



# Love & Hugs for Christmas

## Letter to Santa Decoration



### You will need

- 25cm x 25cm piece of fabric to stitch on
- 25cm x 25cm piece of light weight fusible interfacing
- Embroidery Threads
- 25cm x 25cm piece of fabric for the back
- 4 inch (10cm ) hoop.
- 40cm of Ribbon

*I used Aurifil Cotton Mako Ne 12 thread.*

*This is equivalent to two strands of DMC Stranded Embroidery thread.*

### Colour Conversion Chart - Aurifil/DMC

- Red Bright: Aurifil 2250 DMC 321
- Peony Pink: Aurifil 2440 DMC 309
- Green: Aurifil 2888 DMC 470
- Blue Spruce: Aurifil 2850 DMC 502

### Tips

- Spray the stitchery fabric with a clear starch. It stabilises the fabric making it easier to transfer the design.
- Trace the design with a lead pencil. You may need to use a light source e.g. a window or light box to see the pattern clearly. The amount of detail traced is an individual choice. Small details such as the colonial knots can be worked by eye. Use a ruler for nice straight lines.
- Use a light weight fusible interfacing. It stabilises the fabric and hides threads.
- My preferred needle is a Crewel Embroidery Needle Size 7.

## Stitching the design

The following is a guide. Please refer to the photo to check colour placement.

- **Red**
  - Back stitch the letter box, santa, bird's body (excluding the breast), wing & tail & star
  - Colonial knots bird's eye.
- **Peony Pink**
  - Back stitch the bird's breast.
  - Colonial knots and couched straight stitch bird's tail.
  - Colonial knots letter box.
  - Star stitch inside the star | ✕ \*
- **Green**
  - Back stitch the ribbon on gifts
  - Daisy stitch the bows
  - Cross stitch on gift
- **Blue Spruce**
  - Back stitch the envelope & gifts.



## Completing the decoration

- Place the stitchery over the inner ring checking it is centred. Slip the outer ring over it and tighten. Work a row of running stitch a scant ½ inch from the frame to gather it at the back. Tie off the thread and trim away the excess fabric.
- Trace around the outer ring onto the wrong side of the backing fabric adding approximately ½ inch seam allowance.
- Turn the edge under and slip stitch to the back.
- Cut the ribbon in half. Tie a bow in one piece. Thread the other piece under the screw. Overlap the ends, stitch together. Stitch the bow on hiding the join.

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Print at 100% to fit a 4 inch hoop

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## Stitches Used



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