

Fabric Requirements for Advent Calendars

I used felt for my calendars. Felt Squares come in 9" x 12" squares or you can buy yard goods. If specific measurements are given you will need to purchase yard goods for that color. A square refers to a 9" x 12" square of felt.

Santa:

Red for Santa Suit – 18" x 20"

White for Hair/Beard – 10" x 14"

White for fur on Santa's suit – 10" x 18"

Gloves – 1 felt square

Boots – 1 felt square

Snowflakes – 3 felt squares

Numbers on pockets – 16" x 24"

Pockets – 2 - 22" x 34" pieces

Background – Need 2 pieces of 44" x 46" felt or fabric and batting.

Nativity:

Barn background – 16" x 20"

Barn outside – 18" x 22"

Dark gold – 1 felt square

Light gold – 14" x 24"

Joseph's sleeves – 1 felt square

Joseph's robe – 5" x 16"

Shepard's hook – 1 felt square

Shepard's staff – 1" x 14"

Mary's dress – 1 felt square

Manger – 1 felt square

Manager highlight – 1 felt square

Numbers on pockets – 16" x 24"

Pockets – 2 - 22" x 34" pieces

Background – Need 2 pieces of 44" x 48" felt or fabric and batting.

General Instructions for Advent Calendars

In the Nativity calendar pictured we used 1 layer of felt for the pockets and didn't put the grid quilting on them. We used a layer of muslin, cotton batting, and a single layer of felt for the calendar background.



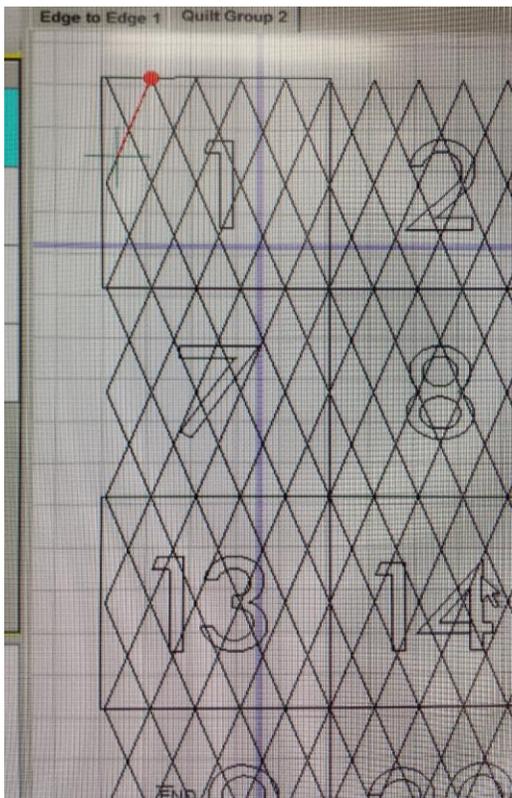
For the Santa calendar pictured we used 2 layers of felt for the pockets with the grid quilting. We used 2 layers of felt for the background (no batting).



Stitch out the pockets first. Load 1 or 2 layers of fabric. Here we used one extra-large piece of fabric and just let it stitch (more wasteful).



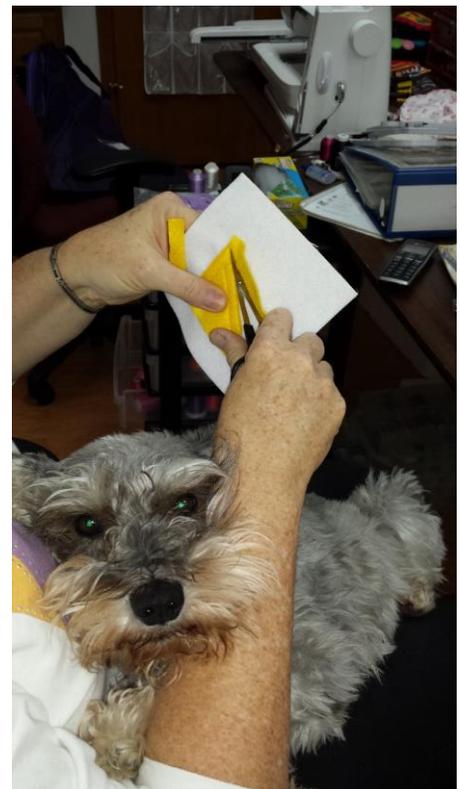
Here we cut out 4 inch squares and just put them in place for each pocket.



Stitch. Follow the stitch map for the order things stitch.

