JANOME
Accessory of the Month
December 2019

PROJECT

Christmas Tree Decorations

AcuStitch Software

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Janome Embroidery Machine *(we used MC15000QM)*
Embroidery Hoop *(we used SQ23 hoop)*
Janome AcuStitch Software *(Windows PC only)*
Embroidery Foot **P**
Satin Stitch Foot **F**
Janome Red Tip Needle #14 *(embroidery)*
Janome Purple Tip Needle *(stitching felt together)*
Various Embroidery Threads
(We used red, green, gold, metallic gold, variegated green)
Janome Bobbin Fill
Additional bobbins
Dressmaking Scissor or Craft Scissor to cut felt

FABRIC & NOTIONS (makes 3 decorations)

1 x piece of White Craft Glitter Felt (A4 size)
1 x piece of Red Craft Glitter Felt (A4 size)
Tear-away Stabilizer for 2 hoopings
Toy Stuffing
50cm Satin Ribbon *(width 3mm or 4mm, we used green)*

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Cut 50cm Ribbon into 3 equal lengths

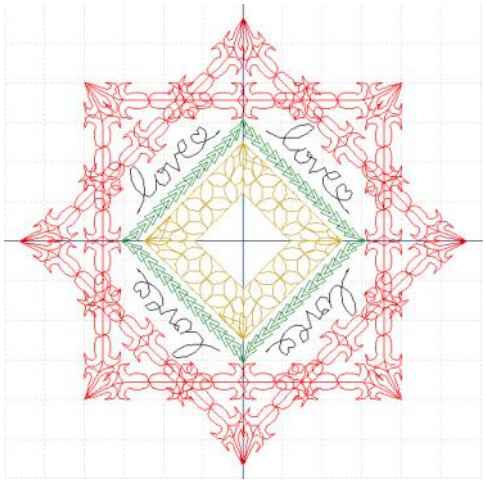
INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1

Open the AcuStitch Software program on your windows computer.

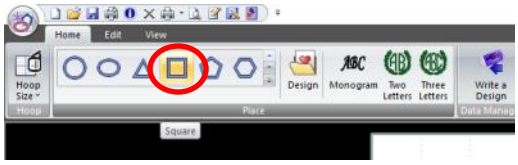
Step 2 Hoop selection

Top toolbar, on the left is the Hoop Size Selection. Click on down arrow to select your required embroidery hoop.



Step 3 Creating Decoration #1

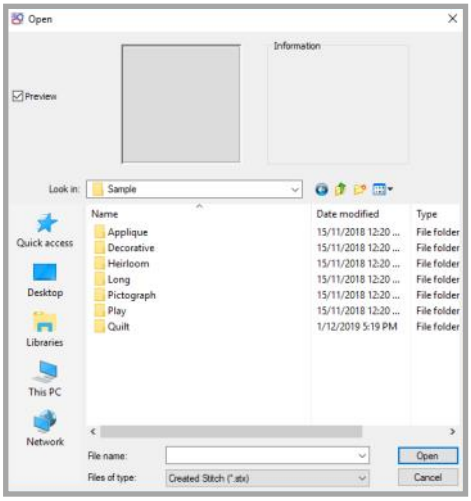
On the top toolbar select the **Square Shape**.



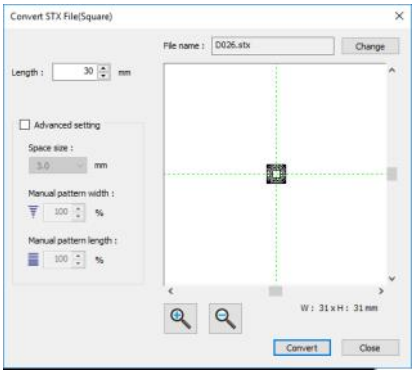
The below stitch menu window will automatically open, when you have selected a shape.

Select the **Decorative Folder** and Open.

Select **stitch D026**



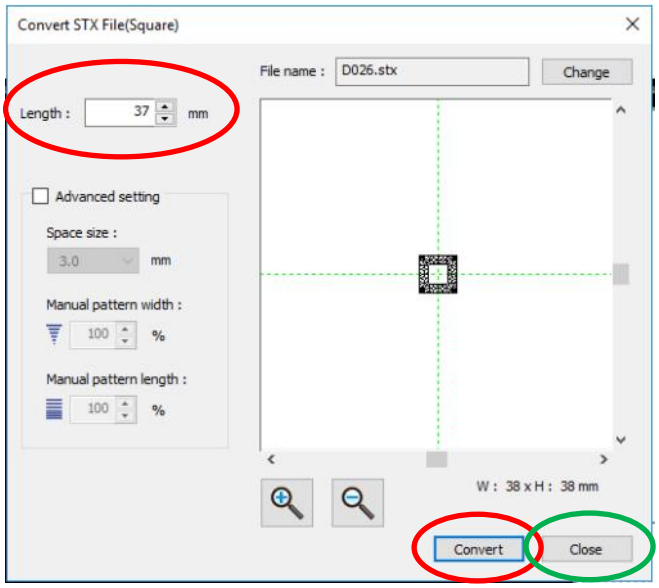
The below window Convert STX File (Square) has opened



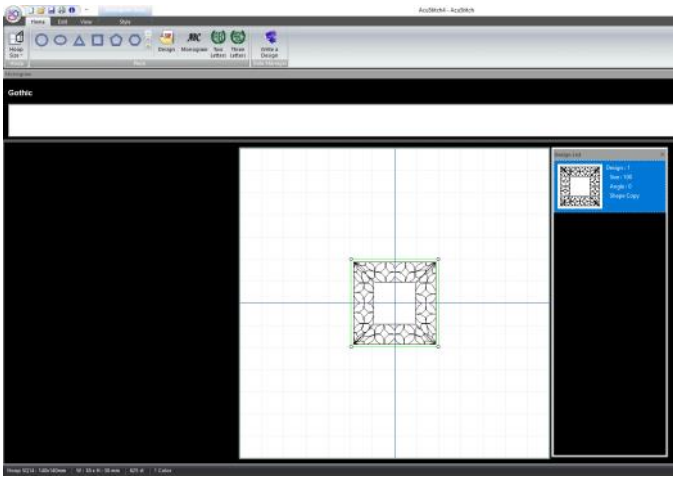
Increase the **length** to **37mm** and click **Convert**.

