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**Who's Santa's Favourite?**

Well, I have three girls, and of course, they're ALL Santa's Favourites! ❤️

So naturally, I had to make three different versions of this fun little Christmas freebie!

*One design, three ways to make it!*

- **Bag/Gift Tag** – Make a cute Christmas tag using clear vinyl for a fun, modern finish. Add a clip to attach it to a handbag, backpack or gift bag.
- **Shaker Tag** – Add some Christmas sparkle! Use clear vinyl with your favourite shaker bits, such as sequins, stars or glitter shapes, to create a fun little tag that moves and sparkles.
- **Coaster –** Prefer something practical? Simply make the version without the hanging hole to create a festive Christmas coaster!

These are quick little projects, perfect for using up fabric scraps and making Christmas gifts.

Choose your favourite fabrics, add a little sparkle (or not!), and make your own version of **Santa's Favourite**.

❤️‍🩹 One free design, three fun possibilities!

Happy Stitching!

Heather
Kreative Kiwi Embroidery

## FINISHED SIZE

9.8 cms – 3.9 inches




## DESIGN INFORMATION

I had a bit of fun experimenting with this design, trying different materials and finishing techniques to see what worked best.

I tried using ordinary craft foam from the dollar shop (NOT puffy embroidery foam!) to give one version a little extra dimension.

And then there were the sprinkles!

The bag tag itself was quick to stitch, but it took *me 7 minutes just to open the container of sparkles!* 😂 Sometimes it's the little things that take the longest!

**So many ways to make it!**

**Vinyl & shaker options**

I experimented with two different ways of attaching the clear vinyl:

- **Satin stitch finish:** The vinyl is completely enclosed within the satin stitching, giving a lovely, neat finish.
- **Decorative top stitch finish:** The vinyl is added at the very end and secured with the final decorative stitching.

**Which method works best?**




Both methods work well, and visually, the finished results are very similar. It really comes down to personal preference and the type of vinyl you're using.

**Vinyl fully enclosed in the satin stitch**

This gives a lovely, neat finish, particularly around the inner hanging hole. As long as you have a good pair of sharp scissors, you can trim the vinyl very close to the stitching before the satin stitch is completed.

**Vinyl added after the satin stitch**

With this method, the vinyl is attached using the final decorative stitching. You'll need to cut an opening in the vinyl for the hanging hole, and how neat the finished result looks will depend on how closely you can trim the vinyl around the stitching.

**Which do I prefer?**

I honestly think both look lovely! The fully enclosed method gives a slightly neater finish around the hanging hole, but the final decorative stitch method may be easier on your machine, particularly if you're using heavier vinyl.

Thinner vinyl may also work better when added at the end, as this avoids the possibility of it separating from the satin stitching.

My advice is to experiment with your vinyl and see which method works best for you.  There really is no right or wrong way!

You may need to experiment a little to see what works best with your vinyl.

**🎀 With or without a hanging hole**




In place of the hole for tags, I've included a version with a star, and no hole, which you can use as a coaster, or simply use the version without the hole and attach a clip, as I've done with mine.
And of course, you don't need to use vinyl or add sparkles at all

**My thoughts on using craft foam:**



I was really pleased with how the craft foam worked as a backing. It gives a lovely, neat finish and I think it's a great option for bag tags and gift tags.

I'm even considering using it instead of felt for the backing on coasters!

But before I recommend it for coasters, I'll need to put one through a wash cycle to see how well it holds up.  I'll let you know how that experiment goes!

## MATERIALS - ALL

- 2 layers of water-soluble fabric-type stabiliser
- Matching bobbin thread
- Optional: iron-on interfacing for backing fabric
- **If using craft foam, you don't need inner batting

| | 4x4 hoop |
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| Front fabric | Cut one of each 5x5 inch |
| Backing fabric | |
| Batting | |

