

# In The Hoop Christmas Ornament Instructions

These instructions will help you make adorable ITH Christmas Ornaments in just a few easy steps! This project is PERFECT for your 4x4 hoop!



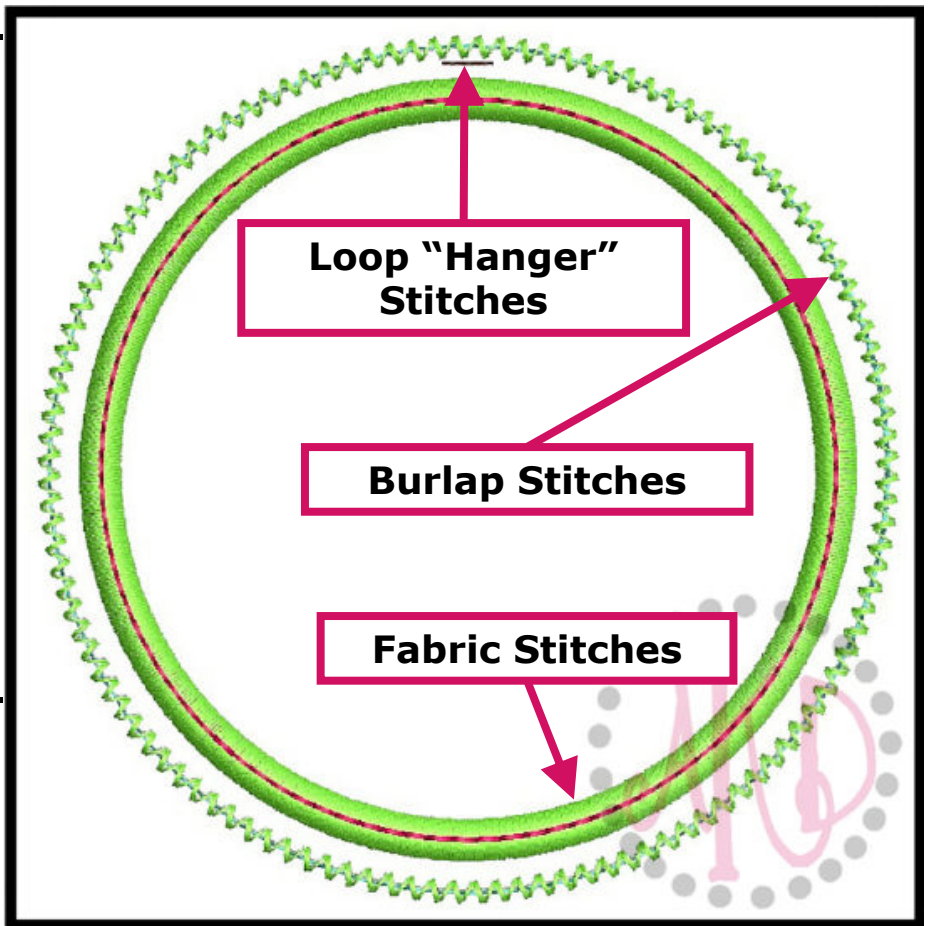
## Supplies Needed

- Burlap
- Fabric [some ornament styles will require 2 pieces of coordinating fabric]
- Jute/Hemp/Twine/Ribbon for the Loop "Hanger" [I used "on a cord" hemp from Hobby Lobby \$7.99 for 300 ft.]
- Scotch tape

## Screenshot of ITH Round Christmas Ornament Design

There are several different ITH Christmas Ornament styles, but they all consist of 4 basic parts:

1. The Loop "Hanger"
2. The Burlap
3. The Fabric
4. The Monogram, Name or Design of your choice.



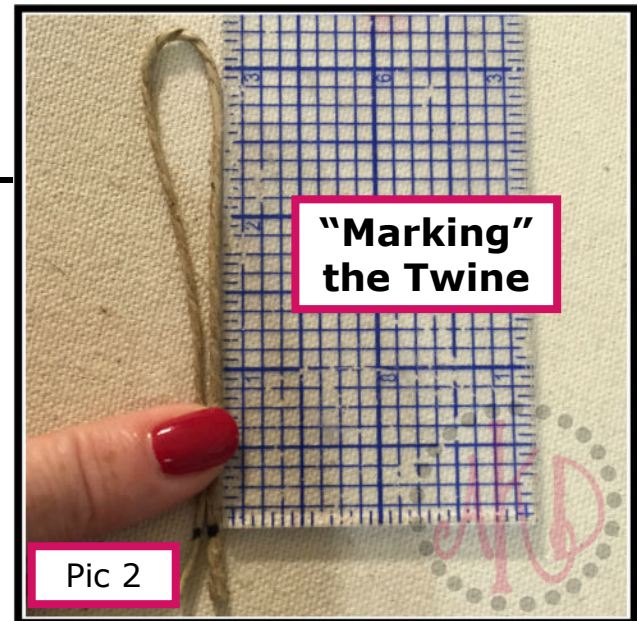
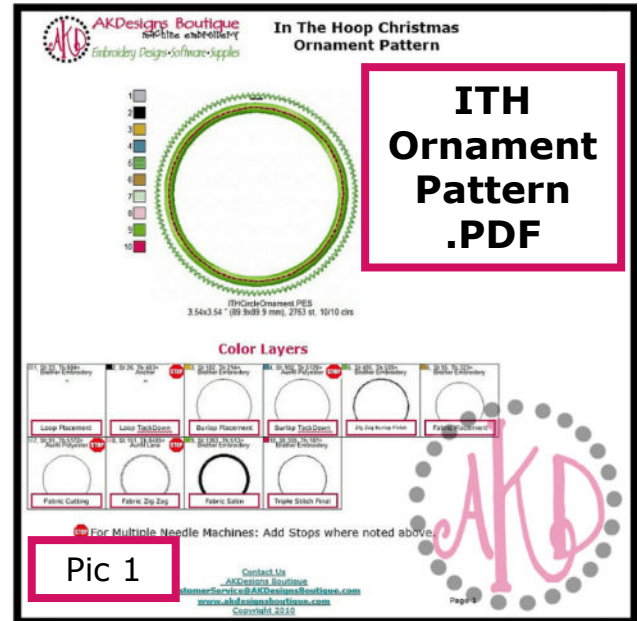
## STEP 1 Prep:

1. Prepare your fabric by pressing.
2. Print ITH Ornament Pattern PDF.

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## STEP 1 Prep (Con't):

3. Use ITH Christmas Ornament Pattern printout to [Pic 1]:
  1. Cut out ornament design and use as a pattern to cut the burlap & fabric pieces [cut pieces larger than the pattern].
  2. Use the Color Layers & Stops as a guide for thread colors & stops.
4. Cut & Mark the twine for Loop "Hanger"
  1. Cut 1 piece 7.5" long for each ornament you plan to make.
  2. Loop in half and "Mark" at 3.25" down from the top of the loop [Pic 2]. This will give you a 6" loop. You will put this mark on the placement stitch in Step 3, part 5 [Pic 3].



## Step 2 Design in Software:

1. Open the ITH Christmas Ornament in your embroidery software.
2. Place or create your monogram, name or design anywhere inside the inner most frame [all ornaments styles will vary slightly].
3. Make sure the monogram, name or design will stitch last.
4. Save the design and send it to your embroidery machine.

## Step 3 Stitch:

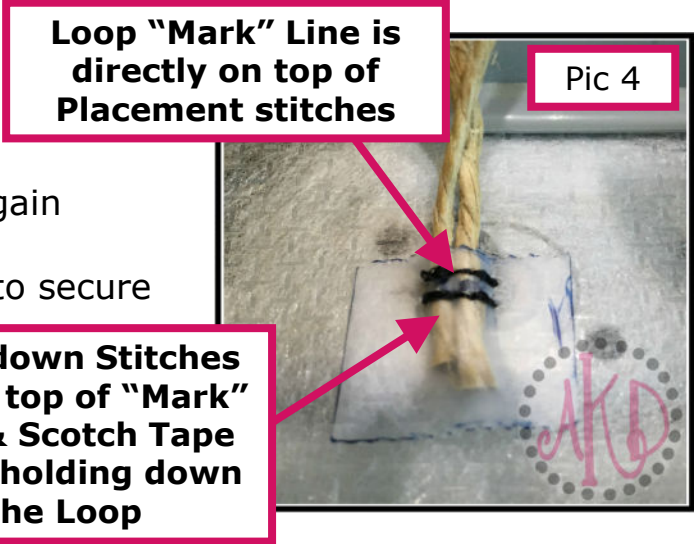
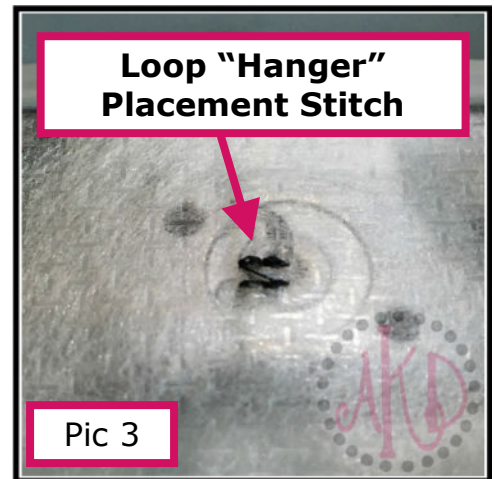
1. Hoop stabilizer [I used PolyMesh [No Show] Cutaway Stabilizer Backing 8 inch x 8 inch pre-cut square sheets from the website].
2. Put hoop in machine.