The design will open in the hoop, then click **Close**.

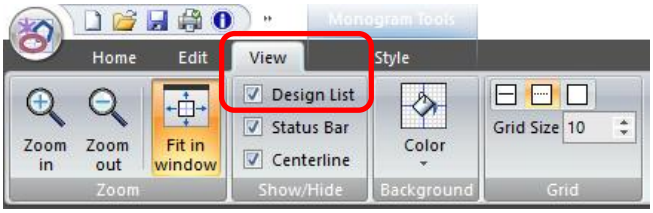
Tip: If you keep clicking on Convert, multiple copies of the design layout will be added into your hoop.



You should have the below screen.



*Tip: If the Design List Window is not open as pictured on the above image, then select the **View Tab** at the top of the page and check the Design List is ticked. See below image.*



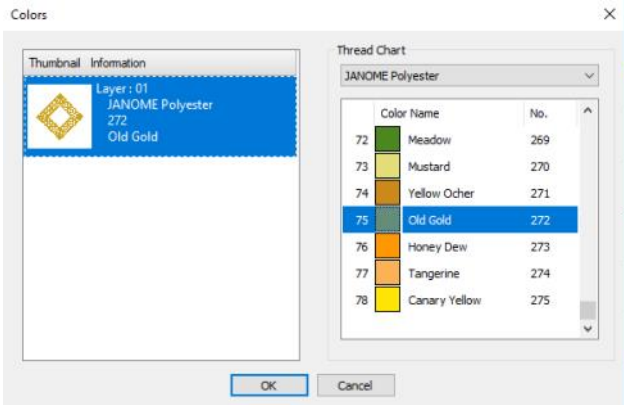
Select the **Edit Tab** and **rotate** the design to **45˚**.

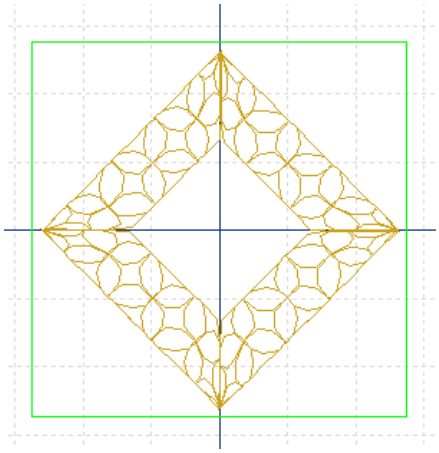
Tip: If the rotate tool is not available, you need to select the design. Select the design from the Design List Window.

Next, select the **Colors** Icon

on the toolbar.

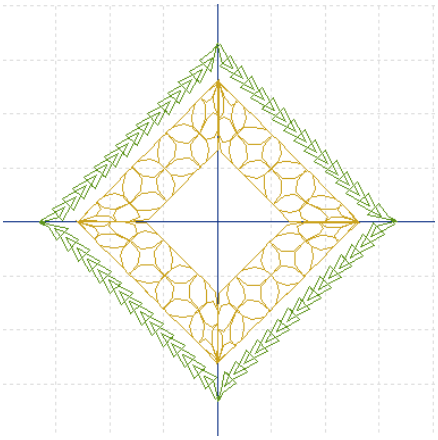
Select on the Thread Chart colour **#272 Old Gold**





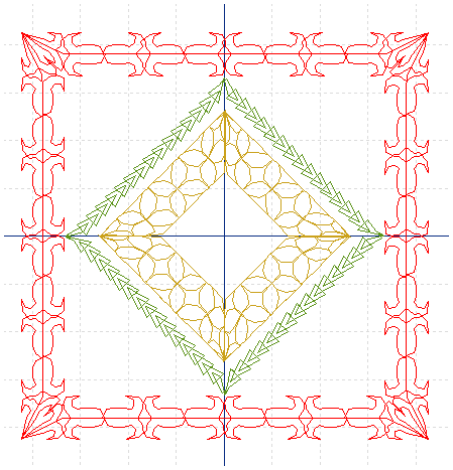
Adding the second Stitch Design

Select the **Home Tab**
Select **Square** shape
Select **Heirloom** Folder, Stitch **H013**
Tip: If you are still in the Decorative stitches folder, then click on the up folder icon *to see all the Stitch Folders.*
Increase the **length** to **47mm**, select Convert, then select Close.
Rotate the design to **45˚**
Change the **Colour** to #246 Meadow Green



Adding third Stitch Design

Select the **Home Tab**
Select **Square** shape
Select **Decorative** Folder, Stitch **D027**
Increase the **length** to **85mm**, select Convert, then select Close.
Change the **Colour** to #225 Red

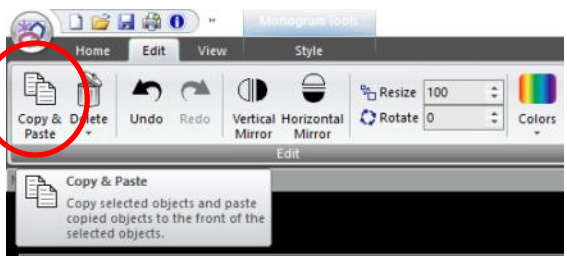


Adding fourth Stitch Design

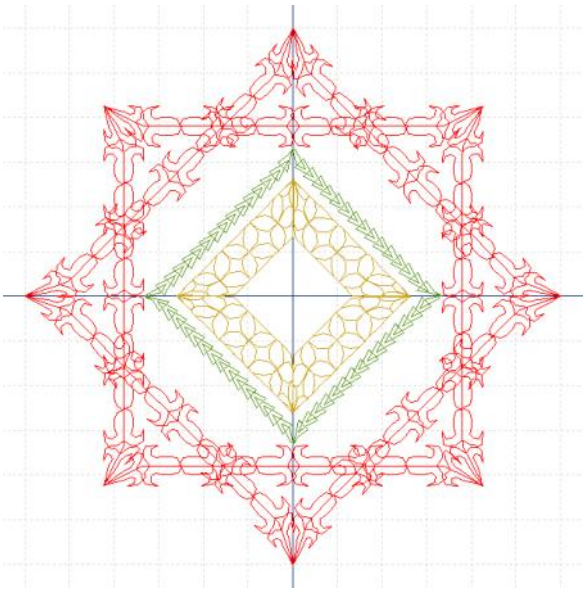
You require the last design to be selected.
If the design does not have a green outline box around it, then select on the Design List the 3rd (last) design pictured.

