

Bird Cage Hoop

Project Instructions

Finished Size: 10" x 10" (25.40cm x 25.40cm)





Simple project using fusible web and embroidery floss. Nice decorative element to hang on the wall or put on a shelf.

Supplies Needed

- 3 Fabric Palette® Fat Quarters (light tonal for background, tonal accent for door, floral for floor and birds)
- 1 Embroidery hoop 10" wood
- Coordinating embroidery floss
- 8" x 13" piece Craft weight fusible web
- Pencil
- · Embroidery needle
- Scissors
- Iron and pressing surface
- Craft glue

Before you begin

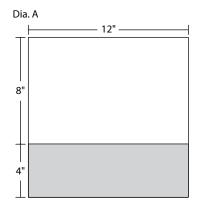
Read all instructions before beginning project. Do not prewash fabrics. Press fabrics with a dry iron before cutting.

Cutting

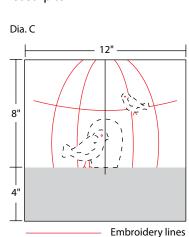
- Light Tonal Fat Quarter: 1 12" x 12" square (background)
- Floral Fat Quarter: 1 4" x 12" rectangle (cage floor)
 - 1 3/4" x 18" strip torn fabric (bow)
- Tonal Accent: 5 1" x 21" strips (to wrap hoop)
 - 1 12" x 12" square (to cover back)
- Craft fusible web: 1 4" x 12" rectangle

Assembly

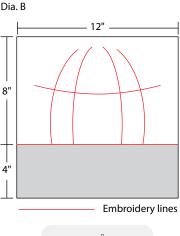
1. Following manufacturer's instructions, apply fusible web to **wrong** side of floral rectangle (4" x 12"). Fuse it to right side of Light Tonal square (12" x 12") along the bottom edge (Dia. A).



- 2. Using the template and a sharp pencil, lightly trace embroidery lines on the right side of the light tonal background using a light box or window. Use six strands of embroidery floss to hand stitch an outline stitch along each drawn line (Dia. B). *Tip:* Many people like to use the hoop while embroidering. Unhoop before proceeding to Step 3.
- 3. Use template to trace door, birds and wings on paper side of fusible web; cut out 1/8" beyond drawn line.
- 4. Fuse door to the tonal accent fabric then cut out along traced line. Fuse birds and wings to various parts of the motifs in the floral fabric then cut out along traced lines. Remove paper backing.
- 5. Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse door to the center of the design as shown in Diagram C, then place birds and wings.
- 6. Use six strands of embroidery floss to hand stitch the bird legs with an outline stitch and the eyes with French knots (Dia. D). Place right side down on a towel and press well.
- 7. Loosen screw to separate inner and outer hoop. Use the 1" tonal accent strips to cover the outer hoop. Begin at the top screw, glue one end (**wrong** side) of the first strip to the inside of the hoop. Wrap the strip around the hoop, overlapping the edges. Add a dot of glue under the end to hold in place. Continue in the same manner until the hoop is covered. Add glue to the last end and trim as needed; allow to dry completely (2-4 hours, or overnight drying time).
- 8. Place completed design on top of back (12" x 12" with **wrong** sides together). Lay inner hoop flat on a table and center layered design on top. Press covered outer hoop over design with the screw at the top; pull edges so fabrics are taut in hoop. Tighten securely and trim fabric close to back of hoop.
- 9. Tie the torn strip ($\frac{3}{4}$ " x 18") to screw and make a bow. Hang on your wall or put on a shelf.



Appliqué placement





Dia. D



Finished care instructions

Dust or shake lightly if needed.

