



"Frosted Candy Cane Stocking"



Skill Level: Intermediate

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Embroidery Machine

Evolve Serger

$\frac{3}{4}$ " Belt Loop Attachment

Designer's Gallery

Designer's Gallery SizeWorks

Designer's Gallery ColorWorks

$\frac{1}{2}$ yd fashion fabric

$\frac{1}{2}$ yd lining fabric

$\frac{1}{2}$ yd organdy

$\frac{1}{2}$ yd Taffeta Plaid

1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yd gold braid

Baby Lock Christmas Card # 28, Design # 28021

Palette Software

Sticky stabilizer

Cut-Away stabilizer

Embroidery Thread

Cord to make piping

Air erasable pen

General sewing notions

Instructions:

Cut 2 stockings from fashion fabric
Cut 2 stockings from lining fabric
Cut 1 plaid on the bias 6" x 7"
Cut bias strip 3/4" x 36"
Cut cording 35" long

Open Designer's Gallery and select design #28021 from card # 28 . Open SizeWorks and increase the size of the design 125%. Save the design and exit SizeWorks.

Save the design to a floppy disk as candycane1.

Open the Layout and Editing software and select the 6.30 x 10.20 size of hoop. Left click on Display and Grid setup. Click on Show Grid, With Axes and set the size to 0.25 inches. If you need to change from mm to inches, left click on Options and Select System Unit. Change to inches.

Import the Candycane1 design. Move the candycanes to the right, leaving 3 grid squares on the right side of the design.

Click on the "A" (text tool) on the left side of the screen. At the top, click on the down arrow to select the font you want to use. Change the size to 0.75 and change the color of the stitches to Red by clicking on the spool of thread to the left of the satin stitch. Type the word "Seasons" then press the enter key and type "Greetings," then press OK. With the lettering selected (boxes around it), left click on the rotate icon in the top menu.



Turn the lettering to slant up toward the candy canes and move both designs toward the bottom of the frame as shown on the right. This will make it easy to place the lettering on the toe of the stocking.

Save the file on the floppy disk as candycane2.

Open Designer's Gallery and select the candycane2 file. Click on the basting icon to place the basting stitch around the entire design.



With the design selected, open ColorWorks. Change the color of the basting stitch (1st color black) to white. Save and exit ColorWorks. Click on the Color Sort icon in the top menu to reduce the number of thread changes. Save this design to your floppy disk as candycane3.

Set up your embroidery machine to do embroidery and change the needle for a perfect stitch out!

Fold your stocking in half from side to side. Fold the heel up to the top of the stocking, matching the previous fold. Using an air erasable pen, mark this spot.

Using the large hoop, apply sticky to the bottom of the hoop. Lay your cutout fashion fabric stocking on the hoop with the top edge of the stocking in line with the straight line across the top of your hoop. The heel should be just inside the right edge of the hoop.

Use the arrows on the machine screen to line up the design exactly as you want it on your stocking. Be sure to check exactly where your design will stitch out by pressing the button on the screen. Slide the Cut Away stabilizer under your hoop to provide extra support for your embroidery work. This stabilizer will later be cut to the size of the stocking and stitched right into the seams so it gives your stocking that extra support. Start your machine and embroider away!

Remove from hoop and trim all of the jump threads before proceeding.

Cut a rectangle of organdy 10" x 18" and lay this on top of your embroidered stocking front. Pin in place and using a clear ruler and the air erasable pen, draw a line 1" below the lettering, at the same angle as the lettering. Using the same angle, draw another line 1" above the top of the candy cane design.

Set up your machine with red embroidery thread and select stitch # 3-20 (Hemstitching) width 4.5 and length 3.0. Attach presser foot "N" so the thread will have space to move under the foot. Hold 2 rows of cording in place and stitch across the line, being sure to keep the cords under the stitching.

Making the Cuff:

Be sure your machine is set for stopping with the needle in the fabric.

Fold the 8" x 8" square in half and lay this 4" x 8" rectangle across the top of the stocking, to form the cuff. Stitch across the top of the stocking, stabilizer, organdy and cuff.

Change to the zipper foot and select the tie off key. Select stitch # 1-1 and move the needle close to the cording. (You will use the width control or the speed control to move the needle, depending upon how you have your machine programmed.

When making your piping, start the cording approximately 1/2" inch in from the end so you will not have the bulk at the seam intersection. Stitch the bias directly onto the stocking front, using a 1/4" seam allowance. Stop stitching approximately 1" before you get to the stocking top on the opposite side. Raise the presser foot with the needle in the fabric, cut the piping slightly longer than the top edge of the

stocking. Pull the cording out of the piping for about 1" and cut it off. Straighten out the bias strip and continue sewing off the top edge of the stocking and tie off.

Change back to presser foot "J".

Lay the front lining fabric on the stocking front with the right sides together and be sure the toes are facing in the same direction! Stitch across the top of the stocking, attaching the lining to the stocking front.

Using the 7/8" bias strip, set up the Evolve for a three thread wide cover stitch. Attach the 3/4" belt loop accessory. Feed the bias strip into the accessory and stitch your stocking hanging loop. Cut the loop 3" long and fold with right sides together. Lay the raw edges of this loop even with the right side, top edge of your stocking back. This loop should be on the same side as the heel of the stocking for correct hanging. Lay the lining over this, being sure the toes match and will lay correctly on the stocking front. Be sure to check this as it is easy to have the front toes facing left and the lining toes facing right! Stitch across the top edge.

Lay the stocking back and the lining out flat with the right side up. Lay the stocking front and lining, right sides down on top and pin in place. Be extra careful to match the top seams for a nice finish.

Select stitch 1-1 and with the "J" foot, stitch a 1/4" seam allowance and set the machine to the needle down position. Start stitching on the lining fabric, about 4" above the fashion fabric part of the stocking. Stitch to the seam where the fashion fabric is attached, hold the fabric, press the need up key and while holding the fabric, change to the zipper foot. Continue sewing, letting the cording glide under the zipper foot. You will be able to see the previous stitching line where the piping was attached so be sure to stitch 1 needle movement to the left of that stitching line.

Once you have completed sewing around the piping area, change back to the "J" foot and continue sewing the 2 linings together until you have approximately 4" remaining open. Tie off the seam. Turn your stocking right sides out. Press in the seam allowance that remains open and top stitch it closed.

Remove the accessory tray from your machine and slide the stocking on the free arm. Attach presser foot ___ and guide the stocking edge along the edge of the guide bar for a perfectly line up topstitching around the top of your stocking.

You have completed your stocking!

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