Tip: If you select the design direct on the design template screen, you can accidentally move a positioned design by 1mm which can put you're design out of alignment. Plus, when creating a layered design, the individual sections can be difficult to select.

On the top toolbar click **Copy & Paste** - see below.
The copied design will appear in the Design List.
In your design, the copied design will be sitting on top of the original design.



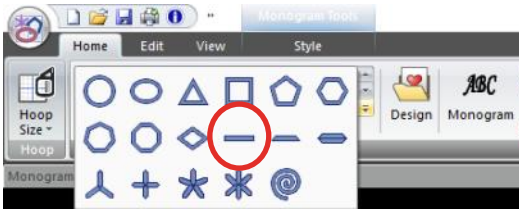
Next, **rotate** the design to **45˚**.



Adding the final stitch file (word Love)

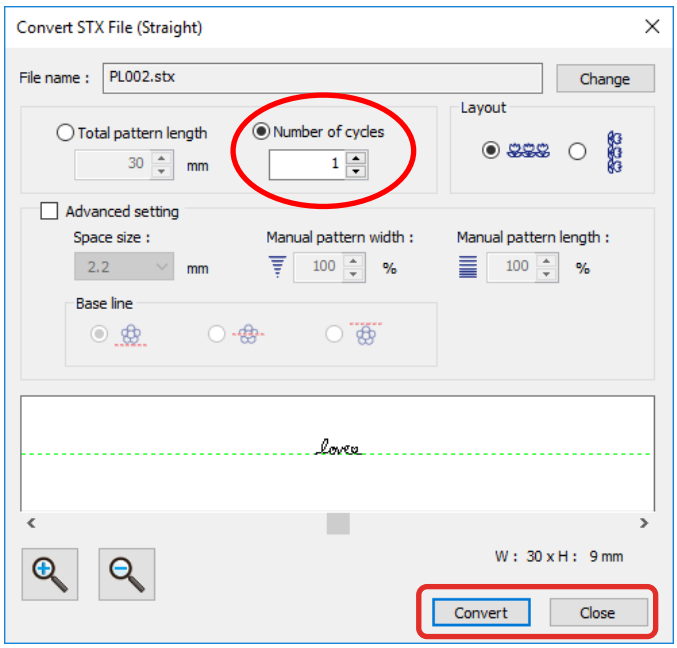
Select the **Home Tab**

Select **Straight** shape



Select **Play** Folder, Stitch **PL002**

Change the **Number of Cycles to 1**, then select **Convert** and **Close**.

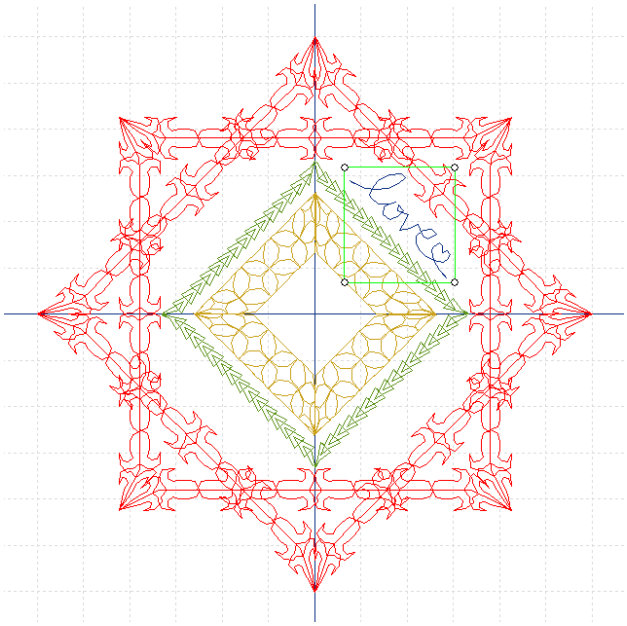


Select **Edit Tab**

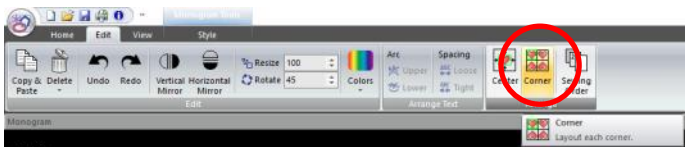
Change word design **colour** to **#207 Blue**

Rotate to **45˚**

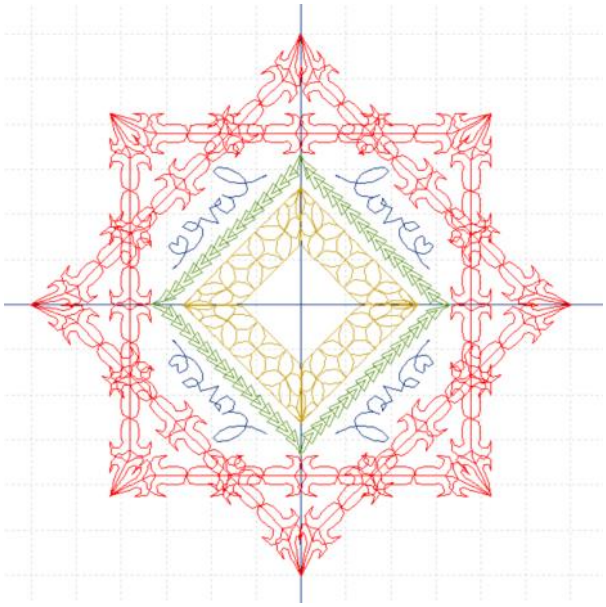
Move the word design to the same position as shown in the below image.



Select the **Corner Arrange Tool**



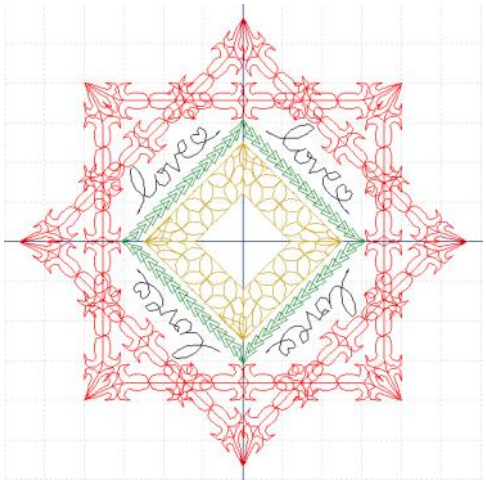
The word design will layout in each quadrant.



