

Easter Garden Flag

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Skill Level: Intermediate
Sewing Time: 1 1/2 hours

Janome Supplies Required:

- Artistic Edge Digital Cutter
- Low Tack mat for Artistic Edge
- Skyline S9
- RE20a hoop
- P foot
- AcuFeed foot
- Prewound bobbin
- Extra bobbin loaded with thread that matches your burlap

*Designer Tip: Prewound bobbins are all I use for embroidery because they are evenly wound and hold so much more thread than if you wind it yourself. Also, I take off the first 10 yards so that the bobbin spins more smoothly in my bobbin case.

Other Project Supplies:

- Scissors
- Iron
- Web bond temporary adhesive
- Half yard of burlap
- piece of fusible webbing (5x8", 4x4")
- 5x8 fabric for cross, 4x4 fabric for heart
- Medium Weight Tearaway Stabilizer to fit the RE20A hoop
- Flash drive
- Embroidery Thread
- One yard of Ribbon
- Garden flag stake
- Pins

Fun Fact: If you use Steam-a-Seam Light II, you can position your applique pieces without them flying away without even using your iron. However, you will need your iron on fuse the fusible webbing initially to the fabric.

Preparing Materials:

1. Cut burlap with scissors to 15x8".
2. Iron fusible webbing on the wrong side of fabric for the heart and cross.
3. Hoop the stabilizer in your hoop.
4. Spray the center of the burlap with web bond to make it sticky, and then place it on top of the hoop. You will have excess hanging off each side of the hoop. Have no worries if this is not perfect because it will be squared up later.
5. Download the DRAW and JEF files that accompany this project in the EMBF folder from a computer to a flash drive.

Digital Cutting Instructions

1. Connect laptop to Edge cutter.
2. Place fused fabric paper-side down on the low tack mat. Press firmly to make sure there are no air bubbles.
3. Send the design to the Artistic Edge.
4. Select “test.” Select “Fabric backed with fusible webbing.” Select “Apply.” Select “Ok.” Select “Cut.”
5. Select the cross, make sure the pink dot is on the top left of the design. Using the arrows on the laptop screen, put the red laser on the top left of the cross fabric.
6. Deselect the cross, and select the heart, position the laser using the arrows on the laptop screen, and select “cut.”
7. Remove the two applique pieces from the mat, and peel off the paper on the back of the pieces. Set aside.

Embroidery Instructions:

1. Open the design on the S9, which should be set up for embroidery with the P foot on it.
2. Attach hoop to embroidery arm.
3. Step one stitches the placement line for cross. Place your cut piece of fabric right side up within those lines. If your fabric doesn't stick, give the back of the applique a little spray of web bond.
4. Step two on the embroidery machine is the tack down stitch, which we really do not need since we used our digital cutter. Step three does the blanket stitch.
5. The same stitch process for the cross will now take place for the heart applique.
6. Continue stitching out the design using colors that match your fabric.
7. When the design is done stitching, remove the hoop from the machine and remove the tearaway stabilizer.

Sewing Instructions:

1. Cut the burlap down to two inches wider than you need for whatever size your garden stake is. My stake needs a 12-inch wide flag, so I cut mine 14" wide centering my design.
2. Change your machine to sewing mode, close your embroidery arm, and attach your AcuFeed foot. Load the bobbin that matches your burlap.
3. Fold an inch of each side of the burlap to the back and pin.
4. With the back side of your flag facing up, select Stitch 8 in the utility stitches (a zig-zag stitch), and sew all the way down the side of the flag, removing the pins as you approach them. See photo:
5. Looking at the front of the flag, determine the bottom length, trim it one inch longer than you need, fold and pin the edge back and sew that edge as well.
6. You are going to do the same for the top except that you are going to fold 3 inches to the back, and stitch two inches down. This will allow you to get your flag on you garden stake since the edge of the stake probably has an upward decorative touch instead of it being a straight rod.
7. Attach the flag to your stake, tie a ribbon into a nice bow, or use a piece of ric rack.

