



Butterfly Clock

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Project Level/Time: Intermediate/3-5 hours

Equipment:

Janome Artistic Edge Cutting Machine (optional,) Janome MC 15000 embroidery machine
use Janome Hoop SQ23

Software:

Artistic software if you want to modify the file.

Embroidery Design and Pattern Provided:

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Supplies:

18x18 inch fabric stabilizer to back Navy fabric, 4 1/4 inch (Minute Hand) clock kit, 12 inch embroidery hoop.

Embroidery Thread:

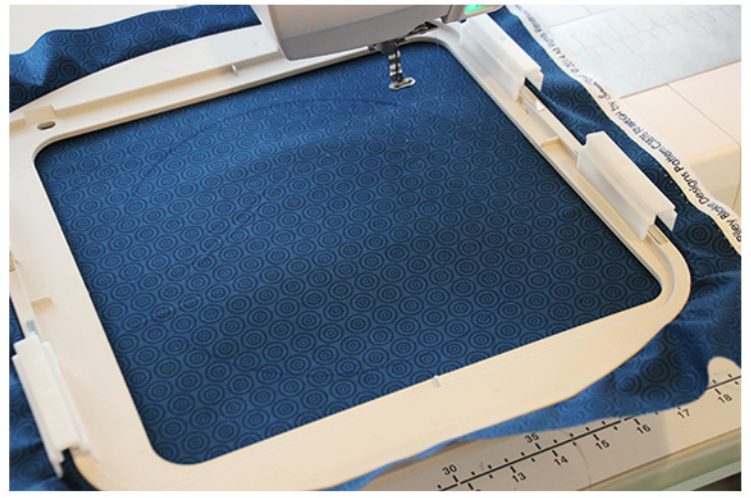
2 shades of aqua, 1 rich red, 1 bubble-gum pink, 1 cream or white

Fabric:

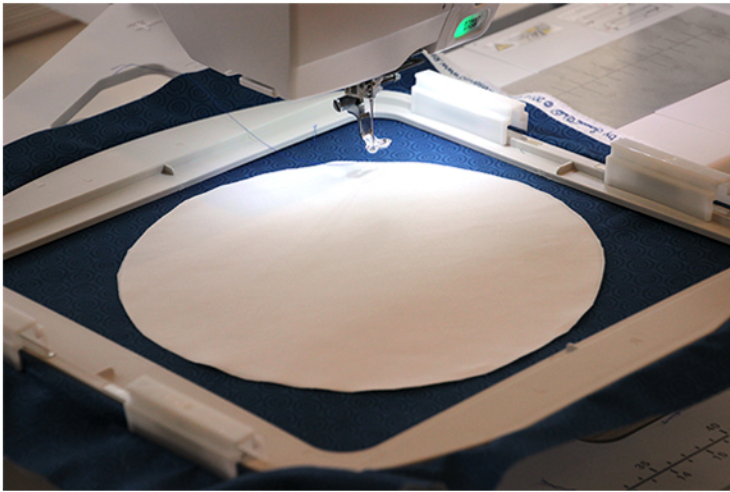
1 18x18 inch square of Navy Blue tone on tone fabric
(I used the circles print from my Fly Aweigh collection for Riley Blake)
1 3x3 inch square of red fabric
(I used the stars print from my Rodeo Rider collection for Riley Blake)
opaque white cotton fabric, if too thin you can do two layers



1. Hoop the navy fabric with the stabilizer in the SQ23 hoop. Lock hoop into embroidery arm. Thread your first color of thread.