## Step 3 Stitch (Con't):

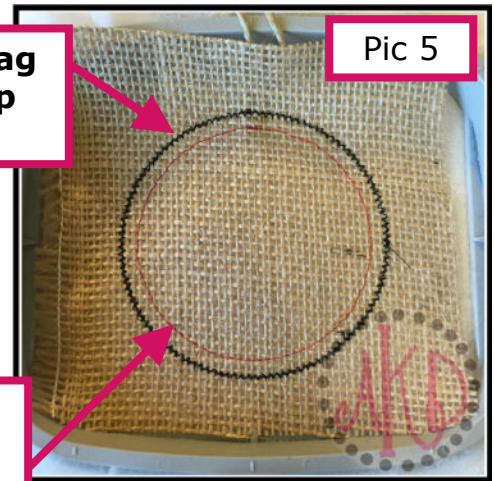
3. Open the ITH Christmas design that you created.
4. Start stitching on the stabilizer only – the **Placement Stitch** for the Loop "Hanger" will stitch first [Pic 3].
5. Place your Loop "Mark" Line directly on top of the **Placement Stitch** [Pic 3]. Note: it's easiest to use a small piece of scotch tape to hold in place [Pic 4].
6. Start stitching again and the **Tack-down Stitch** will stitch to secure the loop in place [Pic 4].
7. Next, the **Placement Stitch** for the Burlap will stitch.
8. Lay generously cut piece of burlap over **Placement Stitch** and start machine again [Pic 5].
9. The **Tack-down Stitch** will stitch next to secure the burlap in place [Pic 5].
10. The **Zig Zag Top Stitch** will stitch next to finish the burlap edges [Pic 5].
11. Next, the **Placement Stitch** for the Fabric will stitch [Pic 5].

**Note:** The Christmas Ornament styles vary – some will have 2 coordinating fabrics with different possible finishing stitches than described here, so make sure to pay attention to the **PDF ITH Ornament Pattern** for the ornament that you're working on.



**Tack-down Stitches are on top of "Mark" Line & Scotch Tape that's holding down the Loop**

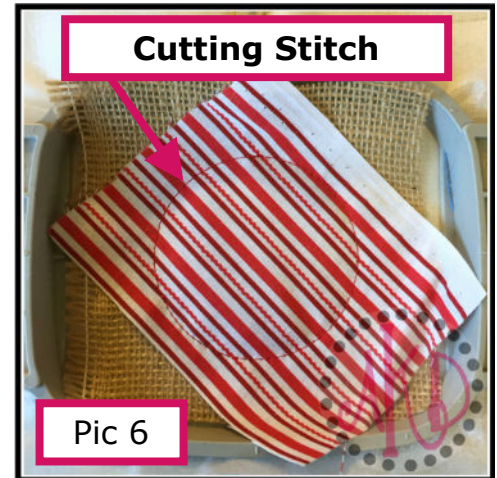
**Tack-down & Zig Zag Stitches for Burlap [Black, outside]**



**Placement stitches for Fabric [Red, inside]**

## Step 3 Stitch (Con't):

12. Lay generously cut piece of fabric over **Placement Stitch** and start machine again [Pic 6].
13. The **Cutting Stitch** will stitch next to secure the fabric in place [Pic 6].
14. Remove hoop from machine and trim as close to the **Cutting Stitch** as you can [Pic 7].
15. Put hoop back in the machine and start stitching again - the **Zig Zag Underlay Stitch** will stitch next.
16. The **Satin Stitch** will stitch next.
17. The **Triple Stitch Final** will stitch next to finish the frame/ornament stitching.
18. The **Monogram / Name / Design** that you added will stitch next to finish all the stitching.
19. Remove hoop from the machine.
20. Unhoop, trim stabilizer & burlap about 1/8" away from zig zag stitch that stitched on the burlap. Make sure to trim carefully around the loop because it's easy to get carried away and snip it off!
21. That's it ~ You're finished!



## Things to Remember/Tips:

- If you have a multiple needle machine ~ don't forget to place stops where necessary. The ITH Ornament Pattern .PDF has stops noted.
- Use thread that matches the color of the burlap or the color of the fabric that you use in place of the burlap as the base. NOTE: for pictures in these instructions, I used BLACK thread for the burlap pieces for visual help only – I would not normally use black thread. :)
- Felt is another cute option in place of the burlap or fabric – it adds an element of dimension and softness.

