Christmas Tree Countdown Calendar

There are dozens of ways for you to use these designs to create a Christmas countdown calendar. This page shows you how we made ours, but deviate from them to make your own countdown creation!

The Christmas Calendar pack includes 25 ornaments and candy cane numbers 1 - 25. You can use the numbers to form a grid around the outside of the calendar, or you can use them to make double-sided ornaments, whichever you prefer. The instructions below take you through the steps of making double-sided ornaments, which is optional.

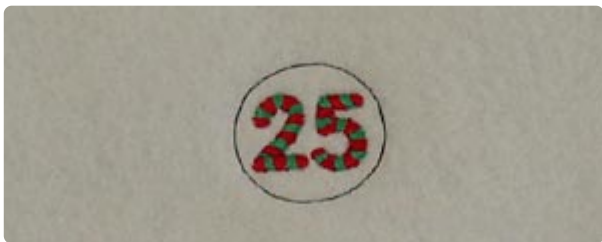## Products Used

Tree (Sku: ESP17750-1)

A Christmas Ornament Design Pack (Sku: EDP11639-1)

Tree - Three Pieces (Sku: EMP70387-1)

Steps To Complete

The Christmas Tree comes in three sections. Begin by sewing the bottom section. Then, remove the outer hoop and move the fabric straight up. Rehoop, and load the middle section of the embroidery file. Forward to the first stitch, then move the needle until it is over the top right corner. Sew the second section of the tree, then repeat for the third section.

If you are making double-sided ornaments, then sew the numbers on a large piece of fabric. Print the dieline for the ornament from your embroidery software, and cut around it. Trace around the number using the dieline as a template. Then, cut around the number.

Sew the ornament and stop before the last color stop - the satin stitch border. Remove hoop from the machine.

Apply adhesive to the backside of the number. Lay it on the backside of the ornament embroidery. Put the hoop back on the machine, and sew the last color stop - the satin stitch border.

You will have a double-sided ornament, with a number on the back, and the ornament feature on the front.

After embroidering the tree, cut around the fabric so that it is 14" x 17", centered.

Cut festive, holiday fabric is 2 1/2" wide strips. Two should be 14" long (for the top and bottom) and two should be 22" long (for the sides). Sew the strips to the top and bottom first, then the sides.

Measure your assembled calendar and cut a backing piece.

We used #1 size hook and eyes to attach the ornaments. After sewing the hooks to the calendar (wherever we wanted an ornament to hang - on the tree and along the border) we placed the backing piece over the calendar front (right sides together) and sewed around the perimeter, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance, and a 5" gap for turning. Turn, press, and sew the gap together.

Then we sewed eyes on all of the ornaments, and hung them around the border. We added decorative buttons found at a local sewing supply store - reindeer heads, bells, holly, and mistletoe.

Each day in December we'll remove an ornament from the side and hang it on the tree. On Christmas Day our tree will be fully decorated!

Remember: you can sew a Christmas Countdown calendar in many different ways - this is just one example. We can't wait to see how you sew yours!