The word layout requires editing for the word to be in the correct orientation.

Select the bottom right word by using the Design List.
Then, on the top toolbar, select Horizontal Mirror.
Rotate to 135˚

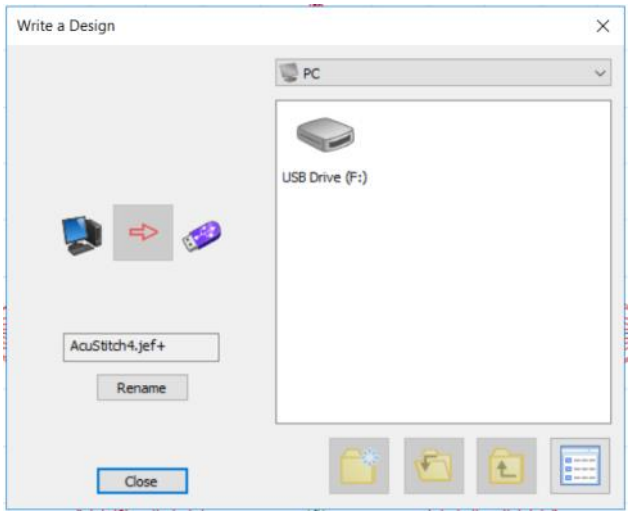
Next, select the top left word by using the Design List.
On top toolbar, select Horizontal Mirror.
Rotate to 315˚



Saving the Design

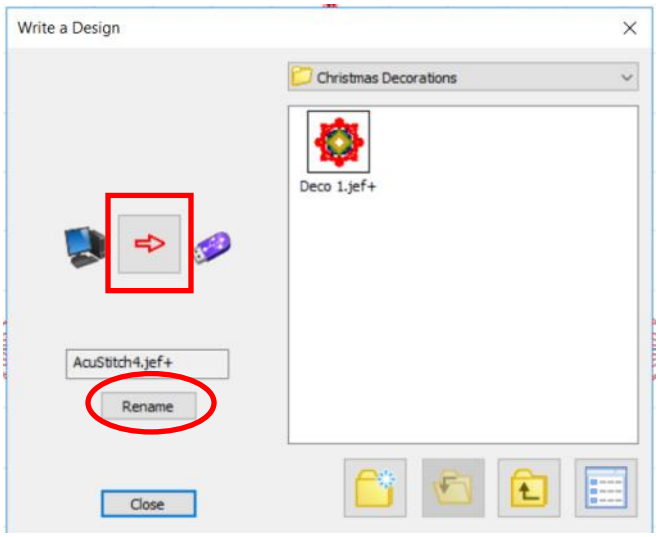
Select **Home Tab**
Insert USB Stick in computer.
Select **Write a Design** Tool

The below window opens.



Double click on the USB Drive icon.
The Embf Folder will appear.
Select the Embf Folder to open it, or create a new folder using the New Folder icon then rename the new folder.

Click on **Rename** to change the design name.
Select the red arrow **to write the design** to the USB Stick.



Safely remove the USB Stick from your computer.
You are ready to embroider your design.

Select the required hoop and hoop up the tear-away stabilizer. Place the white sheet of glitter craft felt on top of the tear-away, it is not hooped.

Embroider 2 of the Decoration 1 design. As the felt is floating, set the embroidery speed to the slowest embroidery sewing speed, usually 400spm.

Tip: When the design is imported into your Edit screen, it is not a grouped design. Do not deselect the design, move it via the directional arrow keys to the required location. Then, copy and paste the design and move it to be away from the other design with some room around it.

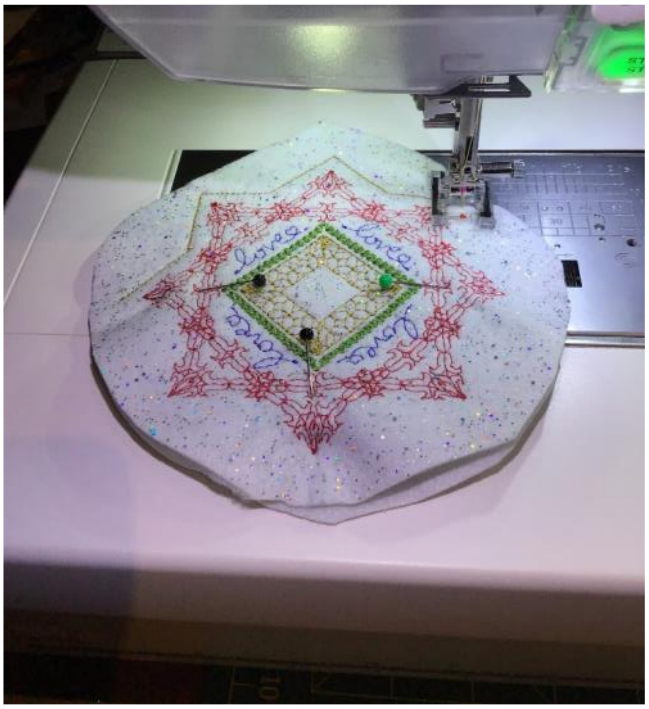
Stitching Decoration #1

Then the 2 designs are embroidered, remove the excess tear-away and trim the designs.

Pin the 2 designs wrong sides together, make sure they are sitting identically together.

Select a triple straight stitch, length 2.8mm.

Mark outer and inner points around the design and stitch from point to point. Leave a small opening to insert with toy stuffing.



Trim the felt approx. 3mm from the stitch line.

Leaving the excess felt around the open section.

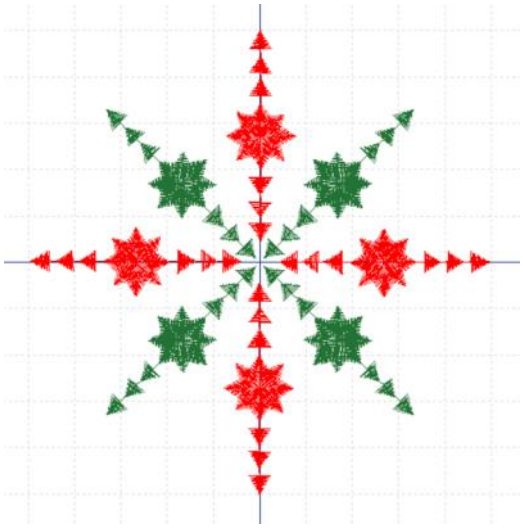
Insert some toy stuffing, enough to give some body and shape.

