



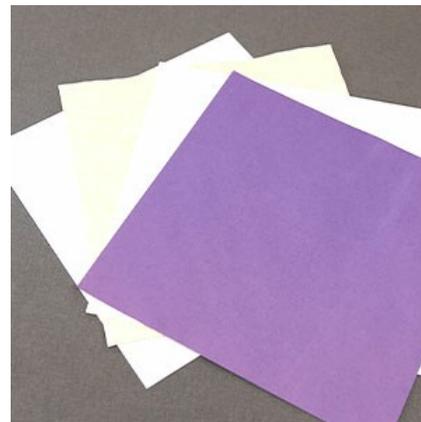
- 1/4 inch single hole punch
- Cord or ribbon hanger



Cardstock embroidery ornaments have been specially digitized to be embroidered onto heavy-weight paper. Only use designs labeled as cardstock designs, or the embroidery may simply cut the paper out rather than sew onto it.

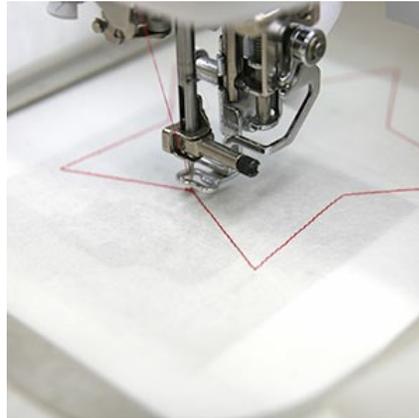
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When selecting paper, choose a heavy-weight cardstock (65lb or heavier), handmade paper, or watercolor paper. When using paper with shorter fibers (such as cardstock) the needle perforations will be more visible around the embroidery, but it will still work well. Paper with longer fibers (such as handmade or watercolor paper) will hide the needle perforations better as the fibers can move more freely. This makes the holes left by the needle less obvious on the long fiber paper.



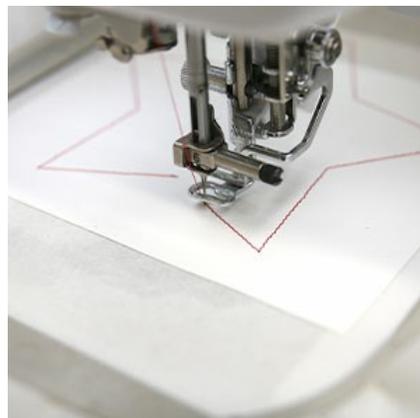
Cut a piece of paper that is larger than the design. For example, we cut our paper to 5.5" by 5.5" for a design that measures at just over 4.5."

Hoop a piece of medium-weight cutaway stabilizer. Make sure it is tight in the hoop with no wrinkles.



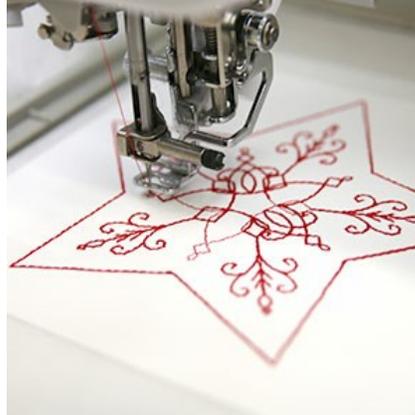
Attach the hoop to the machine and load the embroidery file. Use a 75/11 sharp sewing needle instead of an embroidery needle. The sharp sewing needle has a finer point and it will make smaller perforations in the stabilizer. The first thing to embroider will be a 'dieline' or 'Outline' stitch. This marks the area on the stabilizer where the cardstock will be placed.

After the dieline has sewn, remove the hoop from the machine but do not unhoop the stabilizer. Spray the wrong side of the cardstock with temporary spray adhesive. Place the paper over the sewn dieline and smooth it into place.



Next, place the hoop back on the machine and embroider the "cut line". This marks the area on the cardstock where the finished design will later be cut out.

Once your cardstock is placed, follow the color change sheet and embroider the inner details of the design.



When the embroidery has finished, unhoop the stabilizer. Using scissors, carefully cut along the inner edge of the "cut line." Cutting right along the inner edge will remove the cut line from the edge of the cardstock, leaving behind the front half of the ornament.

After cutting out the shape of the ornament, turn over the design and trim the stabilizer close around the embroidered design. This will keep the stabilizer from being seen between the two pieces of paper. When cutting, be careful not to cut the cardstock or the embroidery thread.



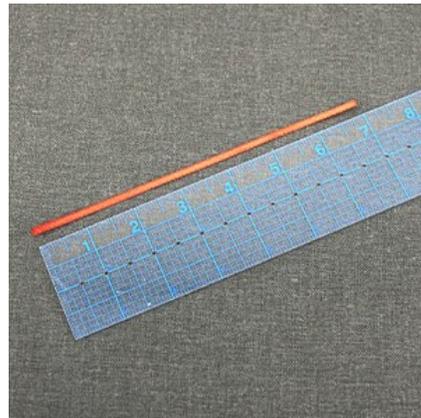
Cut a piece of the accent paper bigger than the embroidered ornament. We cut another piece of gold paper at 5.5" by 5.5." Attach the accent paper to the backside of your ornament shape by using adhesive. We used a glue stick, but white craft glue will work as well. Doing this will hide the stabilizer and the backside of the embroidery.

Once your adhesive has dried completely, trim the accent paper to the outer edge of the ornament shape. In the end you want both the ornament front and accent paper to be cut to the same shape with flush edges.



Next, use a 1/4" single hole punch to put a hole into the center top of the ornament. This will be used for the hanger.

To make the hanger, cut a 7" piece of ribbon or cord.



Thread the ribbon through the punched hole and tie the two ends together, forming a loop.