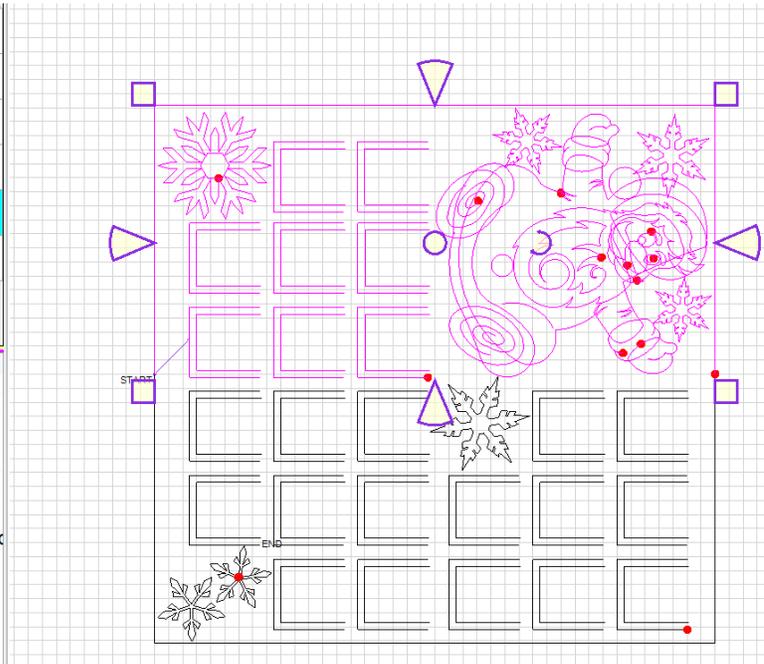
For the applique, put the fabric in place (use your crosshairs to make sure you have enough fabric and that it is in the right location).

When you are done you will trim away the excess fabric from the numbers.



Load your fabric for the calendar. You will need to put both pass 1 and pass 2 on the CAD screen at the same time. Set your stitch length to 15 or 16 spi.

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Mark pass2 as sewn. Following the stitch map stitch out the first pass. When done advance quilt. Use relocate all to 2 points and use the end points of the outside border to relocate. You may need to adjust the second pass slightly to make the first. It may need to be slightly smaller to account for shrinkage.

Continue following the stitch map and finish the quilt.

