

PROJECT: Jolly Mug Mats

Appliqué poinsettia, holly, or bell shapes to holiday fabric to make a set of seasonal coasters.

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FABRICS are from the The Magic of Christmas collection by Lori Whitlock for Riley Blake Designs (rileyblakedesigns.com).

FINISHED MUG MATS:
5½×7"

**MATERIALS FOR
POINSETTIA MUG MAT**

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

- 5" square *each* red tone-on-tone and red-and-white print (appliqués)
- 2" square solid yellow (appliqué)
- 9×21" piece (fat eighth) white stripe (mug mat front and back)
- 9×21" piece (fat eighth) black print (binding)
- 6×8" piece batting

**CUT FABRICS FOR
POINSETTIA MUG MAT**

Cut pieces in the following order.

Patterns are on page 4. Complete the following steps to use fusible web to cut out patterns A-C appliqué pieces.

1. Lay fusible web paper side up over patterns A-C. Use a pencil to trace each pattern the number of times indicated in cutting instructions, leaving ¼" between tracings. Cut out fusible-web shapes roughly ⅛" outside traced lines.

2. Following manufacturer's instructions, press fusible-web shapes onto designated fabric; let cool. Cut out shapes on drawn lines. Peel off paper backings.

From red tone-on-tone, cut:

- 1 of Pattern A

From red-and-white print, cut:

- 3 *each* of patterns B and B reversed

From white stripe, cut:

- 2—6×8" rectangles

From solid yellow, cut:

- 1 of Pattern C

From black print, cut:

- 2—2½×21" binding strips

**ASSEMBLE POINSETTIA
MUG MAT**

1. On a work surface, place one white stripe 6×8" rectangle right side down. Top with batting 6×8" rectangle and remaining white stripe 6×8" rectangle right side up; baste.

2. Quilt as desired. Quilt tester Doris Brunnette quilted diagonal lines in both directions ½" apart. Trim to 5½×7" after quilting.

3. Referring to **Diagram 1**, add A-C appliqué pieces to quilted mug mat; fuse.

4. Using threads in colors that match appliqués, machine-zigzag-stitch edges of A, B, and B reversed petals. Free-motion machine-quilt a swirl in the C flower center.

5. Bind with black print binding strips to complete mug mat.

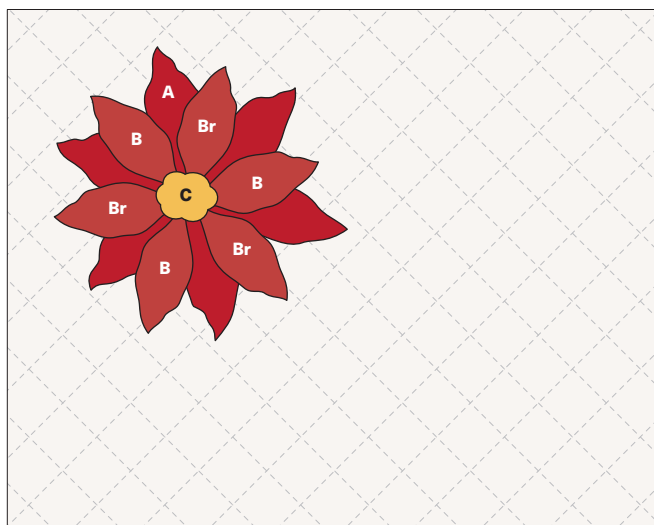


Diagram 1



MATERIALS FOR BELL-AND-HOLLY MUG MAT

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

- 2½" square *each* solid light gray and solid dark gray (appliqués)
- 5" square green print (appliqués)
- 9×21" piece (fat eighth) white stripe (mug mat front and back)
- 9×21" piece (fat eighth) black print (binding)
- 6×8" piece batting
- Three ¼"-diameter buttons: red
- Embroidery floss: light gray, black

CUT FABRICS FOR BELL-AND-HOLLY MUG MAT

Cut pieces in the following order.