Stitch closed the opening and trim the remaining excess felt.

Decoration #1 finished.

Step 4 Creating Decoration #2

Using AcuStitch software.



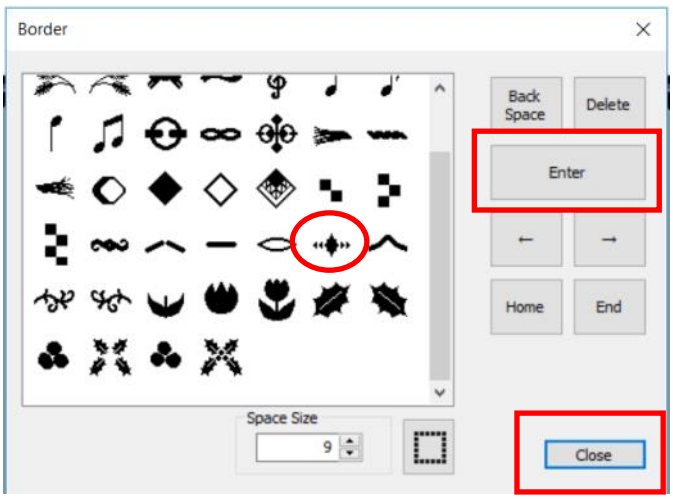
Select the required **Hoop** *(we used Hoop SQ14)*

Select **Monogram** Icon

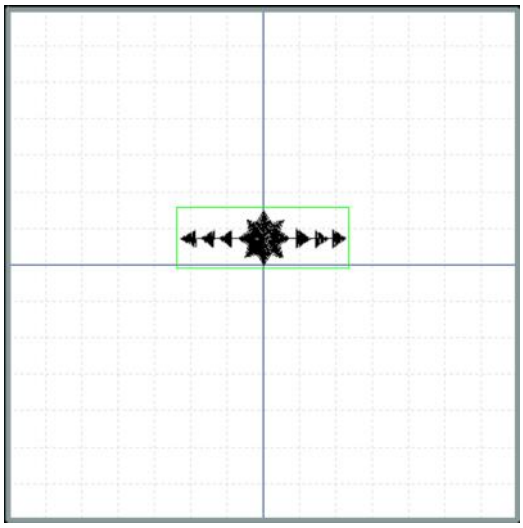
Select **Border** icon

Click once on the required stitch shown in the below image.

Then, click on **Enter** then select **Close**.

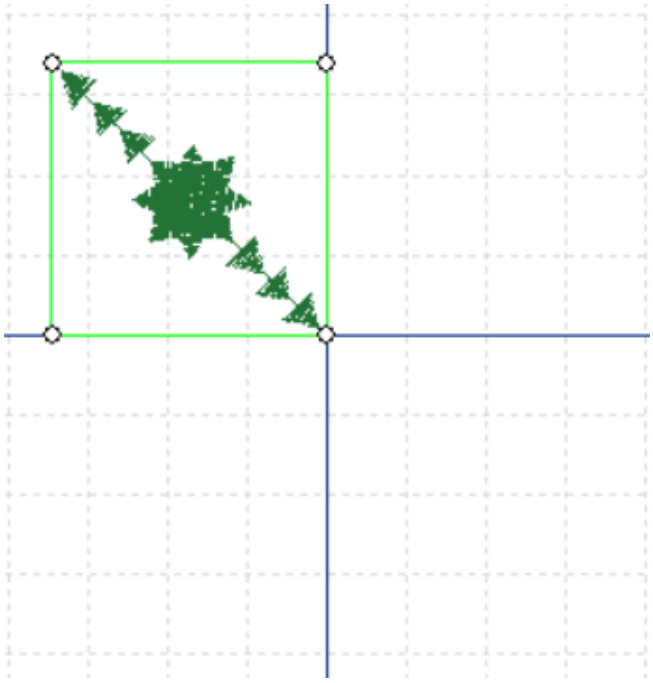


The stitch has been placed in the hoop.
See below image.



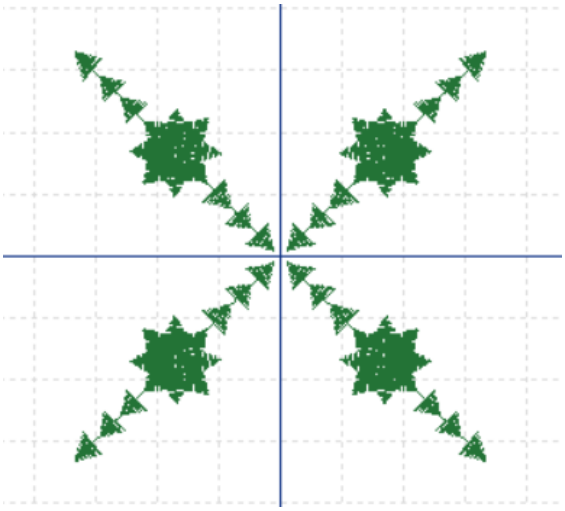
Select **Edit Tab**
Change the **colour** to **Green #226**
Rotate stitch to **45˚** and move top right of the hoop centre - see below image.

Tip: When positioning the stitch, the selected design green border sits directly on the centre hoop crosshair.

