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Supply List

- Fabric for the embroidery to be stitched on
- Fabric for pillow backing
- Fabric for accent stripes on front of pillow
- Fabric to create a pillow form
- 5 Pieces of fabric for appliqué
- Fusible Web
- Tear Away Stabilizer
- Fusible Batting
- Fusible Interfacing
- Fiber fill to stuff the pillow
- 2018 Embroidery Design by Virtual Sewing Guild
- 3 (3/4") Buttons
- Heavy paper for printing the templates
- Double sided sticky tape
- Fray Inhibitor

Equipment List

- Machine in good working order
- Sharp scissors
- 1/4" foot
- Buttonhole cutter (optional)
- General Sewing Supplies
- Mini Iron
- Fabric pencil or marker





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Fabric and Batting Sizes

Fabric/batting	Quantity	Size	Notes
Base fabric to embroider 2018	1	9" x 18"	
Pillow backing fabric	2	10" x 18"	fuse 4" strip of interfacing to both pieces to the wrong side along one long edge
Fabric to make pillow form	2	15 1/2" x 11 1/2"	
Applique Fabric: 2018	4	4" x 5"	fusible web on the back
Appliqué Fabric fo the hat	1	4" x 4"	fusible web on the back
Fabric for accent stripes on pillow front	2	15" x 3"	
Fusible Interfacing	2	4" x 18"	*Fuse to pillow backing



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Here we go!

1. Prepare your fabric according to the chart on the previous page.
2. Press a crease in the center of the 9" x 18" rectangle of fabric that you will be doing your embroidery on.
3. Draw a small mark at the cut edge of the fabric on these crease marks....this way we still have the center mark when we finish the embroidery but we do not have to worry about removing entire lines from our project.
4. Hoop a piece of tear way stabilizer and your marked fabric, so the horizontal and vertical center marks are centered in the hoop.
5. Baste the fabric in the hoop and then stitch out the number "2"
6. Print out 2018Template2Mirror image and cut out the #2
7. Position the paper cut out of the number 2 on your project to make sure it is the correct size...if it is NOT the correct size adjust the settings on your printer so it will print at the proper size and test until you are printing at the correct size
8. Once you have it printing at the correct size print the template on heavy paper or card stock.
9. Cut a piece of fusible web large enough to cover the printout of the 2,0,1,8, and the hat on the template you just printed.
10. Tape the fusible web to the printed card stock (protective paper side out) and put the paper back into the printer so when it prints this time, it will be printing on the fusible web.
- 11. IMPORTANT: DO NOT use this technique on a laser printer.**
12. Remove the printed fusible web from the card stock and cut the 5 pieces apart.
13. Fuse the printed Fusible web to the wrong side of the fabric you are using for the appliqué following the manufacturers instructions, then cut out the 2, 0, 1, 8 and the hat.
14. When you are cutting be sure you are cutting OUTSIDE of the printed design.
15. Remove the protective paper from the back of the "2" cut out of appliqué fabric and use the mini iron to fuse the appliqué fabric in place then, return the hoop to the embroidery machine.
16. Stitch color two, the tac down stitch
17. Stitch color 3 the satin stitch



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You're doing great...keep it up!

- 18.If you would like to use a different color thread for the “0” , change your thread now.
- 19.Stitch the outline of the “0”.
- 20.Remove the hoop from the embroidery machine
- 21.Remove the protective paper on the back of the fusible web for the “0”
- 22.Position the “0” on the project so it covers all of the placement stitches.
- 23.Fuse in place using the mini iron
- 24.Return the hoop to the embroidery machine and stitch the tac down stitches and the satin stitch.
- 25.Repeat this process for the “1” the “8” and the hat...changing colors as you continue the embroidery design
- 26.Fuse one 4” x 18” piece interfacing to one long edge of the pillow backing fabric... repeat for the other pillow backing piece.
- 27.Fold down 2” along the edge of the fabric that has been interfaced and press.
- 28.Repeat for the other pillow back piece of fabric
- 29.Stitch with a straight stitch to hold the folded edge in place
- 30.Hoop a piece of tear away stabilizer and mark the horizontal center
- 31.Call up the buttonhole design and activate the basting feature.
- 32.Stitch the basting stitch on the stabilizer ONLY
33. Draw a line 1/8” to the outside of the vertical basting stitch
- 34.Line up the folded edge of the fabric with the 1/8” line and centering it on the center line that is drawn on the stabilizer.
- 35.Hold in place with double sided sticky tape





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Looking GOOD!



36. Baste the pillow backing fabric in place.
37. Stitch out the button holes in the hoop,
38. Remove the hoop from the machine, remove the project from the hoop and remove the excess stabilizer.
39. Put fray inhibitor along the inside of the buttonhole and iron dry.
40. Cut open the buttonholes. (I used a buttonhole cutter)
41. Mark the placement of the buttons on the other back piece of fabric and stitch the buttons on, either by hand or by machine.
42. Button the backing pieces together and set aside
43. Cut the front of the project down to size
 - (a) Measure from the center up 3" and cut
 - (b) Measure from the center down and cut 3 1/4"
 - (c) Measure 7 1/2" from the center out on each side for a width of 15"
44. Use a 1/4" seam allowance and a 1/4" foot to attach the strips of fabric to the top and the bottom of the pillow front
45. Press the seams towards the darker color.



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Finishing it up!

46. Fuse batting to the back of the project front.
47. Trim the front of the project down to 11" x 15"
48. Mark the pillow back so it can also be cut to 11" x 15"
49. Place the front of the project on top of the back to double check that the back is correctly marked.
50. Cut the pillow backing that is buttoned together, down to size
51. Unbutton the middle button
52. Put the front and back RST making sure you have the back placed the way you want it to be when it is finished...do you want the button holes to overlap from the top or the bottom of the pillow.
53. Stitch around all 4 sides with a 1/4" seam allowance
54. Turn right side out and press.

55. Pillow Form: Stitch along the 2 long sides and 1 short size of the fabric for the pillow form and turn right side out
56. Stuff with fiber fill and stitch the 4th (last) side closed
57. Insert the pillow form into the pillow



ENJOY!