Patterns are on page 4. Complete the following steps to use fusible web to cut out patterns D-F appliqué pieces.

1. Lay fusible web paper side up over patterns D-F. Use a pencil to trace each pattern the number of times indicated in cutting instructions, leaving ¼" between tracings. Cut out fusible-web shapes roughly ⅛" outside traced lines.

2. Following manufacturer's instructions, press fusible-web shapes onto designated fabric; let cool. Cut out shapes on drawn lines. Peel off paper backings.

From solid light gray, cut:

- 1 of Pattern D

From solid dark gray, cut:

- 1 of Pattern E

From green print, cut:

- 2 of Pattern F

From white stripe, cut:

- 2—6×8" rectangles

From black print, cut:

- 2—2½×21" binding strips

ASSEMBLE BELL-AND-HOLLY MUG MAT

1. On a work surface, place one white stripe 6×8" rectangle right side down. Top with batting 6×8" rectangle and remaining white stripe 6×8" rectangle right side up; baste.

2. Quilt as desired. Quilt tester Doris Brunnette quilted diagonal lines in both directions ½" apart. Trim to 5½×7" after quilting.

3. Referring to **Diagram 2**, add D-F appliqué pieces to quilted mug mat; fuse.

4. Using threads in colors that match appliqués, blanket-stitch edges of D and E bell halves. Machine-zigzag-stitch edges of F petals.

5. Use two strands of light gray floss to make three long running stitches along bottom edge of D bell half.

To make a running stitch, pull the needle up at A (**Running Stitch Diagram**) and insert it back into the fabric at B. Continue in the same manner, loading several stitches on the needle at a time.

6. Using two strands of black floss, make two six-pointed star stitches on D bell half.

To make a six-pointed star stitch, pull needle up at A (**Six-Pointed Star Stitch Diagram**), push it down at B, pull it up at C, and push it down at D. Continue in alphabetical order to complete the star shape.

7. Sew three red buttons where F holly leaves intersect.

8. Bind with black print binding strips to complete mug mat.

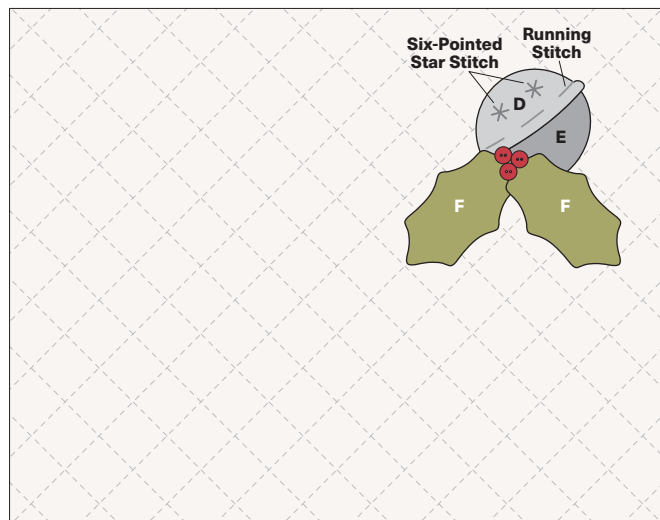
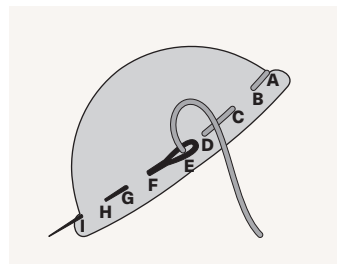
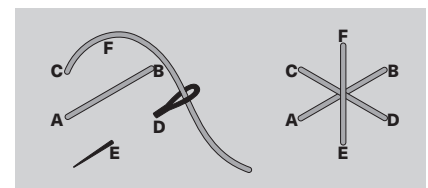