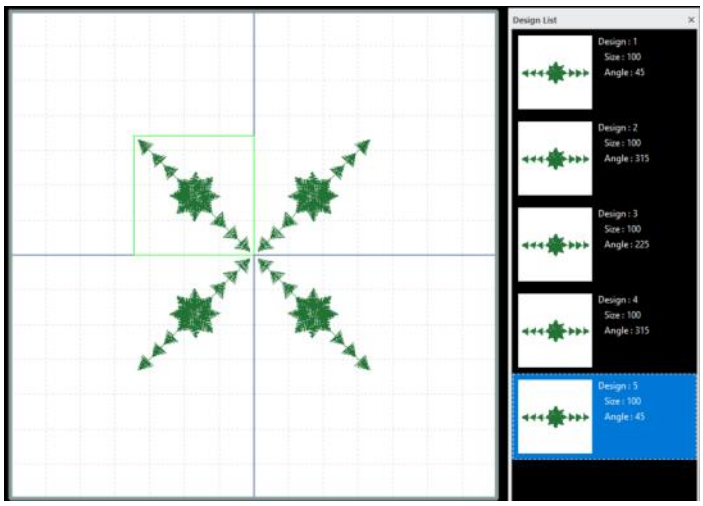


Select the Corner Arrange Tool

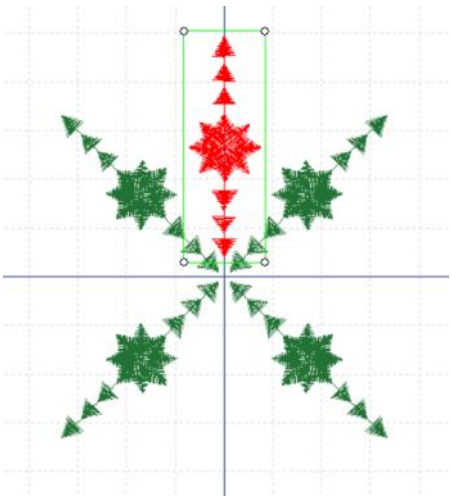
The design will layout as shown below.



Select one of these stitch designs on the Design List.
Select **Copy & Paste** icon.
A copy of the stitch design will be overlayed on top of the existing stitch.

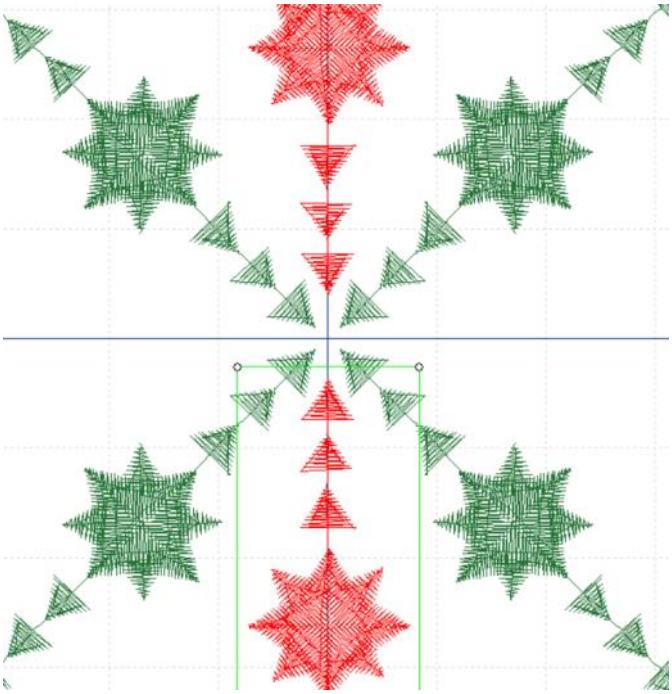


Select **Color** icon and change to Red #225
Move the design, **rotate** to **90˚** See below image.

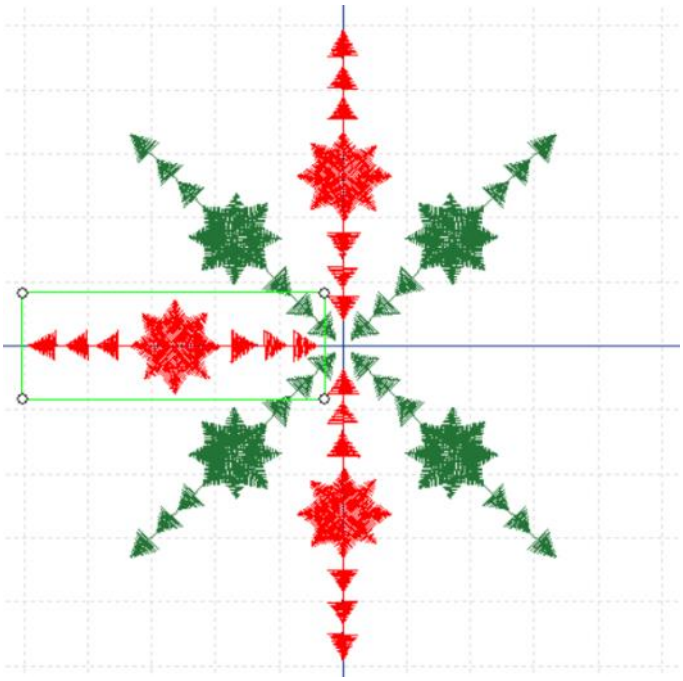


Check the red colour design is still selected.
Select **Copy & Paste**
Select **Horizontal Mirror**
Use the directional arrow keys on your computer keyboard to move the design down to the six o'clock position. See below image.

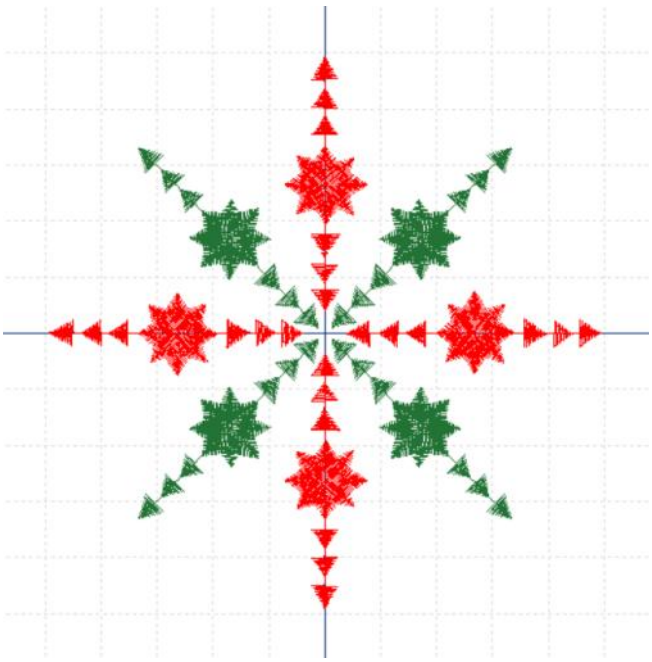
Tip: Zoom in as required to accurately position. Zoom tool located under View Tab.



Select **Copy & Paste**
Rotate design to 0˚ and position as shown below.



Select **Copy & Paste**
Select **Horizontal Mirror**
Move the design using the directional arrow keys on your computer keyboard to 3 o'clock position.
See below image.