## STABILISER AND HOOPING



Hoop 2 layers of water-soluble stabiliser

Use pins at the hoop edge to ensure no stabiliser movement

If you are new to this technique
Click here to watch Kay's hooping video

Before you start check which version you wish to use



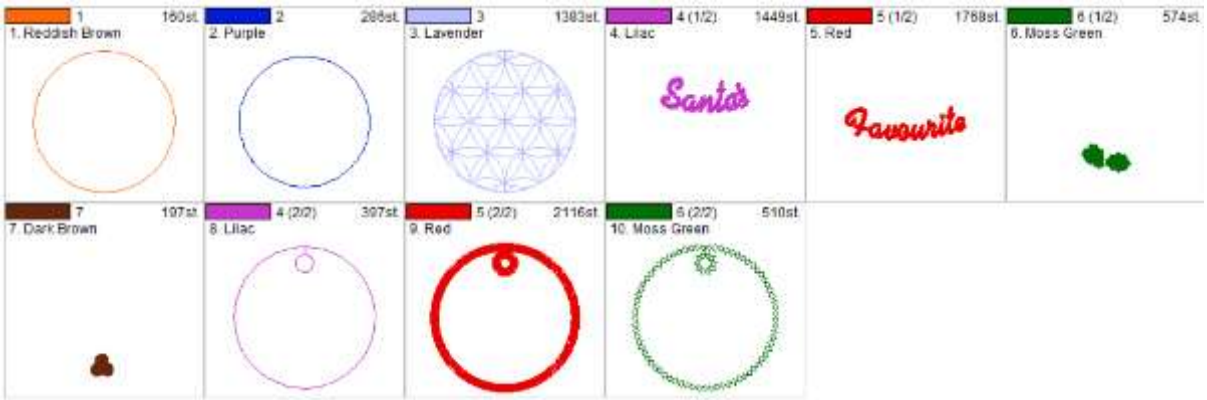

- With a Hole – Use File HOLE
- Without a Hole – Use File STAR

## VIDEO

If you are new to this style of design, please watch my quick step-by-step video to see how easy these tags are to make

WATCH VIDEO

## CONSTRUCTION - HOLE



## STEP ONE – THE FABRIC PLACEMENT LINE



Thread your machine with a neutral colour

Stitch Colour 1, which is the outline of the coaster and shows you where to place your fabric

## STEP TWO – BATTING



Tape your batting in place over the guideline

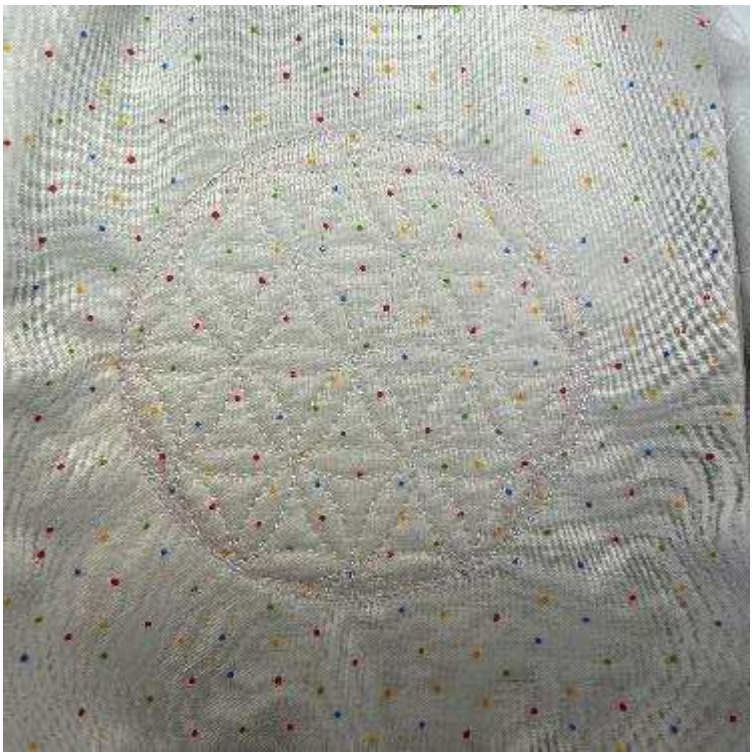
Stitch Colour 2 to attach



Cut away excess batting

There are gaps between the batting and the original outline – this keeps the batting out of the edges

## STEP THREE – ADD FABRIC



On the front of the hoop, place fabric over the guideline

Thread the machine with the colour you want for background quilting (gold)

Stitch Colour 3 to attach the fabric and quilt the background

## STEP FOUR – STITCH INNER DESIGN




Colour 4 – Santa's (green)

Colour 5 – favourite (red)

Colour 6 – Leaves (green)

Colour 7 – Berries (red)

## STEP FIVE – ADD BACKING FABRIC

BACK OF HOOP:

As shown, place the backing fabric over the guideline area, with the wrong side of the fabric facing the hoop

Use small pieces of tape to hold the fabric in place, making sure the tape sits outside the stitch area



Next choice is whether you want to add vinyl now before the satin stitch -see my info in design information; it truly is personal preference.

