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#### Requirements

- Janome Sewing Machine
- Edge Guide Foot to suit machine
- Base Fabric 1.20m x width of fabric
- Batting 60cm x 1.12m (or to fit your hanging size)
- Contrast materials (3) - 30cm x Width of fabric
- Pocket lining—1m x Width of fabric (We used a light weight material like muslin)
- Different laces, ribbons, trims etc. for decoration (anything you have that may complement your pockets)
- Bells, bows, Christmas ornaments
- Quilt Hanger
- Construction thread
- Topstitching / Decorative thread to sew pockets
- Pins
- Quilting Clips
- Marking Pen / Pencil
- Rotary cutter, ruler, mat
- Purple tip needles
- Empty bobbins

#### Cutting Instructions:

Pockets:

1. Cut the following from the contrast materials
  - (5) - 6"x6" contrasting fabric,
  - (5) - 5"x5" contrasting fabric,
  - (8) - 4"x4" contrasting fabric,
  - (4) - 4"x4" contrasting fabric
  - (3) - 3"x3" contrasting fabric
2. Cut the following from the pocket linings for each.
  - (5) - 6"x6" contrasting fabric,
  - (5) - 5"x5" contrasting fabric,
  - (8) - 4"x4" contrasting fabric,
  - (4) - 4"x4" contrasting fabric
  - (3) - 3"x3" contrasting fabric
3. Cut the base fabric into (2) - 60cm x 55cm. (One will become the front and the other will become the backing.)

#### Sewing Instructions:

4. Attach the Edge Guide Foot to your machine.
5. Using the Edge Guide Foot start to place ribbons, lacing, braids etc. on all pockets. (Note: you may find it easier to adjust the foot pressure on some fabrics as the foot may tend to scrunch the fabric and braid if it is too heavy) Figure A & B
6. Once you have decorated all pockets place the lining on top of decorated piece right sides together.
7. Using the Edge Guide foot adjust it to 1/4" and sew all the way around.
8. Trim the corners of the pocket and cut a small slit at the bottom of the pocket. | Figure C
9. Turn inside out and press making sure that the corners are nice and square. | Figure D



Figure A



Figure B



Figure C



Figure D



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#### Sewing Instructions cont.:

10. Start to place the pockets on your front piece of material. Make sure to leave area around the edges of the background to square the layers further through the instructions. Once you are happy with the placement, pin them in place. | Figure E
11. Using the Edge Guide Foot set at  $\frac{1}{4}$ " start to sew pockets to the background fabric with the guide on the edge of the pocket. Leave the top of the pocket open but stitch down one side along the bottom and up the other side. Repeat the process until all pocket are in position. | Figure F
12. Place front pocket panel piece on top of Batting. Lay the backing right side onto the pocket section and trim all edges. (Note: For the sample show we have left 3" at the top,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " at the bottom and  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " on the sides.) | Figure G
13. Lay the backing piece right side up on a flat surface. Mark the top edge. Measure the width of the backing to cut the strip for the hanger pocket. | Figure H
14. Cut a strip 4" wide by the width of the backing.
15. Press the short ends under twice and sew the hem at either end.
16. Press the length of the strip in half with right sides together and sew a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam down the length.
17. Turn stripe inside out and iron down with sewn seam in middle, place stripe on the right side of the backing fabric  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " below the top edge.
18. With the Edge Guide Foot set at  $\frac{1}{8}$ " sew stripe down on both sides with the guide against the edge of the strip. | Figure I
19. Lay the front pocket panel piece on top of back piece with right sides together and sew around all 4 sides leaving a gap at the bottom of the quilt so you can turn inside out.
20. Turn the hanging right side out and press edges.
21. Stitch the opening by hand at the bottom of the hanging.
22. Topstitch around the edges of the hanging using the Edge Guide Foot set at  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". | Figure J
23. You can add any other decorations to the Advent Calendar adding Bells, Bows and Christmas items.
24. The sample also shows wooden numbers which have been painted and sprinkled with glitter and added to the pockets using double sided tape. (Note: You could applique or embroider these before you embellished the pockets back at step 5.)
25. Place your hanger through the strip at the back of your Christmas Advent Calendar and it is now complete.



Figure E



Figure F



Figure G



Figure H

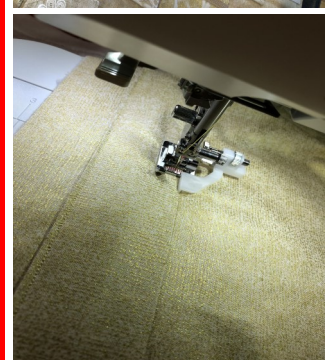


Figure I

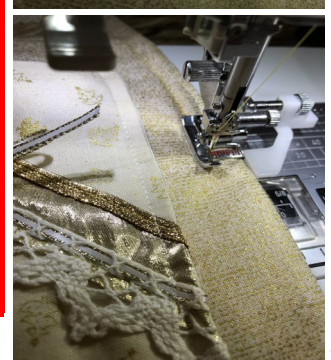


Figure J