



## Gift Decoration Tips and Hints

### SHOW YOU CARE WITH EXTRAORDINARY GIFT FLAIR

A uniquely wrapped present is an extra gift in itself. Let your creativity take over and use the tips below for fun and easy decorations that will add delight under any tree.

#### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Felt, cork, or pleather
- Embroidery thread
- Embroidery bobbin thread
- Tear-away stabilizer
- Fusible cut-away stabilizer
- Water soluble topper stabilizer
- Ribbon 1" (2.5 cm) wide or wider for decorating
- DESIGNER™ Ribbon Embroidery attachment or DESIGNER Embellishment Attachment
- Metal hoop
- mySewnet™ Library subscription or free trial of mySewnet
- Fabric marking tool
- Various ribbons and rick rack

## TOP IT OFF WITH AN ORNAMENT

- Go to mySewnet™ Library and download the Ribbon Embroidery Attachment Gingerbread Man or one of the Ribbon Embroidery Attachment ornaments.  
*Tip: You can access these for free with a 30-day trial of mySewnet software.*  
*Note: These designs do require the DESIGNER Embellishment Attachment or DESIGNER Ribbon Embroidery Attachment.*
- Load the design onto your machine and setup the machine for embroidery.
- Hoop your felt, cork, or pleather and stitch the design.  
*Tip: If you forget how to put the ribbon or embellishment attachment onto the machine, check out the full tutorial (including videos) in the JoyOS™ Advisor.*
- When the embroidery is complete, remove your project from the hoop and cut the fabric down approximately 1/4" (5 mm) from the edge of the embroidery.  
*Tip: If you don't want to sew the ornament ribbon onto the top, make sure you keep some extra room at the top of the embroidery to create a hole for the ribbon.*
- Cut ribbon for the hanging loop about 6"-8" (15-21 cm) long.
- Fold this ribbon in half and sew the loop to the top of your embroidery.
- Loop the ornament you just made through the ribbon as you wrap it around the gift - and you have just elevated your gift wrapping to a completely unique level.

## GET EARTHY

- Find some fairly thin birch tree bark.  
*Tip: If the bark you find is separating from itself, fully separate it for a thinner piece.*
- Gently wash the bark and let it dry for 24 hours.  
*Tip: Place flat heavy objects on it while drying to flatten the piece more.*
- Fuse cut-away stabilizer to the back of your bark.
- Place this piece over the metal hoop, place topper stabilizer over it and attach these to the hoop with the included magnets.
- Choose and stitch a design.  
*Note: The design should be mostly satin or a sketchy style as a fully filled-in design won't stitch well on the bark.*
- When done, remove the topper and place on a gift for an unexpected wrapping detail that really sets the gift apart.

## TIE IT WITH A BOW

- When sewing on ribbon, make sure the ribbon is at least close to the width of your presser foot. If the ribbon is too thin you could have issues with it feeding properly, or depending on the stitch, the ribbon could get sucked under the stitch plate.
- Thread the top and bobbin with embroidery thread.
- Choose a decorative stitch.  
*Note: If you choose a stitch that has side motion feeding, this can be more difficult to center. We recommend using the projection or magnetic seam guides to prevent it from traveling off the ribbon.*
- Stitch down the middle of your ribbon. If you are using a satin stitch, you may need to add stabilizer.
- When you are done, simply wrap the gift in your stunning new ribbon.

## SEW THE SENTIMENT

- Load your favorite sewing font.
- Program your message.
- Stitch it out on felt, pleather, or cork.
- Cut around your text and you have just made this gift that much more special.