In my step-by-step video, I add the vinyl now before the satin stitch edge – in this sample I added vinyl AFTER the satin stitch edge




Stitch Colour 8 to attach backing fabric

Remove hoop from the machine
Cut away all excess fabric on the front and back of the hoop
INCLUDING THE INNER HOLE






## STEP SIX – COMPLETE EMBROIDERY




Change to matching top and bobbin thread

Stitch Colour 10 to zigzag, then complete satin stitch edge (white)

If you aren't adding vinyl or sprinkles, complete decorative stitch with Colour 11

## STEP SEVEN - ADD SPRINKLES AND VINYL




Place your sprinkles in the centre of the design

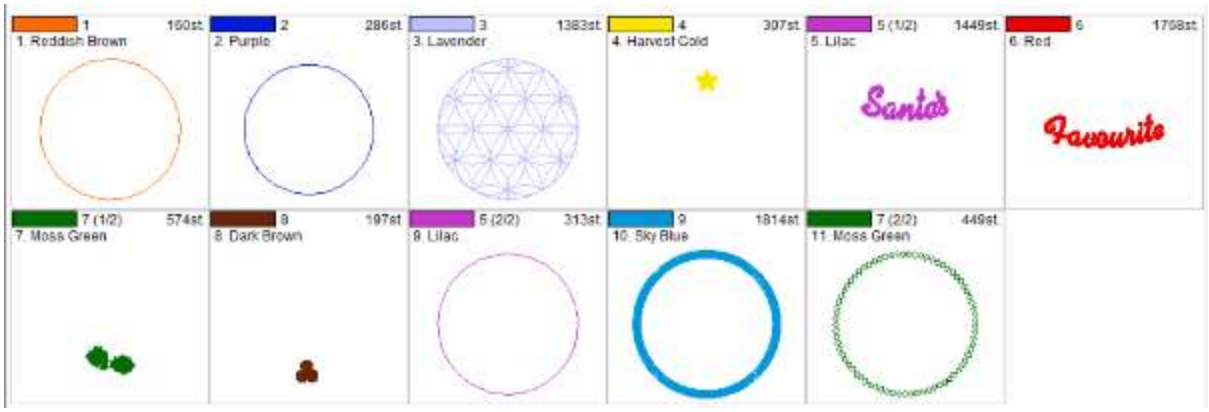
(I think I added too many to this one)



Place your vinyl layer over the entire guideline

Stitch Colour 10 to attach the vinyl and complete the decorative edge

## CONSTRUCTION - STAR



## STEP ONE – PLACEMENT OUTLINE



Thread your machine with a neutral colour

Stitch Colour 1, which is the outline of the coaster and shows you where to place your fabric

OPTIONAL HANGING/KEYCHAIN TAG

If you wish to make a bag tag, fold a small piece of ribbon in half to form a loop. (place bag tag in loop)

Position the folded ribbon at the top centre of the stitched circle, with the raw ends extending into the design.

Secure with a small piece of tape to prevent the ribbon from moving during stitching.
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**Important:** Make sure the ribbon loop is tucked safely out of the stitching area so it doesn't get caught under the needle

## STEP TWO – BATTING



Tape your batting in place over the guideline

Stitch Colour 2 to attach

If you are using craft foam – skip this colour, as you will not need batting

Cut away excess batting

## STEP THREE – ADD FABRIC




On the front of the hoop, place fabric over the guideline

Stitch Colour 3 to attach the fabric and quilt the background (white)

Colour 4 – star (gold)

Colour 5 – Santa's (green)

Colour 6 – Favourite (red)

*Not shown*

Colour 7 – leaves (green)

Colour 8 – berries (red)

I'll summarise the remainder of steps, as it is the same as for the HOLE design

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| Tape backing fabric on back of hoop |

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| Stitch Colour 9 | Attach backing fabric (and vinyl if added) |
| Cut away excess fabric front and back | |
| Stitch Colour 10 | Stitch satin stitch |
| If not already added, add sprinkles and vinyl over guideline | |
| Stitch Colour 11 | Decorative stitch (and attach vinyl if not already added) |

## FINISH - ALL



Remove the design from the hoop and trim away the excess stabiliser from the edges

To remove the remaining water-soluble stabiliser along the edges, dip a Q-tip (cotton bud) in hot water and use it to clean the edges

For a completely clean finish, you can either soak the entire design or wash it in the machine. Once dry and pressed, it will look like new!

If you like this style of design, you might like to view our

[In the hoop Vortex Collection]






*I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to my amazing Angel Ladies, Beverly, Darina, Faye, Flo, Kay W, Louise and Sandy, who generously give their time to test and perfect my designs. Your creativity and passion mean the world to me, and I truly couldn't do this without you. You make sure every design is the best it can be, and I'm so grateful for all your hard work and dedication!*

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*It takes a village!!*

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