



American Pride Collection Project Instructions



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Plates**



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Festive Holiday Plates

For this project we recommend that you use clear glass or plastic plates, which have a slight indentation with a lip on the back center. The indentation should be a minimum of 4" in diameter.

For this project, you will need:

As many plates as you plan to decorate.
Fabric to embroider on.
Stabilizer, decorative paper, clear acetate film,
spray adhesive, spray starch, and a hot glue gun.

1. Cut your fabric into squares large enough for your hoop size and to accommodate the designs you have chosen, leaving enough extra room around the designs to cut a circle that will fit into the back of your plate.
2. Select which embroidery designs you will be using and embroider each one on a piece of fabric.
3. Trace a circle on the backside of your fabric to whatever dimensions you will need and cut out your embroidered circles. Trace and cut your decorative paper (we used scrapbook paper) and your acetate film in the same manner.
4. Iron and starch your fabric circles and then use a spray adhesive to apply the decorative paper to the back of the fabric. This will help to give the fabric a nice smooth appearance.
5. Next, place your embroidered circles in the indentation on the back of the plate so that you can see the embroidered image when the plate is turned right side up. Place the acetate film on top of the decorative paper.



6. Finally, take your hot glue gun and place a strip of glue around the outside edge of the circle securing the three layers of materials into place.

Note: We do not recommend that the finished plates be submerged in water. If you would like to reuse the plates for other holidays or occasions, simply take a hair dryer and warm the glue on the back of the plate. Pull away the strip of glue, remove the embroidered image, replace with a new one and repeat Step 6.



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Wine or Water Bottle Cooler

This project can be made to fit any size bottle. To determine the dimensions you will need for the size of the bottle: Measure the circumference of the bottle and add 1 1/2" for the width. Then decide how far up the bottle you want the cooler to go. Measure the length of the bottle from the bottom edge up to that point; again, add 1 1/2" to this measurement for your length. For the bottom pieces of fabric: Place the bottom of your bottle on craft paper and trace it. Add 1" to the circle, cut out and use as a pattern for your fabric.

For this project, you will need:

Two kinds of fabric (a solid color and a decorative)
1 piece of batting
1 piece of craft paper
Stabilizer

1. Using the width and length measurements determined from above, cut one piece from each fabric and the batting. Using your circle pattern, cut a piece from both fabrics and the batting.
2. Before you sew any pieces together, embroider the design(s) you have chosen on your solid piece of fabric. Make sure your embroidered design is facing the right way on your fabric. Ensure that the design is right side up when you place the fabric around the bottle.
3. Now place your solid fabric (design side up) on top of your batting. Fold the piece in half so that the batting is on the outside. Pin and sew only the longest side. (This will be the seam that runs up the side of your bottle.) Fold the lining right sides together, and sew up the same side seam as you did on the other two pieces of fabric.
4. Next, take the solid fabric circle and place on top of the batting circle. Keeping the side pieces



5. batting side out, pin the circle batting side out, to the bottom edges of the side piece and sew in place. (Again, keep in mind which way your embroidery design will be facing when you decide which end of your side piece to sew the bottom piece onto.) Repeat this process for the lining.
5. Keeping the lining and the embroidered piece wrong side out, pin and sew the two side seams together. Then turn the embroidered piece right side out and push the lining into place inside the cooler.
6. Using an overcast stitch, sew the edges of the lining, batting, and outside fabrics together. Now, roll your overcasting edge outward about a 1/4" and press. Finally, roll your lining down another inch, press, and tack down in a couple of places to help hold the fold in place.