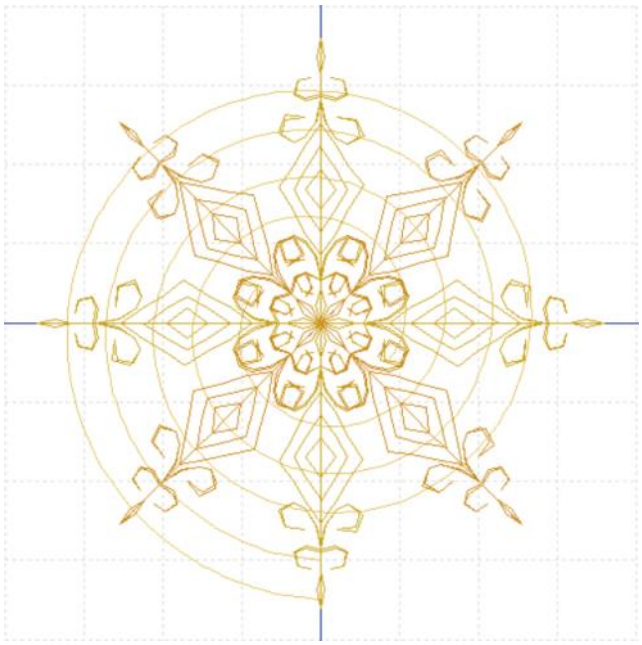
Decoration #2 is finished.
Save design as per write a design instructions on page 5

Embroider 2 x design on top half of the red glitter craft felt.

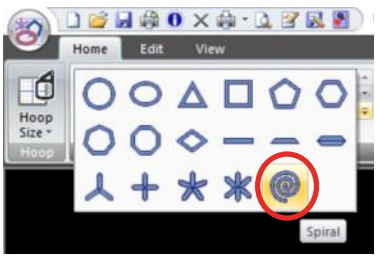
Note: The 2 stitch-outs of Decoration #3 will fit on the second half of the felt. Do not cut off Decoration #2 until you have stitched out Decoration #3.

To finish of Decoration #2, remove the excess tear-away and trim the designs.
Pin the 2 designs wrong sides together, make sure they are sitting identically together.
Select a triple straight stitch, length 2.8mm.
Mark outer and inner points around the design and stitch from point to point. Leave a small opening to insert with toy stuffing. Insert toy stuffing then close.

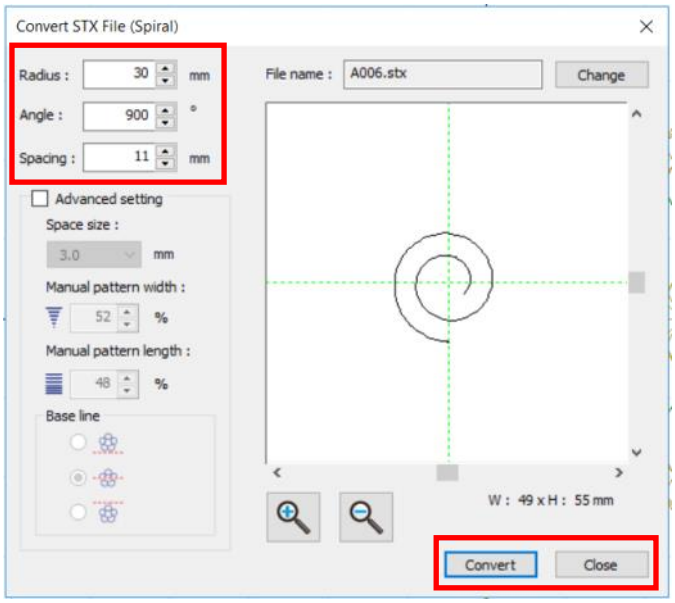
Step 5 Creating Decoration #3



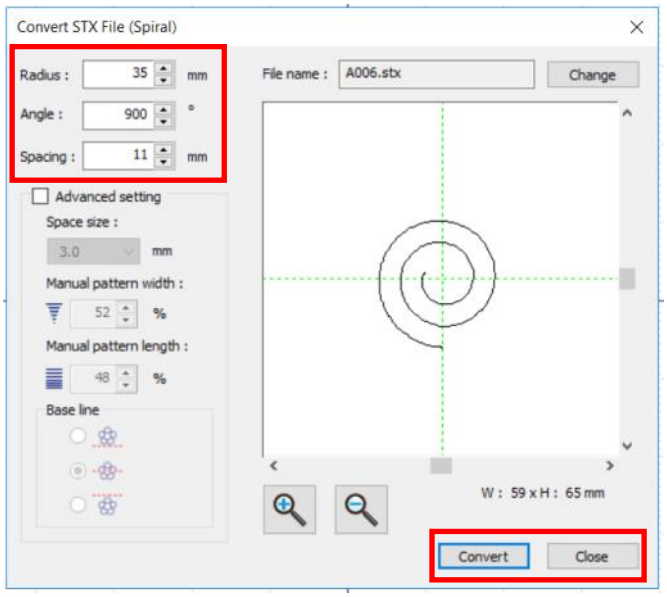
Select the required **Hoop** *(we used Hoop SQ14)*
Select the **Spiral Shape**

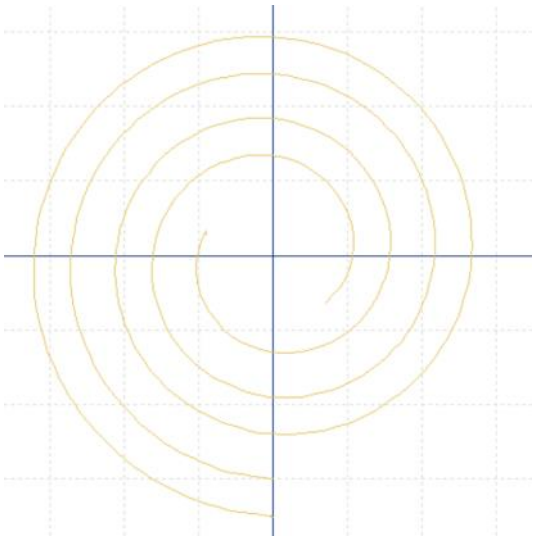


Select **Applique** Folder, **Design A006**
Set **Radius**: 30mm
Set **Spacing**: 11mm
Select **Convert**, then **Close**
Change the Colour to **Gold #003**

