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Tutorial For Christmas Crackers



Materials:

Plain Cotton Fabric

**Christmas Print
Cotton Fabric**

Cardstock

Ribbon

**Temporary Adhesive
Spray**

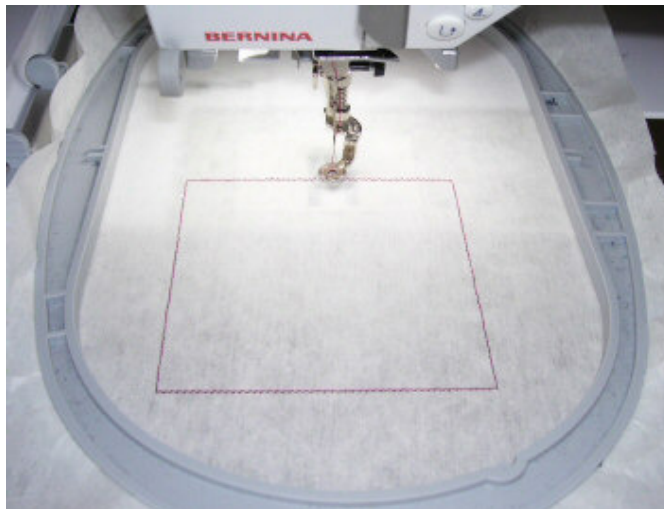
Tear Away Stabilizer

**Small gifts To Go
Inside The cracker**

Hoop 2 layers of tear away stabilizer. Stitch the first colour of the design. This marks the area where the design is to be stitched. using a temporary adhesive spray, spray a piece of fabric (I used white for the front design and Christmas fabric for all the other pieces) and firmly press it on top of the stitched area with your hand. Stitch out the rest of the design until the last two colour changes. The second to last colour change will be a zig-zag stitch. When the second to last colour has been stitched, remove hoop from machine and cut around the design removing any excess fabric. Put hoop back into machine and stitch out the last colour change. When stitching out the top, middle and bottom tie pieces, the holes are also done in the applique method. Each hole is done individually. You can either cut the fabric from inside the hole as each hole is stitched or you can cut it away when the entire design is stitched out. All the colour stops have been put in to allow either method. Remove stabilizer once piece is stitched out.

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Pieces required per cracker: (I did these in Christmas fabric) cracker top frill, cracker bottom frill, cracker top tie 1, cracker top tie 2, cracker bottom tie 1, cracker bottom tie 2, cracker middle tie 1 cracker middle tie 2 and (This piece I did in white fabric) either Design 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6



For the middle of the cracker, machine stitch using a medium width zig-zag the Design pieces to the cracker middle tie pieces 1 and 2. The holes of the cracker middle tie pieces must be to the outside as shown in the photos below..



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Machine stitch using a medium width zig-zag the cracker top frill to the cracker top tie pieces 1 and 2. The holes must be to the outside of the design as shown in the photo on the right. Do the same for the cracker bottom frill pieces.



Using a craft or fabric glue that glues fabric to cardboard, glue the cracker middle piece to cardboard. Allow to dry and carefully cut around the design. Cut the cardboard away from the hole pieces.





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To finish the cracker, machine stitch using a medium width zig-zag the cracker top frill to the cracker middle. Do the same with the cracker bottom frill as shown in the layout in the middle photo to the right. Using two pieces of ribbon, lace up the back of the cracker. Using ribbon ends, tie around the top and bottom frill of the cracker. Your cracker is done. Idea: Wrap your favourite biscuits in clear plastic or a gift and put it into the cracker before lacing it up.

