Oh! Christmas Tree SEW-ALONG







Lesson 1—Supplies and Preparation

Welcome to our Oh! Christmas Tree Apron Sew-Along, sponsored by our friends at HUSQVARNA® VIKING®! We are so glad that you have joined us!

Our sew-along is going to last for four weeks, after which you will have adorable aprons for the entire family to wear during the upcoming holiday season! During our first week, we are going to cover the supplies that you will need and all the fabric preparation and cutting steps. In week 2, we will learn all about machine embroidery using the Ribbon Embroidery Attachment and also about manual applique by machine. Week 3 brings additional embellishments of decorative bands, piping and pockets. And finally, in week 4, we will finish constructing our aprons! Before you get started, click here to visit the sew-along homepage, where you can download the free Oh! Christmas Tree Apron PDF pattern and enter for your chance to win an EPICTM 95Q sewing machine from HUSQVARNA® VIKING®!

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SUPPLIES

Fabric				
Size	Men's	Ladies'	Boy's	Girl's
Main Fabric (Trucks & Trees)	1 yard	1 yard (subtract ½ yard for optional ruffle)	5% yard	% yard
Accent Fabric (Polka Dot)	N/A	½ yard (add ¼ yard for optional ruffle)	N/A	⅓ yard
Lining Fabric (Solid)	1½ yard	1 yard	5% yard	5% yard
Plaid Fabric	½ yard	½ yard	½ yard	½ yard

FABRIC NOTES:

- The plaid fabric is cut on the bias. If you substitute a non-plaid fabric, you may need less fabric than listed here.
- If making more than one apron, check the cutting instructions before purchasing your fabrics as less may be needed.

Other

2½ yards (adult) or 1½ yard (child) of pre-made piping or make your own using 1½" bias strips of fabric and 5½2" piping cord Two 1" D-rings (for adjustable neck straps)

% yard of Fine Fusible Fleece (for adjustable neck straps and matching waist ties)

One 1134" x 934" rectangle of HeatNBond Lite

Threads

Construction thread to blend with fabrics

Construction thread to attach buttons

40wt. Embroidery thread in green and any other colors desired 60wt. Embroidery bobbin thread

Needles

Size 80 Microtex needles

Notions

Temporary fabric marker

Glue pen

Piping trimming tool

Fasturn or your favorite tube turner

General Sewing Supplies

Sewing Machine Feet

Piping foot

Edge-Joining or Stitch-in-the-Ditch foot

Left-Edge Topstitch foot

Button foot and Placement tool (optional)

Pattern

Oh! Christmas Tree Apron Pattern

Additional Supplies Needed for Machine Embroidery Version

Medium tear-away stabilizer

Embroidery Design—The design used in the samples is *Ribbon Embroidery Attachment Appliqué Christmas Tree* from the mySewnet™ Library. It is available with a current subscription or through an individual design purchase at mysewnet.com.

Embroidery hoop appropriate for chosen design (360×260 if using the design showcased on the samples)

HUSQVARNA® VIKING® Ribbon Embroidery Attachment

3 yards of chosen embellishment material for garlan.

NOTE: if you use a different design, this amount will vary. Do not let yourself get caught up in the fact the attachment you are using has "Ribbon" in its name. You can use anything in the attachment that can glide through it easily and can fit in the "ribbon" ring. In our samples, we used 3/8" satin ribbon on the Ladies apron and mini rickrack on the Girl's apron. When we show you how to use the attachment in a later lesson, we will be using 3/8" grosgrain ribbon. Think how pretty a metallic middy braid or a metallic yarn would be! There are loads of embellishment possibilities!

Additional Supplies Needed for Manual Machine Appliqué Version

Sewing thread for sewing buttons (could also use 40wt. Embroidery thread)

Various sizes and colors of buttons for embellishment

Lightweight tear-away stabilizer

Tree Template

9mm Open Toe foot

Button foot and Button Placement Tool (optional)

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CUTTING

Size	Men's	Ladies'	Boy's	Girl's
Main Fabric				
Apron Body	31½" x 30"	31½" x 30"*	20½" x 19½"	17½" x 19½"
Pockets		Two from Pattern		
Accent Fabric				
Top Decorative Band		2½" x 14"		1½" x 10"
Pocket Bands		Two 2" x 8"		
Curved Neck Strap		Four** Neck Straps from Pattern		Four** Neck Straps from Pattern
Wide Waist Ties		Two 3½" x 28½"		Two 3" x 19½"
Ruffle		8½" x 56" (optional)		6½" x 34"
Lining Fabric				
Apron Body Lining	31½" x 30"	31½" x 30"*	20½" x 19½"	17½" x 19½"
Pockets	Four from Pattern (two Pockets and two Pocket Linings)**	Two from Pattern (Pocket Linings)		
Adjustable Neck Straps & Narrow Waist Ties	One 2½" x 3½" and Three 2½" x 28½"		One 2½" x 3½" and Three 2½" x 19½"	
Plaid Fabric				
Applique	12" x 10" BIAS	12" x 10" BIAS	12" x 10" BIAS	12" x 10" BIAS
Top Decorative Band	2½" x 14" BIAS		1½" x 10" BIAS	
Pocket Bands	Two 2" x 8" BIAS			
Fine Fusible Fleece (only if using adjustable neck straps)	One ⁷ / ₈ " x 3 ¹ / ₄ " and Three ⁷ / ₈ " x 28"		One ⁷ / ₈ " x 3 ¹ / ₄ " and Three 2 ¹ / ₂ " x 19	

^{*}Cut Apron Body and Apron Body Lining 28½" x 30" if using optional ruffle.

SOURCES: HUSQVARNA® VIKING® Designer EPIC™ 2 Sewing & Embroidery Machine and related accessories, including the Ribbon Embroidery Attachment: https://doi.org/10.25/2016/nd-a-store; Truck & Tree fabric, Polka Dot fabric, Plaid fabric: fabricfindersinc.com/retailers/
Solid red and green fabrics: joann.com

Piping, Wrights: <u>joann.com</u>

3/8" satin ribbon and mini rickrack: farmhousefabrics.com

Fine Fusible Fleece and Various Notions: thesewingcollection.com

^{**}Cut two with pattern right side up and two with pattern wrong side up.