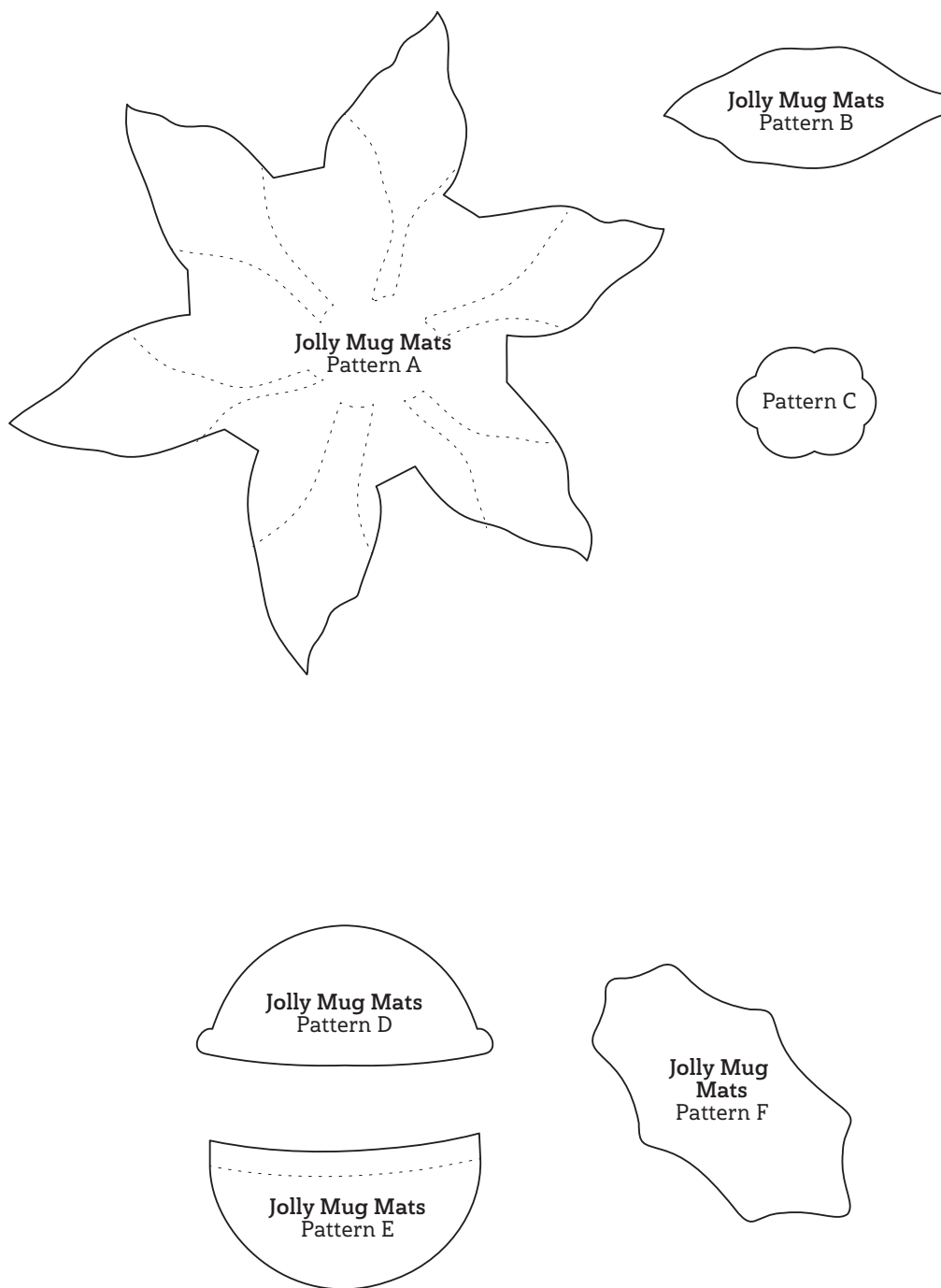
Diagram 2



Running Stitch Diagram



Six-Pointed Star Stitch Diagram



This box should
measure 1"

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