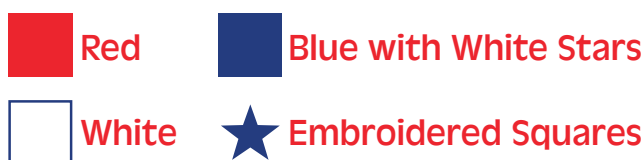
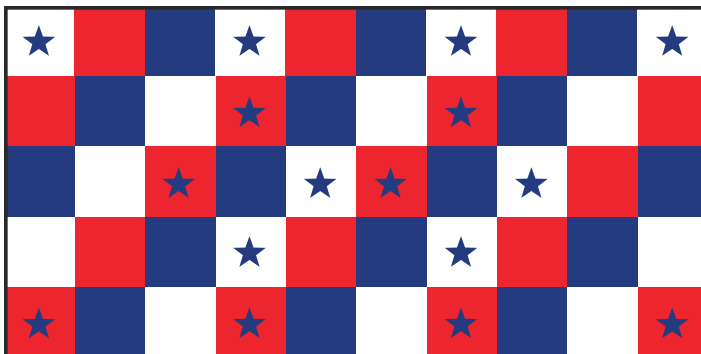
American Pride Picnic Tablecloth

For this project, you will need:

2 yards each (45"W) of three different colors of fabric for your fabric squares. Two solid colors (we used red and white) and a decorative fabric (we used navy blue with white stars).
4 yards of fabric for the backside. (You can use the decorative fabric or a solid fabric.)
Cotton batting
9 yards of double fold, extra wide, bias tape
Tear away embroidery stabilizer
Spray adhesive



For this project, we made our tablecloth to fit a picnic table that is 28 1/2" x 96 1/2". The dimensions for this tablecloth will be approximately 47" x 112". However, you can modify the dimensions to fit any size table. Because we are taking squares of fabric and piecing them together, it may be helpful to draw a pattern for your tablecloth so you can decide how to arrange your squares, decide which squares to embroider your designs on and the direction you want the designs to face. (See diagram below.)



1. Cut your fabric into 9 1/2" x 11 1/2" squares. You will need 17 white, 17 red, and 16 blue squares.
2. Set aside 8 red and 8 white squares. You will embroider the designs on these.
3. Choose the designs you will be using, and write each design number down on a small piece of paper. Also indicate on each piece of paper where on your square you want the design to be placed, (i.e. corner, center, or side.) Pin each piece of paper to the corresponding piece of fabric.
4. On the four squares that will be the corners of the tablecloth, we placed the designs at an angle in the outside corner of each square. For the other four outside squares, the bottom of the designs were placed 2" from the edge of the square. On the remaining 8 squares, we embroidered the designs in the center of each square.
5. Embroider all your squares. We used two pieces of tear away stabilizer and spray adhesive to help secure the fabric to the stabilizer. You won't be able to hoop the squares of fabric for the designs that are placed in the corners of the squares. For





this you will need to hoop only your stabilizer. Apply spray adhesive to the back of the fabric square and firmly press the fabric onto the hooped stabilizer.

6. Once all the squares have been embroidered and pressed, start pinning and sewing the squares together, one column at a time. (Hint: If it helps, number your columns 1-10 with small slips of paper to keep them in order.)
7. When all of your columns are sewn, press the seams. Now you are ready to pin and sew your columns together. Make sure that your corners match up when you are pinning. Press the seam after the addition of each column.
8. Lay out your batting on a flat surface and place the tablecloth on top of it right side up. Pin the tablecloth and batting together. Also pin the corners where your squares meet. Trim away any excess batting.
9. Cut your backside fabric into 3 equal pieces. Approximately 45"W x 48" L. Pin and sew the three pieces together along the 48" edge. Place the

backside, seam side down on the batting. Pin into place around the edges. Cut away any excess backside fabric so that it is even with the tablecloth and batting. Stitch all layers together around the edge.

10. Finish edge by applying bias tape all the way around. Start along a straight edge, not a corner. Simply open bias tape, do not completely unfold. Wrap around edge and straight stitch, catching upper and lower edges of the bias tape. Form corners by stitching completely to the edge of the corner, stop, cut thread tail, DO NOT cut bias tape. Fold tape back forming a miter corner, continue stitching all the way around. At end, stop stitching approximately 1 inch from where tape will meet. Cut tape approximately two inches longer than where tape meets. Open end of tape completely, fold edge in about 1/2 inch, refold tape. Continue stitching, overlapping end of tape with beginning.
11. As you remove your pins from the inside area of the tablecloth, randomly tack stitch between the corners of the squares, to help secure the three layers of fabric together.



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