

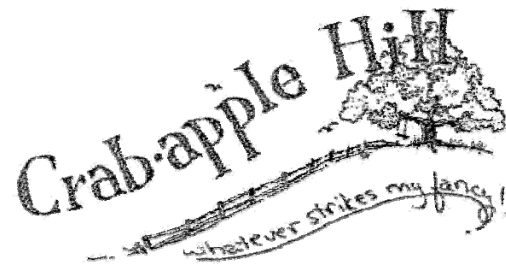
# May Your Days Be Merry And Bright:

## Supply List:

- 12"x 12" stitchery background fabric
- 12"x 12" white pre-washed muslin for backing stitchery (optional)
- 7" x 7" piece pale green fabric for ornament stitchery (we used a slightly shiny, opalescent fabric)
- scrap of muslin for backing ornament stitchery
- 1 fat quarter red print fabric for borders & pillow back
- 2 1/8 yd. red rickrack (1/2" or 3/4" wide)
- .01 brown Pigma Pen
- #7 or #8 embroidery needle & a thin sided embroidery hoop
- milliner's or straw needle for appliqué
- Sewing thread
- Polyfil stuffing (I like Fairfield Soft n' Crafty)

## Embroidery Floss:

<u>Cosmo</u>	<u>DMC</u>
#119	#3346
#368	#3790
#575	#782
#800	#321
#2500	#White



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#419 May Your Days Be Merry and Bright  
Pillow Measures 9" x 14"

# May Your Days Be Merry:

## Stitchery Background:

- Begin by pressing your 12" x 12" stitchery fabric well. Center your pattern under the fabric & pin the fabric to the pattern in several places. Using a light box and a brown .01 Pigma pen, trace your pattern onto the fabric as follows.
- Trace only the words, ornament cap & hanger on this piece of stitchery fabric. The ornament is stitched on a separate piece of fabric that will be appliquéd on after being embroidered.
- French knots should only be traced as small dots.
- Do not trace the ornament on this fabric!
- Cut a piece of plain white muslin 12" x 12". Press it well & place it on the back of the traced stitchery fabric. Hand baste the layers together around the outside & the inside of the image.

## Ornament:

- Begin by pressing your 7" x 7" ornament fabric well. Center your pattern under the fabric & pin the fabric to the pattern in several places. Using a light box and a brown .01 Pigma pen, trace your pattern onto the fabric as follows.
- Trace only the ornament on this piece of stitchery fabric.
- Trace the edge of the ornament (the circle!). French knots should only be traced as small dots. Do not trace the specialty stitches such as feather, or fly as the traced lines will be very hard to cover with your floss. You can trace a straight line down the center of the fly stitch but the feather stitch should not be traced at all. Either "eyeball" it's placement or use basting thread to make a line down it's center to follow with your stitches later. You can just make a tiny dot at the center of the X's to indicate their placement.
- Make marks just outside the ornament's edge to show the placement of the ornament cap when you appliquéd it to the stitchery background.
- Dry press your stitchery fabrics after tracing (we've had some instances that the ink wasn't quite set & bleeds a little, so this will dry & set it !)
- Press a piece of white muslin that it big enough to cover the ornament area. Hand baste this muslin piece to the back of the traced ornament just outside the edges of the circle & through the center in a couple open areas.

You're Ready To Stitch!



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## Stitching Instructions:

**All stitching will be done using a basic backstitch or stem stitch and two strands of Cosmo embroidery floss unless otherwise directed**

### Background:

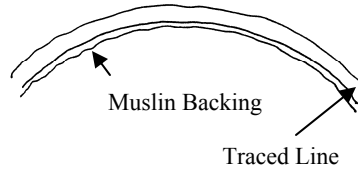
- #800 verse-using only 1 strand of floss. Dots are 4 wrap French knots.
- #575 ornament's cap & ring
- #368 hook

### Ornament:

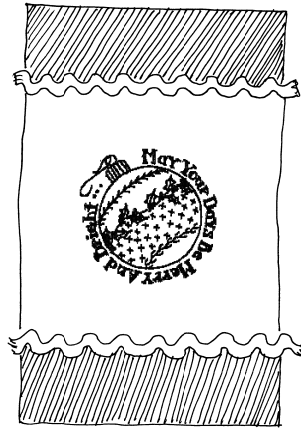
- #119 holly vine & leaves
- #800 fly stitch, feather stitch & 3 wrap French knot holly berries
- #2500 XX's

## Assemble Pillow Top:

- Remove all basting threads & press the completed stitcheries.
- Trim the ornament leaving a 1/8" seam allowance (or a tiny bit more). Trim it's muslin backing to just barely inside the traced line.
- Arrange the ornament on top of the background stitchery. Now is the time to line up the marks in the ornament's seam allowance showing the cap's placement. Hand baste the ornament in place making sure that it is perfectly smooth. Your basting line should be at least 1/8" away from the edges of the ornament to accommodate turning under the seam allowance.
- Appliqué the ornament in place on the stitchery background.
- Press your finished stitchery. Cut a piece of freezer paper 9 1/2" square. This will be your template for trimming the stitchery. Place the template, shiny side down, over the top of the stitchery. Center the image top to bottom & side to side. Press in place. Trim around the template using a rotary cutter & ruler. Peel off paper.

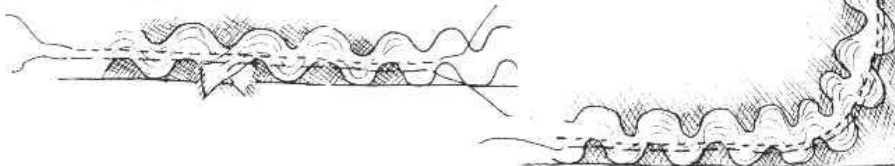


- Cut two 3"x 9 1/2" strips of red fabric. Place them right sides together with the stitchery along it's top & bottom edges. Sew in place using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press the seam allowances out toward the red borders.
- Cut two pieces of red rickrack 10" long. Place the rickrack over the seam lines where the borders meet the stitchery. Pin in place & then sew down the center of the rickrack with matching thread.



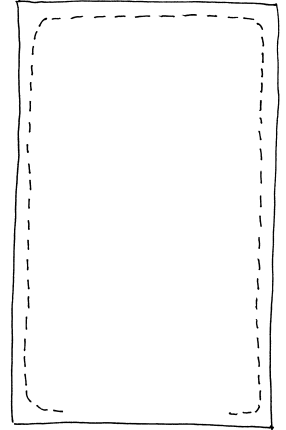
## Assemble Pillow :

- Arrange rickrack on the right side of the pillow front. Start at the bottom center and pin the rickrack in place. When you come to a corner, curve the rickrack slightly to turn the corner smoothly.
- When you reach the starting point, overlap the rickrack with the join's down "swoop" in the seam allowance so that the raw edges will eventually be hidden.



- Sew the rickrack in place using a slight 1/4" seam allowance. Mark a 6" area along the bottom edge of the pillow front that will be left open when the pillow back is attached to allow for turning & stuffing. Sew along this area only at another 1/8" inside the already sewn line.

- Cut the pillow's back to the same measurement as the pillow front ( measurement should be 9 1/2" x 14 1/2"). Place right sides together with the pillow front. Pin together from the pillow front side. Sew the front & back together using the previously stitched line as your guide. You will sew about 1/8" inside the previously stitched line. Leave the marked opening on the bottom edge of the pillow un-sewn.



- Turn the pillow right side out & stuff with polyfil. Hand sew the opening to finish your little pillow.

YAHOO!! YOU'RE DONE!