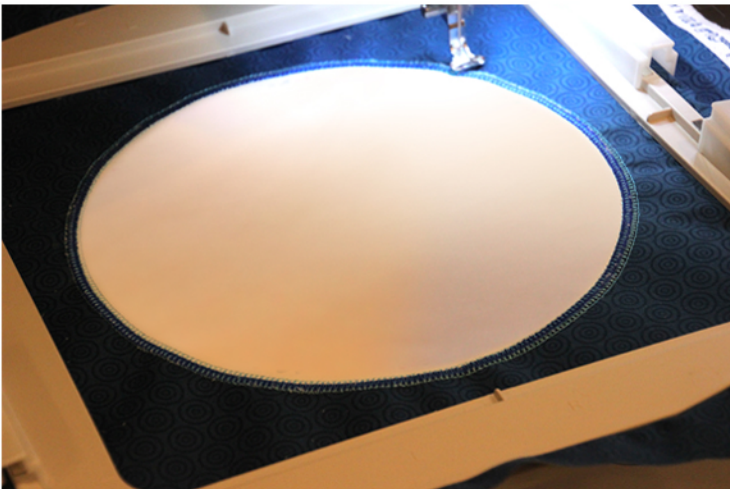
2. The first sequence will sew a circle on your fabric.



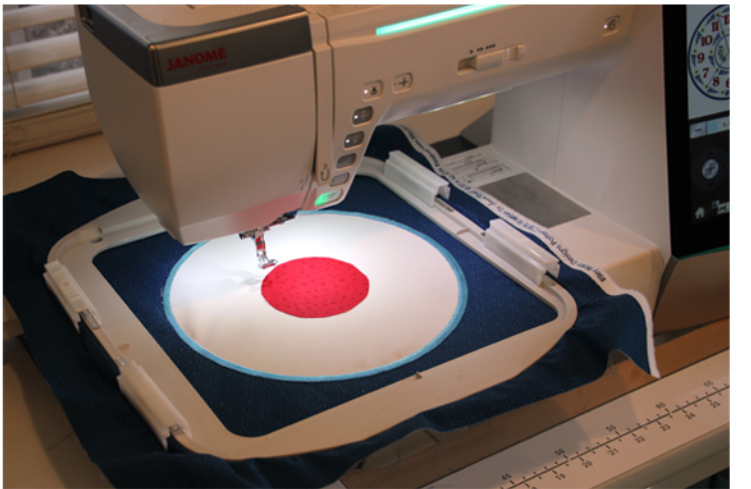
3. Cut a 9 inch circle with scissors or open the embroidery file in your Creative Drawings software and cut the layer 1 circle with the Artistic Edge cutting machine. If you see too much of the navy fabric underneath your white fabric, you may double layer the fabric. Use a light spray of quilter's basting spray to hold your circles in place.



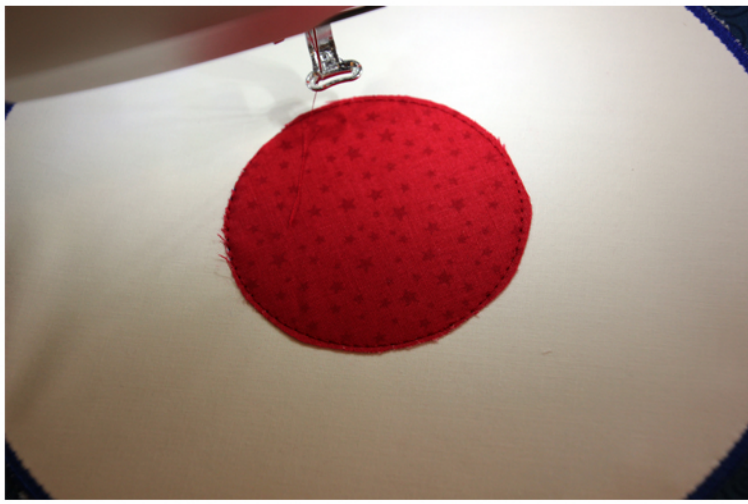
4. Set up your light aqua thread for the next sequence. This sequence will start the satin stitch ring. (don't pay attention to the thread color in the photo...I changed my mind about colors and the light aqua was what I finally chose.) The machine will sew a straight stitch around the circle, then it will go into a tight satin stitch all the way around.



