



'Tis Better to Give

*A seasonal wall hanging by
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MATERIALS

- 30cm x 25cm cream for the appliqué block background
- 25cm square caramel brown for the bears
- 5cm square dark brown for the bears' noses
- 20cm square red weave for the hats, ribbons and berries
- 10cm square white for the hat fur
- 20cm x 12cm green plaid for the gift box
- 6cm red for the appliqué block border
- 2 x 3 ½in squares green plaid
- 2 x 3 ½in squares green & red holly fabric
- 2 x 3 ½in squares red plaid
- 2 x 3 ½in squares beige Christmas tree fabric
- 33cm x 16cm dark green swirl for the top and bottom borders
- 5 x 4 ½in squares in assorted Christmas colours for the prairie points
- 1 x 15cm red spot for the binding and hanging tabs
- 38cm x 62cm piece of pellon
- 38cm x 62cm backing fabric
- Assorted DMC stranded embroidery threads to match the appliqué
- Gold embroidery thread
- 5 gold bells
- 1 metre red silk ribbon
- 44cm piece of 18mm dowel (available in hobby lengths from hardware stores)
- Jo Sonja All Purpose Sealer
- Jo Sonja folk art paint – Burgundy
- Jo Sonja folk art paint – Rich Gold
- Jo Sonja Decor Crackle
- Jo Sonja Polyurethane Varnish – satin
- Paint brush ½in flat
- 60cm cord for hanging
- Fusible webbing such as Vliesofix
- Appliqué mat
- Embroidery needle
- Zig Millennium acid free pen – Pure Brown 03
- Rotary cutter, ruler and cutting mat
- Sewing machine
- Fabric scissors and craft scissors
- General sewing supplies

Completed size: (with hanging tabs) 33cm x 64cm (13in x 25in)

PREPARATION

It is recommended that all fabrics be pre-washed and ironed. The ¼in seam allowances used throughout are included in the instructions. Requirements are based on fabrics 112cm (44in) wide. Please read all the instructions before you begin.

CUTTING

From the cream background cut:

one 10in x 9in rectangle

From the red cut:

– two 9in x 1¾in strips

– two 12½in x 1¾in strips

From the dark green swirl cut:

– two 12½in x 3in strips





From the red spot cut:
 – two 22 ½in x 1½in strips
 – two 14½in x 1½in strips
 – one 18in x 2½in strip (hanging tabs)

APPLIQUE INSTRUCTIONS

With a pencil, carefully trace each shape from the pull-out pattern sheet onto the paper side of the Vliesofix, taking note that the dotted lines are where one shape slips under another. Do not cut along the dotted lines.

Cut out shapes, approximately 1/4in outside the traced lines. With the paper side up, iron the shapes to the back of your chosen fabrics. Cut out shapes along the lines and peel off the paper.

At this stage, using a light box and the Zig pen, place the bears head pieces onto the diagram from the pattern sheet, and trace the bears facial features. Place an appliqué mat over the diagram, and position the shapes

on this, taking care where one piece overlaps another. When you are happy with the arrangement, iron in place using a dry setting. When cool, peel off the mat, position on your background fabric and iron in place.

Use two strands of embroidery thread for all embroidery. Blanket-stitch around each shape. Use gold embroidery thread for the bauble and white hat fur. Use back stitch for the facial features, satin stitch for the pupils. The dark brown fabric nose can be used as a template and covered with satin-stitch. Backstitch a string attached to the bauble and veins in the holly leaves.

ASSEMBLY

Stitch the two 9in x 1 ¾in red strips to the sides of the appliqué block. Stitch the two 12 ½in x 1 ¾in red strips to the top and bottom. Stitch four of the 3 ½in squares together, then stitch to the top of the wall hanging. Repeat with the remaining four 3 ½in squares and stitch to the bottom. Stitch the 12 ½in x 3in green swirl strips to the top and bottom.

BACKING & QUILTING

Place the backing fabric face down on your work surface, the pellon next and place the wall hanging face up. Pin at intervals, then ditch stitch in all seams. Stipple the cream fabric around the teddies. Trim to ¼in out from wall hanging top.

PRAIRIE POINTS

Fold each of the five 4 ½in squares diagonally in half to form a triangle, then in half again. Press well. Pointing upwards, space these evenly along the bottom of the wall hanging, raw edges even, with the points of the first and

last prairie point matching the corners of the hanging. Stitch in place and leave laying flat on the wall hanging. See Diagram 1.

BINDING

Stitch the 22½in x 1½in red spot strips to the sides. Stitch the 14½in x 1½in red spot strips to the top and bottom, taking care when stitching across prairie points. Press a 1/4in fold on the binding edge, fold over the exposed pellon to the back of the hanging and stitch in place. Press, taking care with the prairie points.

HANGING TABS

Fold the 16in x 2 ½in red stripe strip lengthways, right sides together. Stitch down the long raw edge, turn right sides out. Press and cut crosswise into four even pieces. Fold each piece in half and pin to the back of the hanging. To ensure the stitching is invisible, ditch stitch in place from the front.

BELLS

Tie a silk ribbon bow to each of the gold bells then stitch to the tip of each prairie point.

HANGING ROD

Drill a hole at each end of the dowel and sand well. Apply a coat of All Purpose Sealer and allow to dry. Apply a coat of Rich Gold and allow to dry. Apply a coat of Decor Crackle and allow to dry thoroughly. Apply a coat of Burgundy – crackling will appear. Apply two coats of varnish, allowing to dry between coats. Thread the rod through the hanging tabs then thread the cord through the holes in the rod, knotting the ends securely.

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Diagram 1. Placement of Prairie Points

