

Embroidery Hoop Photo Collage


Project created by Jennifer Perkins for Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores®

Supplies:

- Wood embroidery hoops in sizes of choice
- Fabric remnants and/or fat quarters in colors/patterns of choice
- Printer fabric, such as Sew-In Computer Printer Fabric by June Tailor®
- 12"x9" Lite Steam-A-Seam® Double-Stick Fusible Web Sheets
- Tulip® Soft Fabric Paint: Sunshine Yellow, white, crimson red or colors of choice
- Paintbrushes
- Aleene's® Liquid Fusion™ Glue
- Embellishments of choice: buttons, beads, rickrack trim, yo-yos, etc.
- Embroidery floss
- Needle
- Personal computer
- Optional: Scanner & printer
- Iron, ironing board & pressing cloth
- Scissors

Directions:

1. Select images that can be edited and printed from a personal computer. If needed, scan images or take them to a photography store or other store with a photo kiosk to have them scanned and put on a CD.
2. Resize or scale the digital image so that it will fit the embroidery hoop being used. Be sure to make the image small enough so that some of the background fabric frames the image. Tip: Test printed images on plain paper first to ensure the size is right for the hoop being used.

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3. Print the image on the printable fabric, according to manufacturer's directions. Allow the fabric to dry before proceeding to the next step.
Tip: Be sure to use the correct printer type for the printable fabric (laser or inkjet).
4. Per the manufacturer's instructions, apply the Lite Steam-A-Steam® Double-Stick Fusible Web to the back of the printed fabric.
5. Cut out the image and place it on the pattern fabric—making sure that it fits within the embroidery hoop frame. Using a very hot, dry iron, adhere the printed fabric to the background fabric. Allow to cool. Ironing will fuse the two fabrics into a single piece and help set the ink. Tip: Be sure to use a dry iron (no steam) and a pressing cloth as printed images are not waterproof.
6. While the fabric cools, paint the outer frame of the wooden embroidery hoop, covering any portions that will be visible when displayed. Set aside to dry.
7. Embellish the fabric(s) using fabric paint, beads, buttons, rickrack, yo-yos, etc. Start with the fabric paint and any embellishments that require gluing. Let the glue dry completely before moving on to items that will be stitched down.
8. Lay fabric on the inside frame of the embroidery hoop, aligning the photo within the frame, as desired. Place the second loop over the fabric and tighten the outer loop so that the fabric is taut.
9. Using 3 to 6 strands of embroidery floss sew decorative stitches to highlight the photographs, fabric pattern and/or to make a decorative edge around the photograph. Project shown features a basic backstitch. Other embroidery stitches that can add depth and interest include the split stitch, stem stitch and French knots.
10. When the embroidery and other embellishments are complete, adjust and tighten the outer ring of the embroidery hoop to secure the fabric and trim away any excess fabric.

Skill Level 2: Some experience necessary
Approximate Crafting Time: Weekend project