

Birthday Stocking

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My little sister's birthday is on Christmas Day, and when she was a kid, the family struggled with how to keep her special day from getting eclipsed by the general festivities of Christmas.

It's hard to believe now, in view of how many stockings we all have, but it never occurred to me back then that a person could have more than one stocking, never mind one with a birthday theme.



It was long overdue, but a few years ago I finally made her such a stocking. It's colourful and festive, and it's one of my all-time favourites, but it makes me wish I had done something like this when she was still a kid. Better late than never, I guess.

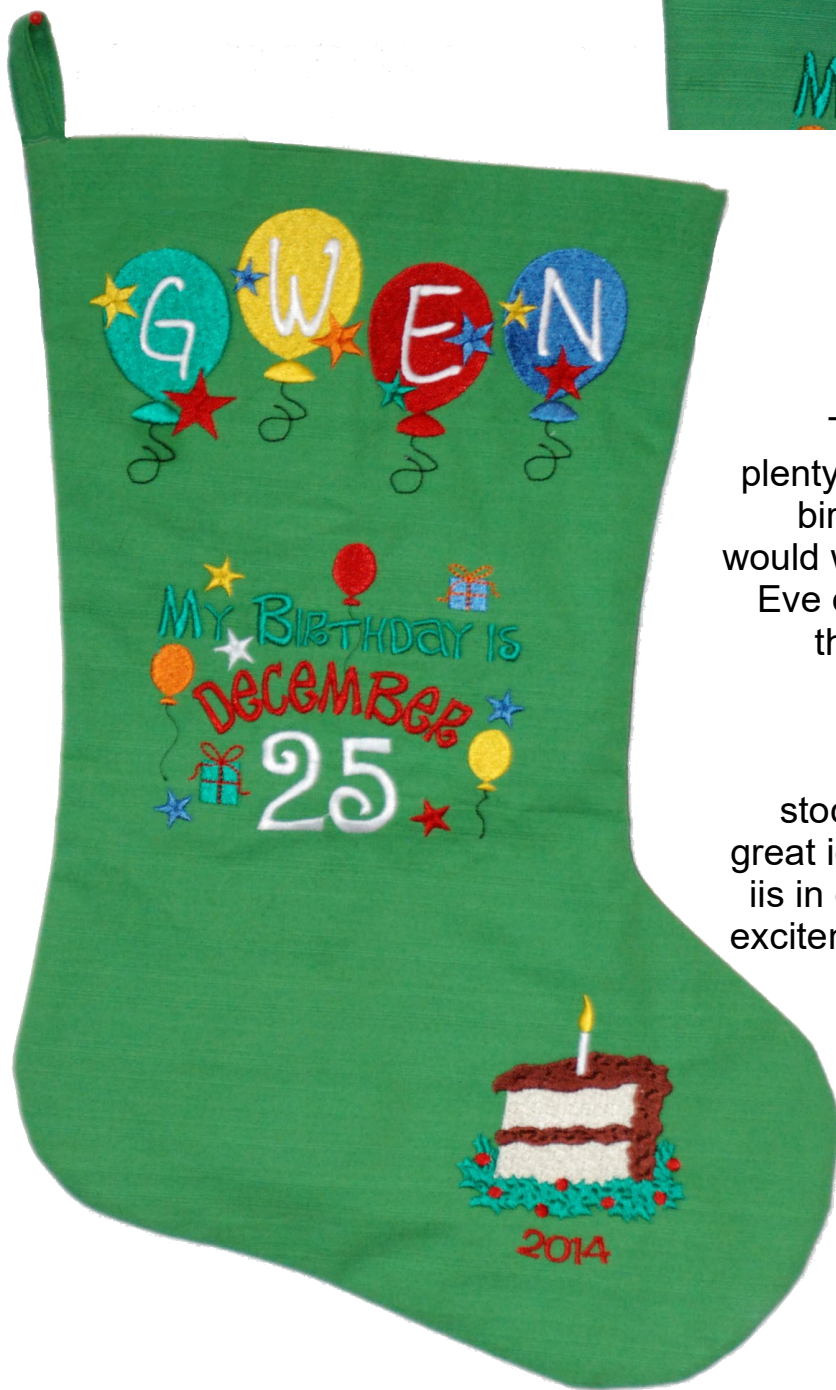


To give the stocking a birthday party vibe, I spelled out her name using my Balloon Alphabet. I love the bright festive colours

For the main motif I chose the "My Birthday is December 25th" design, and decorated the toe with a piece of Christmas birthday cake



All of my stockings are fully lined, to protect the embroidery and to help the stocking keep its shape for years to come. This festive mini print also captures the same festive air of the stocking exterior. I



This is quite a large stocking with plenty of room for both Christmas and birthday mementos; the same style would work equally well for a Christmas Eve or Boxing day birthday too, using the December 24th or 26th design.

I'm really delighted with how this stocking turned out, and I think it's a great idea for someone whose birthday is in danger of being swamped by the excitement of Christmas. I only wish I'd thought of it years ago.