5. The sequence will continue until the satin stitch is achieved all the way around.



6. We will repeat this with the red circle. Cut a 3 1/4 inch circle with scissors, or from your software, select the inner circle layer and cut with your Janome Artistic edge. The next stitch sequence will give you the circle placement. Spray red circle lightly with basting spray then place.



7. Thread your machine with the red thread. The next sequence will tack the circle in place, then satin stitch all the way around it. It will also stitch the numbers and the red centers of the flowers.



8. Thread your machine with the pink thread. The next sequence will stitch the flowers and a few details on the butterfly in the center.



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10. Thread your machine with the cream thread. The next sequence will stitch the butterfly in the center.

11. Thread your machine with the darker aqua thread. The next sequence will stitch the leaves and a few more details on the butterfly.

12. Time to unhoop! Yeah!

13. We will now rehoop in a wooden hand embroidery hoop. Make sure to center the design the best you can. Use your favorite clear ruler to help you line it up.

14. Stretch the fabric as much as it will give, then tighten the screw at the top with a flat head screw driver.



15. Turn on a hot glue gun and wait until hot.



16. Trim the edges around the clock so there is about 1 in. extra fabric all the way around. Then turn the clock over.



17. Now tuck the fabric over and hold in place with hot glue.



18. Keep on tucking and tacking with hot glue until glued all the way around the embroidery hoop.



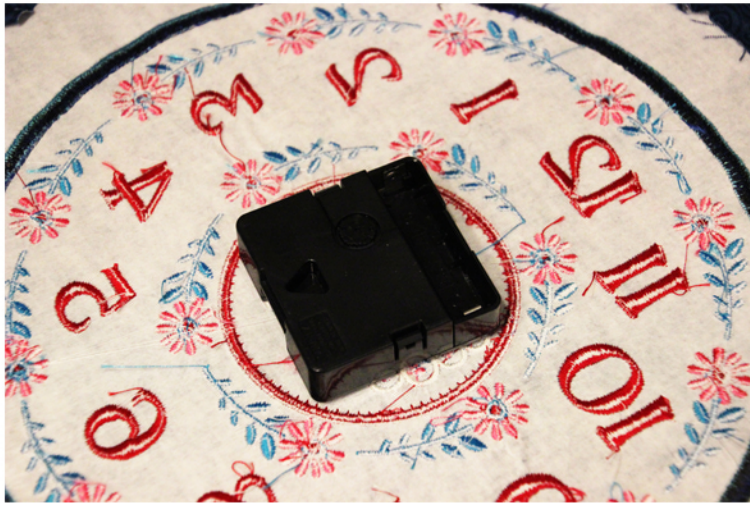
19. Cut out hole in center of butterfly. Cut as close to the satin stitching as possible.



20. Get out your clock kit and feed the post through the hole in the center of the butterfly.



21. Screw the provided nut tightly over the post to hold the clock in place on the back side.



22. You may need to use a little hot glue to hold the clock in place on the reverse side. Make sure that it is oriented correctly.



23. Add the hands to your clock. If you have never used a clock kit before, the gears can be really fragile. You must follow these steps exactly:

- A. Place the minute hand on the clock first, this is the longer hand.
- B. Turn the minute hand clockwise until it lines up perfectly with the 12.
- C. Remove the minute hand. Now place the hour hand on the clock in the upright position so it is pointed to the 12.
- D. Now put the minute hand back on. You will then use the cap screw and tighten it over the minute hand to hold it in place.
- E. Make sure the hands are straight and not preventing the other one from moving. Bend hands slightly to correct.
- G. Set the time by moving the minute hand **CLOCKWISE** around the clock until the right time shows on the face. **DO NOT EVER** turn the hands counter clockwise. If you accidentally set the time forward too much, you will have to move the hands clockwise until you get to the right time again. Do not force the hands.