

Xmas stocking

You will need

Brother Skitch PP1

Artspira app + Artspira+ subscription*

Burlap stocking with a linen cuff

Medium weight fusible interfacing: 15x15cm

Brother embroidery thread:

001 (White)

086 (Deep Rose)

515 (Moss Green)

534 (Teal Green)

620 (Magenta)

Erasable fabric pen or pencil

Hand sewing needle and thread to match the colour of your stocking (optional)



Instructions

1. Download the jpeg onto your device. Import the file into Artspira using the 'Image to embroidery' function, following the directions in the manual. Make sure the 'Remove background' is enabled and increase the amount of colours to 15 to ensure all the details are translated correctly.
2. You can either use the colours selected by the machine or edit them to match ours by clicking on the little spools and then selecting a new shade from the swatches. Once you are happy, save the design.
3. Fold back the cuff off the stocking. Depending on the size of your stocking you may need to unpick the seam along one side of the stocking in order to insert it into the hoop.
4. The cuff of our stocking was stiff enough that it didn't require interfacing. If your cuff is made of thinner/softer fabric then iron interfacing onto the reverse of the cuff over the area you will be stitching, ensuring that you have firm adhesion. Mark the centre point of where you want the motif to sit on the cuff using an erasable fabric pen or a pencil.
5. Follow the instructions in the manual to connect Artspira to the machine using Bluetooth. Mount the fabric in the hoop provided, ensuring that the fabric is taut. Select your design from the 'My creations' tab on the app.
6. Set up ready for stitching following the instructions on the screen. Once the machine is ready, load the machine upper threader with the first colour indicated on screen and then press the start/stop button to begin. Swap the threads when indicated by the app.
7. Once the design is complete, remove the hoop from the machine and the stocking from the hoop. Snip away any thread ends from the front and back of the design. Peel away excess interfacing from around the design, using a pair of scissors to carefully trim close to the stitched areas.
8. If you unpicked the seam of your stocking use a matching thread to hand sew the seam closed again using an invisible stitch (such as slip or ladder stitch).

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