~Aurifil Holiday Blog Hop 2012~



What you need~
#2265, 1285, 5012, 5005, 5006, 2024, 2140 of Aurifil 12wt thread.
10" square for background
10" X 15" light fusible interfacing.
1, fat 1/8 for main fabric.
6" square of light batting.
10" of ribbon



<u>Lets begin~</u>

- *Trace embroidery pattern onto center of 10" background square.
- *Iron fusible interfacing to wrong side of background.
- *Follow the chart, stitch design.
- *Press background fabric when you are done stitching.
- *Using smaller template trace circle around your stitching. Be sure to center!
- *With right sides together, layer stitching and interfacing together.
- *Sew around the drawn circle. (Do not leave an opening.)
- *Trim excess fabric/interfacing from drawn circle leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.
- *Pull the interfacing away from the stitching and clip a small X in the center of the interfacing.
- *Turn the stitching right side out through the clipped hole. Smooth edges to form your circle again.
 - (Don't press yet! But finger press as need to get a crisp circle.)
- *Cut and layer (2) 6" main fabric squares with right side together and place layered squares on your light batting.
- *Trace large template circle onto wrong side of main fabric square.
- *Fold ribbon in half and pin in between the layered squares, to top edge of drawn circle, matching rough edges and folded edge toward center of circle.

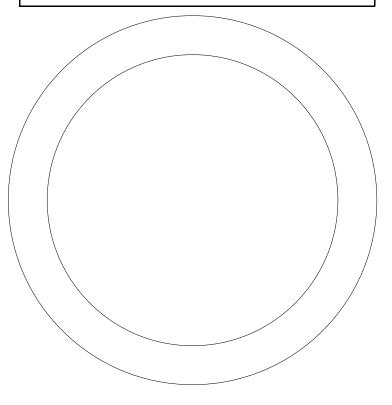
*Sew around the drawn circle through all layers of main fabric squares and batting.

- *Trim excess fabric/batting from drawn circle leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.
- *Pull the top main square away from the other square/batting and clip a small X in the center of the top square (Be sure to not clip the bottom square!).
- *Turn the main fabric right side out through the clipped hole. Smooth edges to form your circle again. Press.
- *With clipped hole areas together, place stitched circle in center of main circle. (Be sure to center!)
- *Using a button hole/blanket stitch, stitch circles together. Press.

*Enjoy!



- Using 3-strand of floss and a backstitch, stitch as follows~
- 2265 Red -- words, stockings, berries on mantel, ornaments on tree
- 1285 Brown -- mantel, stocking hangers
- 5018 Green -- Christmas tree, greenery on mantel
- 5005 Dark Aqua -- candles, polka dots on left stocking, ornaments on tree
- 5006 -- light Aqua -- stripes on right stocking (stitched in chainstitch),ornaments on tree
- 2024 White -- cuffs on stockings
- 2140 Gold -- candle flames, star on tree



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