pentagons with temporary adhesive. Turn seam allowance over card stock around each piece (*Photo C*).
4. Pair contrasting prepared pieces with paper sides facing. You will have 6 sets of paired pieces.
5. Hiding knots between pieces, whipstitch five paired pentagons to sides of basket bottom pair (*Photo D*). You will be sewing through 4 fabric edges.
6. Join adjacent sides of pentagons to form basket (*Photo E*). To pull the side edges together for stitching, you will need to slightly bend, not crease, each piece.



6.

This pretty ornament was designed by Madge Ziegler to teach her students the shadow appliqué technique.

P O I N S E T T I A *ornament*



Ornament by Madge Ziegler.

PROJECT RATING: EASY

Size: 4½" x 4½"

Materials (for 1 ornament):

NOTE: Audition colored fabrics by placing polyester organza atop to preview the shadowing effect. Choose strong bright colors since they will be muted by the organza.

2 (5" squares) cream solid
Scraps of bright red, dark red, green, and bright yellow solids
1 (6" square) polyester organza
Template plastic
Spray temporary fabric adhesive (505® Spray and Fix and Sulky® KK2000™ are popular brands.)
5" square lightweight cotton batting
Red, green, and yellow embroidery floss
Hand sewing needle
1 (13"-long) piece ⅛"-wide double-faced green satin ribbon for ornament hanger

Cutting

Make templates from the patterns below.

From green, cut:

- 8 Leaves.

From dark red, cut:

- 4 Petals.

From bright red, cut:

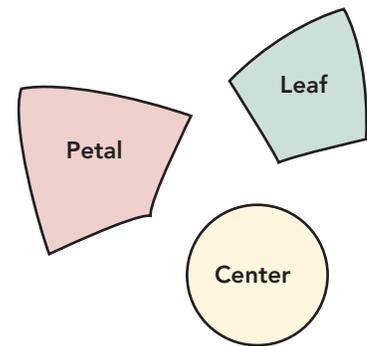
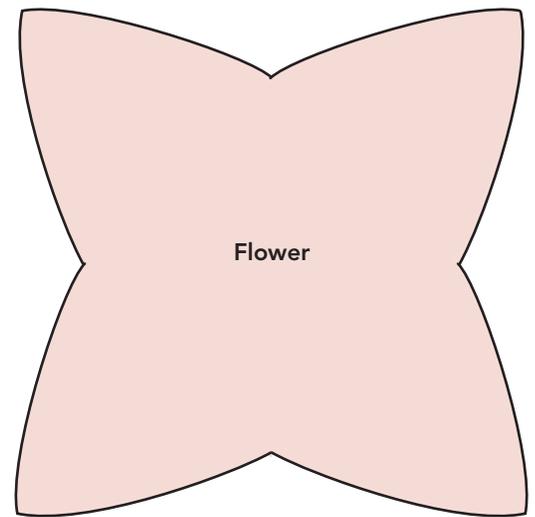
- 1 Flower.

From yellow, cut:

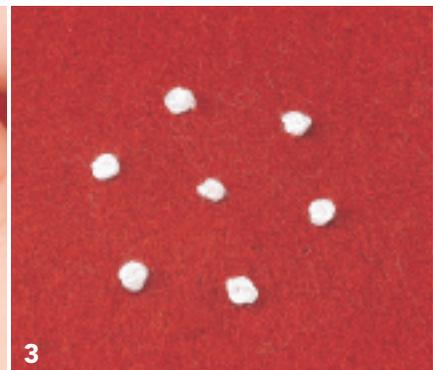
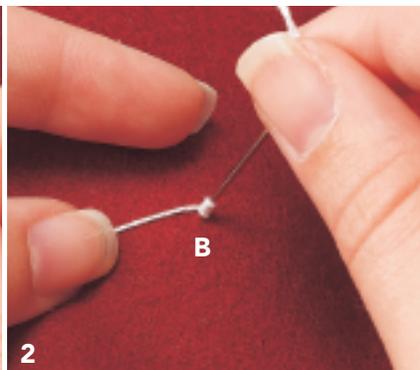
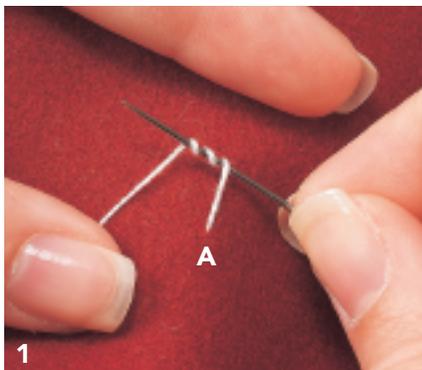
- 1 Center.

Assembly

1. Fold 1 cream square in half vertically and horizontally; crease to make placement guides for appliqué pieces.
2. Refer to *Sew Easy: Shadow Appliqué* to make ornament front.
3. Place wrong side of backing fabric atop batting. Place ornament front atop backing, right sides together; pin layers together.
4. Stitch around square with a ¼" seam, leaving a 2"-long opening on one side. Carefully trim seam and clip corners. Turn right side out and press lightly. Whipstitch opening closed.
5. Using 2 strands of red floss, quilt around square ¼"-⅜" from edge.
6. Embellish flower center with French knots (*French Knot*) or small straight stitches through all layers to stabilize ornament.



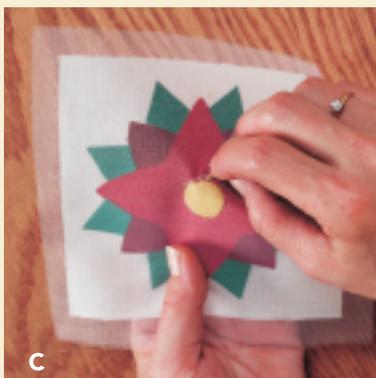
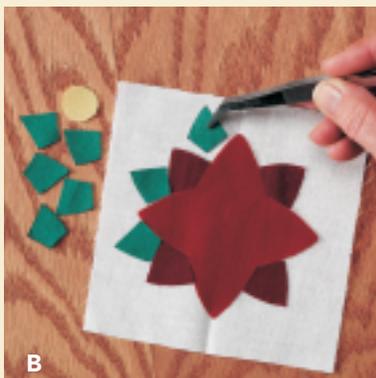
7. Referring to photo D, cut 4"-long piece of green ribbon; fold ribbon in half and stitch to 1 corner for ornament hanger. Tie remaining ribbon into bow; attach bow to cover ends of hanger.



French Knot: 1. Bring needle to right side of fabric at A. Wrap thread around needle 2 or 3 times, keeping needle near the fabric surface. 2. Insert needle at B, right beside A. Holding the thread to keep loops wrapped around needle, gently pull thread through the loops to form a knot. 3. Repeat to make desired number of French knots. Secure thread on back side by making a shallow knot.

Shadow Appliqué

1. Check intensity of chosen fabrics by covering with organza (*Photo A*).
2. Lightly spray right side of background with temporary fabric adhesive. Center and place bright red flower atop cream background square. Place dark red petals against bright red flower. Add green leaves and flower center (*Photo B*).



Sew Smart™

Use tweezers to place pieces on background. Edges of pieces should touch, but not overlap. Trim pieces if necessary. —Madge

3. Lightly spray prepared design with temporary fabric adhesive. Place organza square over design and background.
4. Using a double strand of embroidery floss in colors that match pieces, make small, even running stitches around each piece (*Photo C*). Hide knots in thread at beginning and end of stitching behind appliqué pieces. Stitch from each inner corner of bright red flower to the yellow flower center to give the appearance of separate petals (*Photo D*).



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