







Elf Pillows On Point - Christmas Ornaments 2009

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Please read entire pattern carefully all the way through before beginning.

Materials required for each ornament:

- Two new or leftover Quilt Blocks of your choice (unfinished 3.5" to 6.5") OR two pieces of fabric (unfinished 3.5" to 6.5").
 - Variations...You may choose to have one pieced/leftover quilt block and one side plain or both sides plain or both sides pieced.
 - Appliqué blocks work great too!
 - Whatever you choose, you need two units of fabric with the same unfinished measurements of 3.5" to 6.5" square.
 - You can go larger or smaller if you wish, depending upon the size of your tree or where you will be hanging the ornament. I find that smaller than 3.5" tends to disappear in the tree and much more than 6.5" tends to become overpowering.
- · Embellishments if desired
- Coordinating thread for sewing
- Polyfil/polyester stuffing or shredded batting scraps for stuffing
- 10" piece of coordinating or contrasting ribbon I prefer 1/8" inexpensive satin ribbon but silk ribbon or cording or yarn can be used if desired.

Helpful tools: Awl, silk ribbon needle, hand sewing needle



Instructions:

Prepare fabric pieces (whether blocks or plain). Add any desired embellishments now, but remember not to place beads or breakable embellishments too close to the .25 seam allowance at the outer edges of the block.

IDEAS: Embroider or quilt if desired. Try a new technique like stenciling or Paintstik rubbing, experiment with fancy threads or Texture Magic. These pieces can be as plain or ornate as you wish.

Lay fabric pieces or blocks on top of each other with right sides together.

Using a quarter inch seam allowance, stitch around the entire block leaving approximately a 2" opening.

Press seam to set. At the 2" un-sewn opening, press back the seam allowance 1/4" on each side.

Clip corners, being careful not to cut into any stitching.



Turn right side out. Use chopstick or smallish crochet hook to push corners out.

Fill ornament with stuffing through the 2" opening. Fill as firmly or as loosely as you desire. Use a chopstick or fingers to carefully push the stuffing into the corners.

Whip or blind stitch the opening shut.

Decide which corner you want to place your hanging ribbon.



Prepare a hang hole with the awl, carefully pushing through the corner until a nice hole is formed.



Thread the ribbon, cording or yarn through the hole and tie a knot at tail end.



Pull the knotted tail through the loop. Hang your beautiful ornament on your tree.



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