

VINTAGE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT DESIGNS

by Sew4Home
Mini Tutorial for Making Napkins and Placing a Single Ornament

Just in time for holiday sewing, these colorful Vintage Style Christmas Ornaments have been created exclusively for Janome Canada by the creative team at Sew4Home.

The beautifully dense embroidery features unique fills, flourishes, and even French knots. Finishing at 2½" - 3½" in height, they would be perfect on holiday table linens, Christmas stockings for the whole family, or as accents on garments.

Getting Started - Download and install your free embroidery designs.

The five designs available only through your Janome Canada dealer are provided in three file formats: .JEF, .JEF+, and .JPX. The "bow" element is included as a separate piece so each ornament can be stitched with or without the upper bow. Complete placement templates are included as well as color charts, showing the Madeira Cotona 50wt color choices made by the S4H team.

Materials (for TWO 17 x 17" napkins)

- ½ yard of 44"+ wide quilting weight cotton for the napkin front; S4H used Kona Cotton in Cypress
- ½ yard of 44"+ wide quilting weight cotton for the napkin back; S4H used Kona Cotton in Pond
- All purpose thread to match fabrics for construction and edgestitching



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- Embroidery thread in appropriate colors for the ornament embroidery; S4H used 50wt Madeira Cotona for a beautiful matte finish



[View PDF ornament color chart](#)

- Janome pre-wound bobbins
- Water soluble tear away stabilizer
- Embroidery Design(s)
- Embroidery Design placement template(s)



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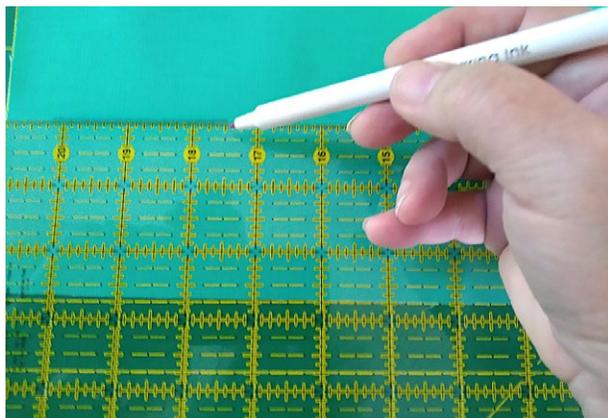
Cutting, Preparation and Embroidery

Step 1: Cut TWO 18" x 18" squares from each of the quilting cottons.

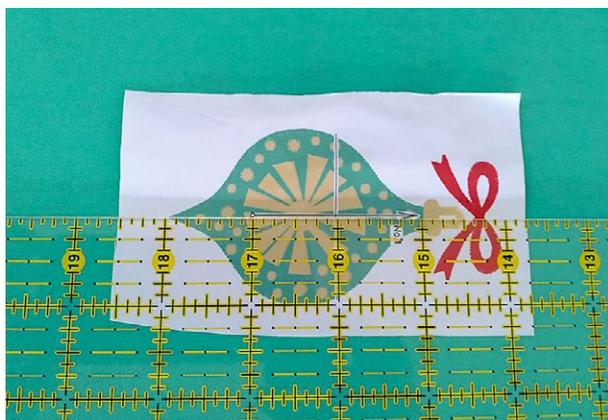
Step 2 Select and import the ornament embroidery design(s) of your choice to your machine or load using a USB memory stick.

Step 3: Print placement template(s).

Step 4: To mark the napkin front squares for embroidery, draw a line along one side 2¾" in from the raw edge.



Step 5: Use the printed placement template to mark the crosshairs for the embroidery, centering the design along the marked line.



Note: The S4H collection of embroidered napkins shows the ornaments at staggered distances from the lower edge of the napkin, which is a nice, natural look. The list below shows the distances S4H chose for each of the ornaments. This is the distance from the lower edge of the ornament to the bottom raw edge of the cotton square. Of course, you can choose to alter your positioning as desired.

- Ornament 1: 3"
- Ornament 2: 3½"
- Ornament 3: 3¼"
- Ornament 4: 3½"
- Ornament 5: 3"

Step 6: Set up the embroidery machine for professional style embroidery, with bobbin thread in the bobbin and embroidery thread in the needle. As mentioned above, a color chart for each ornament is provided in a separate PDF.

Select Embroidery Mode.

Step 1: Locate the ornament embroidery file, and select the desired ornament.

Step 2: Hoop 2 layers of stabilizer in the hoop.

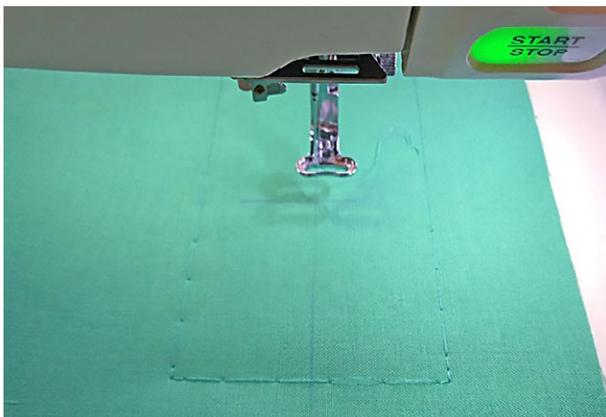
Step 3: Attach the hoop to the embroidery machine.

Step 4: Place the marked fabric over the hoop, centering the crosshair directly under the needle.



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Step 5: Use the Baste function to secure the fabric.



Step 6: Embroider the design, changing colors as directed by the color chart.



Step 7: When the design is complete, remove the basting stitches, and remove the excess stabilizer.

Optional ornament "hanger"

Step 1: Change the machine to Sewing Mode, and attach the F foot to the machine

Step 2: Leave bobbin thread in the bobbin. Thread the needle with a neutral thread to simulate a chain hanger. S4H used Madeira 50wt Cotona in 772 Bisque.

Step 3: Select a triple straight stitch.

Step 4: Place the embroidered square over a piece of stabilizer and run a line of triple stitching directly on top of the marked vertical line.



Step 5: Start at the upper raw edge of the napkin and stop at the top of embroidered bow. (If not using the bow, simply stop just above the top of the ornament).



Step 6: Remove the excess stabilizer and press the napkin from the wrong side.

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Constructing Each Napkin

Step 1: Re-thread the machine with all purpose thread, using a color to match the napkin lining in the bobbin and a color to match the napkin top (the embroidered side) in the needle. Select a standard straight stitch.

Step 2: Place an embroidered napkin top right sides together with a plain napkin lining. All raw edges should be flush.

Step 3: Pin in place along all four sides, leaving a 3" gap along the bottom edge.



Step 4: Using a 1/2" seam allowance, stitch around all four sides. Remember to sharply pivot at each corner and lock your seam at either side of the 3" opening.



Step 5: Trim the corners and press open the seam allowance.



Step 6: Turn the napkin right side out through the opening.

Step 7: Gently push out each corner so it is nice and sharp. A long blunt tool is best for this, such as a chopstick, knitting needle or point turner.

Step 8: Press flat, making sure the raw edges of the opening are pressed flush with the sewn seam.

Step 9: Re-set for a slightly lengthened straight stitch. Make sure the thread colors still match the top and lining fabric.



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Step 10: Edgestitch around the perimeter, pivoting at each corner. This last bit of stitching closes the opening used for turning.



Step 11: Repeat to create the second napkin – or multiply and create as many as needed for your holiday gathering.



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Happy Holidays!