

# Spilling Stocking Ornaments

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While browsing on line, I saw an ornament idea that grabbed my attention: an upside-down stocking spilling its contents down the tree. I decided to create my own version for the embroidery machine, and this is the result.

The whole thing is made from felt and, when assembled, is about 8.5 - 9" tall. I stitched the individual motifs separately, and attached them to the mouth of the stocking using 6-pound fishing line.

To make the candy cane, bauble, wrapped gift, and candy, I stitched through

three layers of felt, then trimmed close to the stitching with detail scissors.



The little teddy is stitched and trimmed, then lightly stuffed through an opening in his side, which is then closed up by hand or by conventional sewing machine. He hangs upside down as though he's just tumbled from the up-ended stocking.



The tiny stocking is stitched entirely on the embroidery machine; embroider the front first (including a name, if you wish to add one), then add the back before completing the final outline stitch, which leaves the top open. Trim around the edge just as you did for the tiny toys.

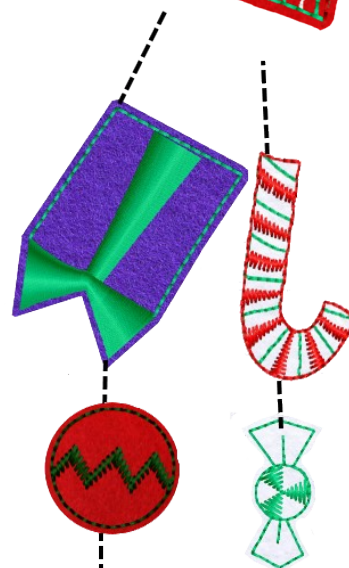
The stocking has a small eyelet marked on the toe; use a stylus to poke a hole through it to insert a hook or string for hanging on the tree.

To string the motifs together to make the ornament, I used a lightweight fishing line (6 lb), though you could use doubled invisible thread instead.

Link the pieces in the order shown, catching a stitch in each item, and making a small knot before moving to the next. I finished each string by knotting the group just inside the lip of the stocking.



After I'd made the first stocking, my sister suggested that, in the interests of tradition, the stocking should contain an orange, so several subsequent versions had one of those in place of the original bauble.



Changing the colour of the components can dramatically alter the look.



Purple is Michelle's favourite colour, so her mini stocking ornament is done completely in shades of purple. I also added her name to the top.

This blue stocking uses a profusion of colours in the motifs, and features an orange in place of the bauble.



At left, I like the combination of the green stocking, blue teddy, and yellow gift package.

This mini stocking ornament looks really cute on the tree, and can be personalized to suit the recipient.