



**Antler Christmas Stocking**

**Finished Size: 14" x 36"**

**INNOVA AutoPilot Mach 3 with Grand Format Embroidery**

Created completely on the INNOVA longarm quilting machine, this fun large Antler Christmas Stocking can be customized or personalized using exclusive and patented tools in AutoPilot Mach 3. Make stocking singles or flip the pattern and create a “pair” for a special couple.

## Skill Builder Project

[SB Patterns Download](#)

Import the base pattern files to create the project using the provided patterns and AutoPilot Mach 3 tools. Follow the instructions marked with purple.

## Just hit GO

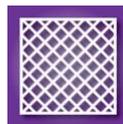


[GO Project Download](#)

Import the project and hit GO! The patterns are all created for you. Turn “Pause” ON in settings and follow the instructions marked with the green.

## Skill Building Techniques Used

- [Crosshatch](#)
- [Mask -> Fill](#)
- [Path Apply -> Appliqué](#)



## Skill Builder Extra

- [Draw -> Text/Edit](#) to create your own lettering.

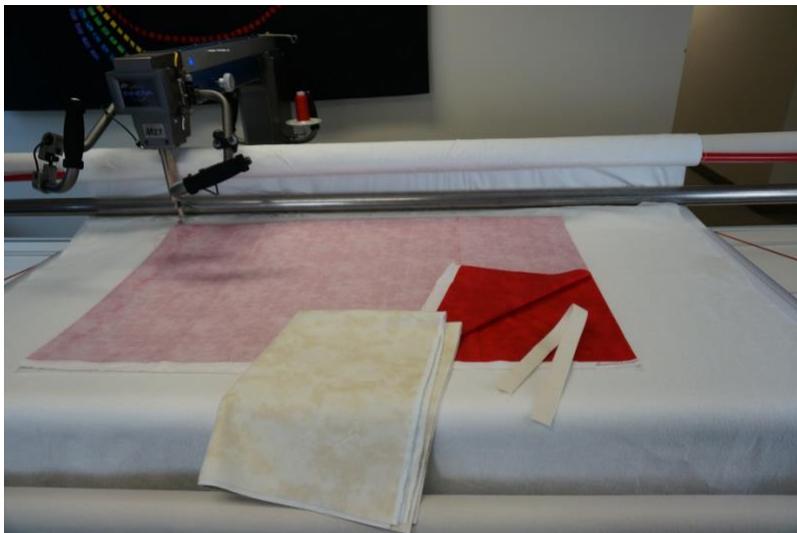


## Materials (Generous)

- 1 yard (40" wide) red fabric – stocking body, front and back
- 1/3 yard (40" wide) white flannel – stocking top cuff and antler
- 12" x 6" green fabric – lettering
- 12" x 36" Appli-Stick fusible sticky backed applique webbing
- 3/4 yard (40" wide) batting
- 3/4 yard (40" wide) lining (backing) fabric
- 1/4 yard x 1" wide cotton strap webbing for hanging loop.
- Thread
  - Red to match red fabric for crosshatching
  - Cream to match antler fabric
  - Black or green to stitch around lettering

## Preparations

- Cut a 10" x 12" piece from one end of the white flannel.
- Cut a 12" x 30" piece of Appli-Stick fusible webbing and iron it on to the remaining 12" x 30" white flannel.
- Iron the remaining 12" x 6" piece of Appli-Stick fusible webbing to the green lettering fabric. Cut fused fabric into three 4" x 6" pieces.



## Instructions

1. Load backing and batting.
2. Open the one yard of red fabric and fold right sides (selvages) together, lay red fabric sandwich on longarm with fold toward the back of the machine. Baste along fold.



3. Lift and flip back the top layer of fabric letting it rest on the top take up bar making sure the extra fabric does not interfere with machine movement. Baste the remaining edges to secure in place.



4. Using AutoPilot, create a sew zone slightly wider than the red fabric, and set the quilt size to 36-inches wide by 20-inches high.
5. Position the Antler Stocking project patterns so the project will sew-out on the red fabric.
6. Dequeue all patterns.
7. Create a Crosshatch field set at 2" and 90 degrees to cover the Stocking pattern area.
8. Stitch the Crosshatch pattern using red thread and 8 stitches per inch.
9. Place prepared antler fabric, paper side down, on the red fabric where the

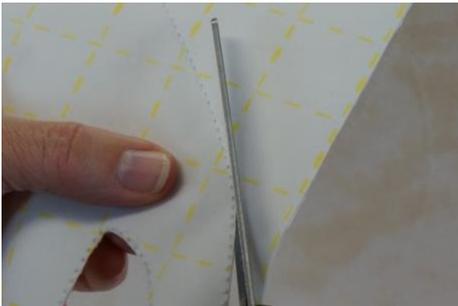


antler pattern is positioned to sew out. Do not peel the paper off. Use your

- sewhead to ensure proper fabric placement. Secure edges with two to four straight pins. **Ensure pins are not in the sew path of the antler pattern!**
10. Remove thread to just before the take up lever.



11. Queue antler pattern and “paper-punch” (stitch without thread) at 10 stitches per inch.
12. Remove the securing pins and cut the antler along the paper punched holes. For best results cut just next to the holes rather than through them.



13. Rethread the machine with cream thread. Queue and stitch the antler pattern to create a placement line. Peel the paper from the cut antler and carefully place the antler applique.
14. Using the mask tool, create a pattern to fill the antler.



15. Stitch the antler fill pattern at 14 stitches per inch.
16. Using the antler pattern, create a Path Apply embroidery pattern.



17. Stitch the Path Apply pattern.



18. Queue the lowest cuff line pattern (furthest left).

19. Place the 12" x 10" piece of white flannel, right side down, making sure to leave about a ½ inch seam allowance to the right of the lowest cuff pattern line. Stitch cuff line at 8 stitches per inch.



20. Fold cuff fabric to the right so fabric is now right side is up and finger press.



21. Stitch the second cuff line pattern (lower "top-stitch" line).

22. Measure and fold the top edge of the cuff under at 6 1/2".

23. Stitch the third cuff line pattern (uppermost or furthest right).



24. Place one 4" x 6" piece prepared lettering fabric, paper side down to cover "J" pattern. Carefully pin in place. **Ensure pins are not in the sew path of the "J" pattern!**

25. Remove thread to just before the take up lever.

26. "Paper-punch" the J pattern (stitch without thread) at 10 stitches per inch.

27. Remove the securing pins and cut the "J" applique along the paper punched holes. For best results cut just next to the holes rather than through them.

28. Queue the "J" pattern, thread machine, and stitch placement line. Peel paper from back of cut out "J" and place "J" applique.

29. Create Path Apply using J pattern.

30. Stitch "J" Path Apply pattern.

31. Repeat steps 23-29 for pattern "O", and again for pattern "Y".

32. Fold the 9" piece of strap webbing in half to create a loop. Place the loop in towards the stocking body with the webbing ends over the stocking outline pattern. Secure the ends of the webbing along the stocking outline pattern.



33. Pull the top-half of the fabric back over the stocking so you have right-sides facing. Cut a ~2-inch slot just below the top basting line, and fold to align with the cuff, as pictured below. Again, carefully place pins out of the sewing path to secure the fabric in place.



34. Stitch the stocking outline pattern, decreasing sew-speed before stitching. Using a low sew-speed to start the outline will allow you to support the fabric as the machine passes through the thickness of the loop. After the loop is stitched, sew speed can be increased.



35. Remove project from frame and cut  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch outside stocking outline pattern. Carefully trim under the top edge of the cuff and clip the curves for best results. Turn stocking right-side out and enjoy!