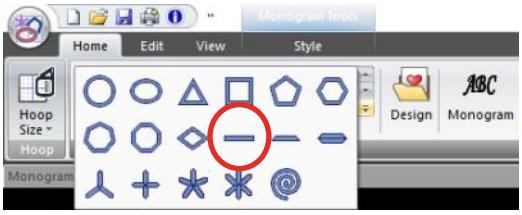


Select **Applique** Folder, **Design A006**
Set **Radius**: 35mm
Set **Spacing**: 11mm
Select **Convert**, then **Close**
Change Colour, **Gold #003**





Select the **Home Tab**
Select **Straight** shape

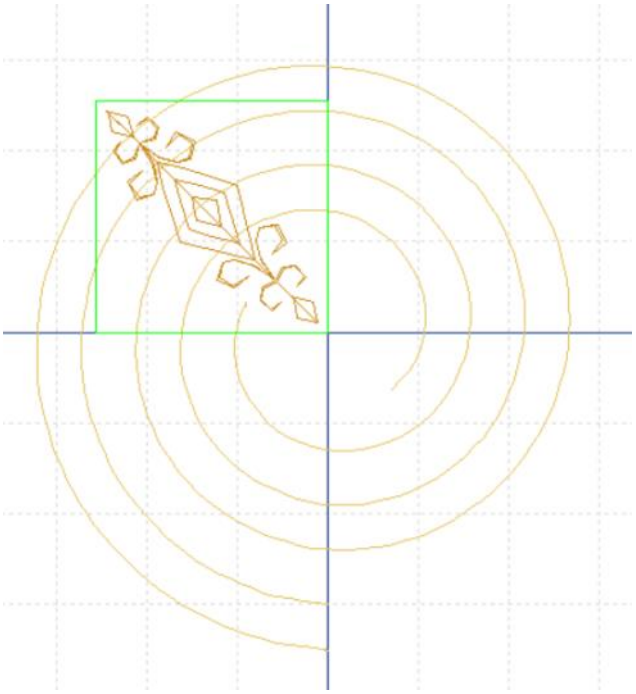


Select **Decorative** Folder, Stitch **D028**

Change the **Number of Cycles to 1**,
then select **Convert** and **Close**.

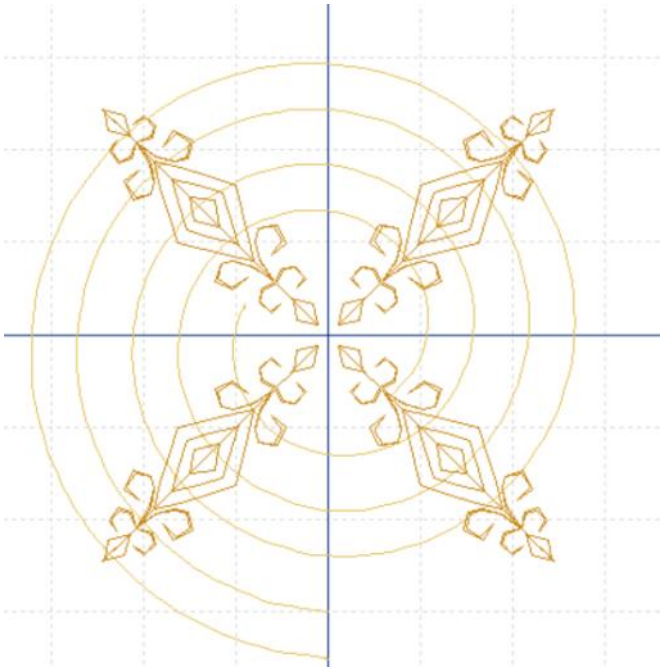
Select **Edit Tab**
Change the **colour** to **Yellow Ocher #271**
Rotate stitch to **45˚** and move top right of the hoop centre - see below image.

Tip: When positioning the stitch, the selected design green border sits directly on the centre hoop crosshair.

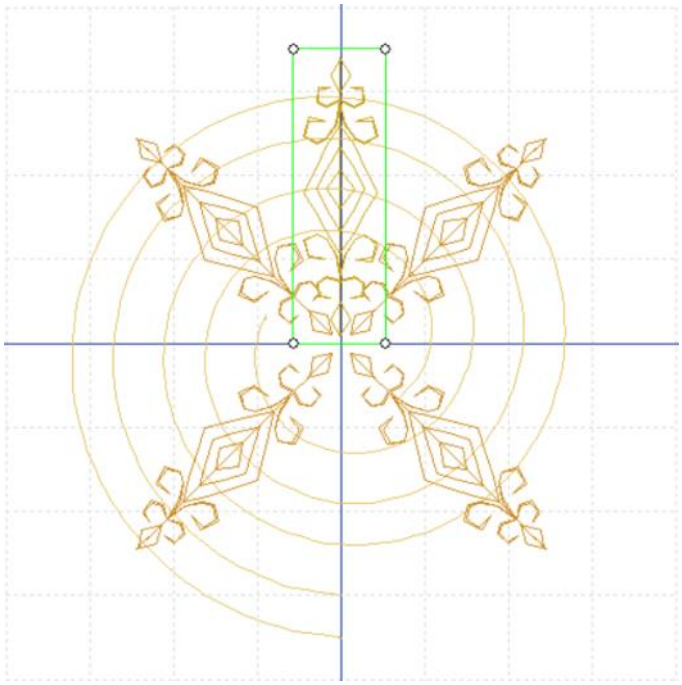


Select the **Corner Arrange Tool**

The design will layout as shown below.



Select one of these stitch designs on the Design List.
Select **Copy & Paste** icon.
A copy of the stitch design will be overlayed on top of the existing stitch.
Select **Color** icon and change to **Old Gold #272**
Move the design, **rotate** to **90˚** See below image.



Copy & Paste and position the last 3 designs, how to do this is the same as Decoration #2—see page 8 of these instructions.

Save the design, then stitch out on the second half of the red felt sheet.

To finish of Decoration #3, remove the excess tear-away and trim the designs.
Pin the 2 designs wrong sides together, make sure they are sitting identically together.
Select a triple straight stitch, length 2.8mm.
Mark points around the design and stitch from point to point. Leave a small opening to insert with toy stuffing. Insert toy stuffing then close.

FINISH.