

Count Your Blessings Hanging Pillow

Supply List (Pillow approximately 7 x 8 inches)

Material: Unbleached muslin, material for pillow, black scraps for tie
Embroidery Thread: Brown, red, peach, green, antique white
Stuffing

Mechanical Pencil

Tiny green buttons

Black seed beads

Beading needle

3 or 5 inch doll needle

20 inches of 30-gauge wire

Pinking shears

Thick batting

Sponge brush or spray bottle (for stain)

Sunny window or Light Box

Paper towels and paper plates

For Staining - instant coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance oil.

Basic Sewing Supplies

Optional - old cookie sheet, glass jar with lid, wax paper (for staining if needed)

Suggested shopping for fragrance oils -

The Chemistry Store - <http://www.chemistrystore.com>

From Nature With Love - <http://www.fromnaturewithlove.com>

Save on Scents - <http://www.saveonscents.com>

Bramble Berry - <http://www.brambleberry.com>

To Die for Soap - <http://www.todieforsoap.com>

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Read through all directions before beginning.

For illustrations of the different steps and techniques as well as the stitches visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page on my website at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>

Preparing Pattern:

1. Print out stitchery pattern and trace on double layer muslin; cut out.
2. Using a sunny window or light box trace stitchery pattern, including box surrounding it, on only one layer of the muslin with a mechanical pencil. After you have traced it, place second layer of muslin back under first and pin.
3. Using appropriate colored double strand of embroidery thread, embroider pattern using a simple backstitch for all.

Words - Brown

Hair for both - Brown

Around faces - peach

Mouths for both - red

Shoulders of shirt on boy - antique white

Shoulders of blouse and collar of girl - green

Lace around collar of girl - antique white

Hair bows of girl - green

4. Print out tie pattern and trace on single layer black material; cut out.
5. To make tie



Cross one end over the other and bring up through loop.



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Then put down through loop and around across one end as shown.



Turn and pass up through loop and...



Complete by slipping down through the knot in front. Tighten and draw up snug.

6. Trim top off and with black thread sew in place.
7. Sew tiny green buttons in place on girl's blouse.
8. With your beading needle and black thread, sew seed beads in place for eyes.
9. Print out pillow and batting pattern and trace on single layer of batting; cut out with pinking shears.

Stain:

Stain stitchery and batting

1. Combine $\frac{1}{4}$ cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water, 2 Tablespoons Vanilla extract and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon fragrance oil (Some of my preferred scents are cinnamon bun, sugar cookies, and vanilla) in a glass jar with lid. Shake for few minutes until thoroughly mixed. (See the supply list on back of pattern cover for some suggested places for purchasing fragrance oils.) If the scent is not strong enough for your preference, add another 1/8 teaspoon of fragrance oil and continue this until the scent is to your liking. However, I would suggest only adding 1/8 teaspoon of fragrance oil each time because if you add too much and the scent is too strong for you, you will have to start over.
2. Line an old cookie sheet with old rags and lay your stitchery and batting here.
3. With a sponge brush or spray bottle, thoroughly coat your stitchery and batting; since your batting is thick be sure to coat sides of batting with stain also.
4. Bake for 10 minutes at 200 degrees. Check often as this can catch on fire. If you have to bake longer, only bake at 5 minute increments and always KEEP checking the oven.

Pillow:

1. Print out the pillow pattern and trace on double layer material.
2. Sew on traced lines, do NOT leave an opening. Cut out about 1/4 inch from sewn lines.
3. On the front cut a small "X" opening for turning, turn and press.
4. Stuff your pillow, but do NOT overstuff, sew the opening closed.

Finishing Pillow:

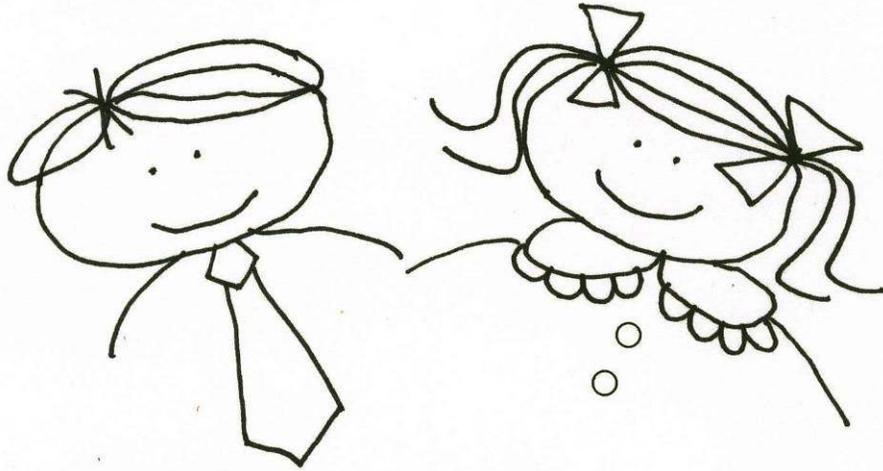
1. With fingernails, scrape along all edges of stitchery to fray out.
2. Center the stitchery on the batting. With a double strand of brown embroidery thread stitch in place using a running stitch.
3. Center this over the opening on the front of the pillow and pin in place. With your 3-5 inch doll needle and all 6 strands of brown embroidery thread, go in from back of pillow and sew in place using a running stitch trying to stay in the same stitches placed before; pull each stitch tight.
4. Cut your piece of wire and stick directly into material, bend to shape.

You're done with Count Your Blessings Hanging Pillow. I hope you enjoyed making it as much as I enjoyed designing it. If you have any problems or questions at all, please don't hesitate to email me or visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page at <http://www.lilliecrafts.com>

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Count Your Blessings Hanging Pillow
Tie for boy pattern

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Batting pattern

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Pillow Pattern

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