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Instructions for Christmas Gift Boxes 1

Use the Basic Method for Freestanding Applique to stitch out your pieces.

For this box you will need to stitch out the following pieces:

4 x Design 6

4 x Design 12

1 x Design 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

4 x Design 7 (Design 7 can be replaced with Designs 8 - 11)

Basic method for freestanding applique.

Hoop 1 layer of cutaway stabilizer. Cut a piece of batting the size of the stitching area. Cut a piece of fabric larger than the batting. Place the batting onto the stabilizer and then cover the batting with the fabric.



Color stops have been put into the design so use the same color for the first color stop as you will be using for the last two colors. Stitch the first color.

This will hold the batting and fabric into place.



Materials

Cutaway Stabilizer

Thin Batting

**Printed Christmas
Fabric or Plain Fabric**

Embroidery thread

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Next stitch the design. Do Not stitch the last two colors.



Remove the hoop from the machine and place a piece of fabric to the underside of the hoop. I used masking tape to hold the fabric in place.. Stitch the second to last color. Remove the hoop from the machine and trim away excess fabric from around the design on both sides of the hoop. Now stitch the last color. Cut the design out of the stabilizer.



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Assembling the box

Once all the pieces are stitched out, you will need your sewing machine to put them together. Select a zig-zag stitch on your machine and choose a 4.5mm wide stitch. Stitch the pieces together using the picture below as a guide.