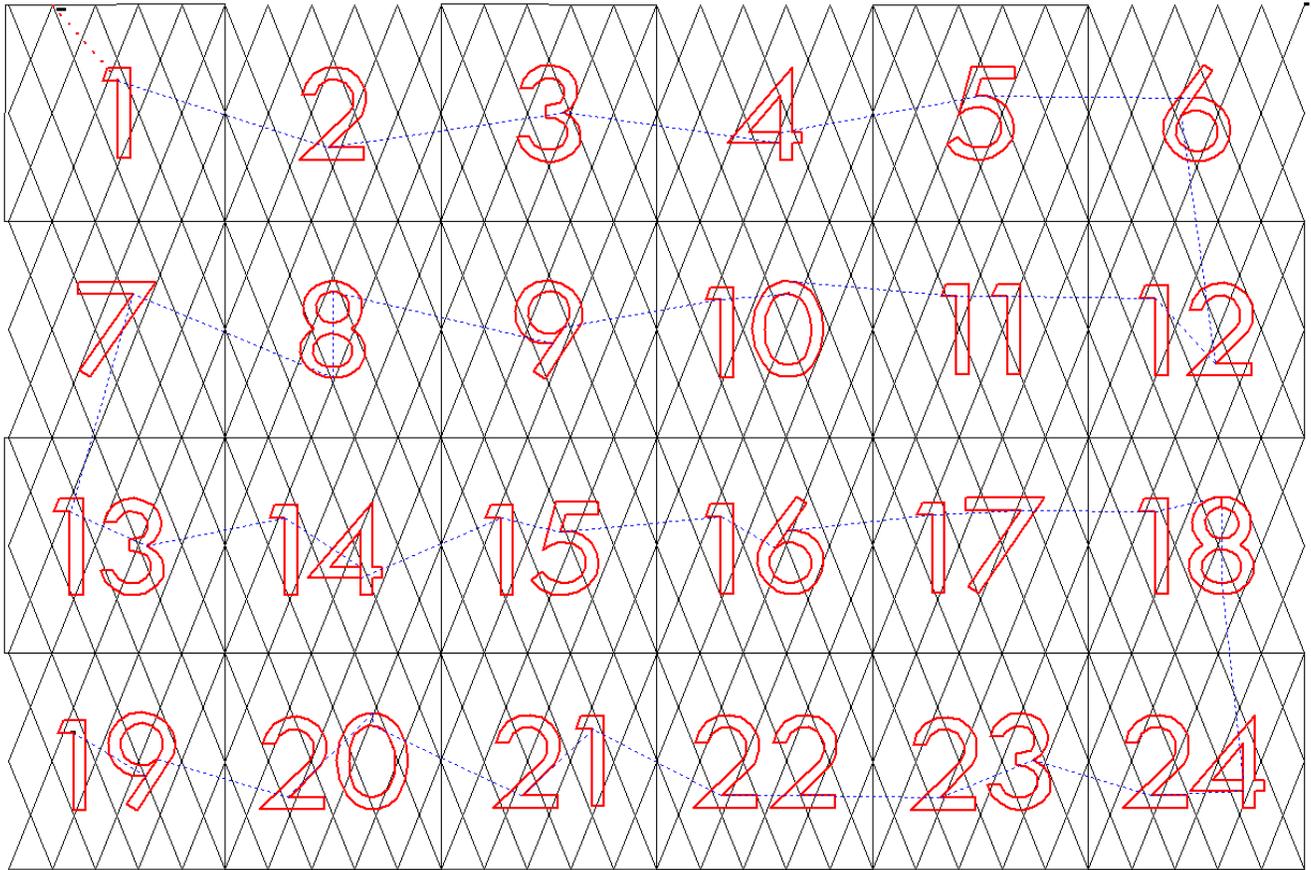


Here is a close up of the Santa and the Crèche.



Have fun. Merry Christmas.

Pockets for Advent Calendars

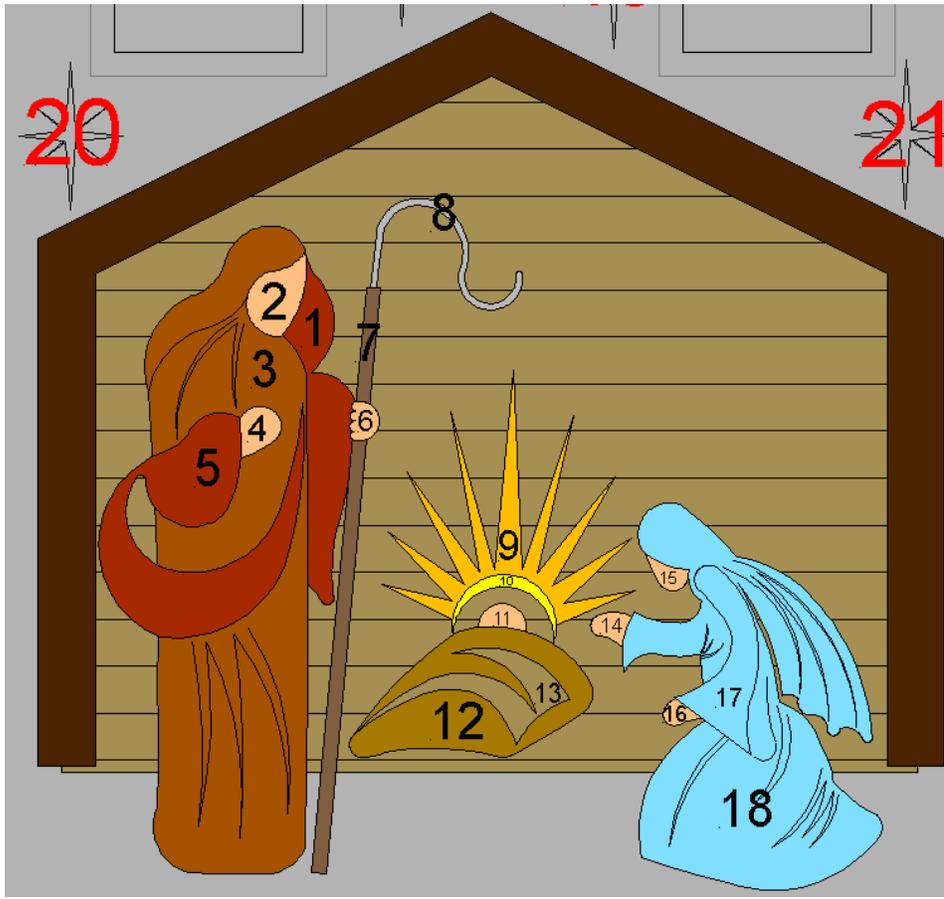


1. Load 1 or 2 layers of felt, if using 2 make them the same color.
2. Be sure to set your machine to stop at jump stitches.
3. Choose and load matching thread.
4. It will stitch some of the grid work, then stitch the horizontal and vertical lines, then finish the grid work.
5. Cut ~4" squares of your number fabric (felt). Load thread color to match.
6. Place the felt in the middle of the squares and stitch the numbers. It stitches 1-6 left to right, then stitches 12 – 7 stitching right to left, then 13 to 18 left to right and finishes with 24 – 19 stitching right to left.
7. Pull all off the machine
8. Trim excess fabric away from the letters.
9. Using a rotary cutter and ruler, cut out the pockets, cutting on the horizontal and vertical stitch lines.

Nativity Advent Calendar Stitch Map

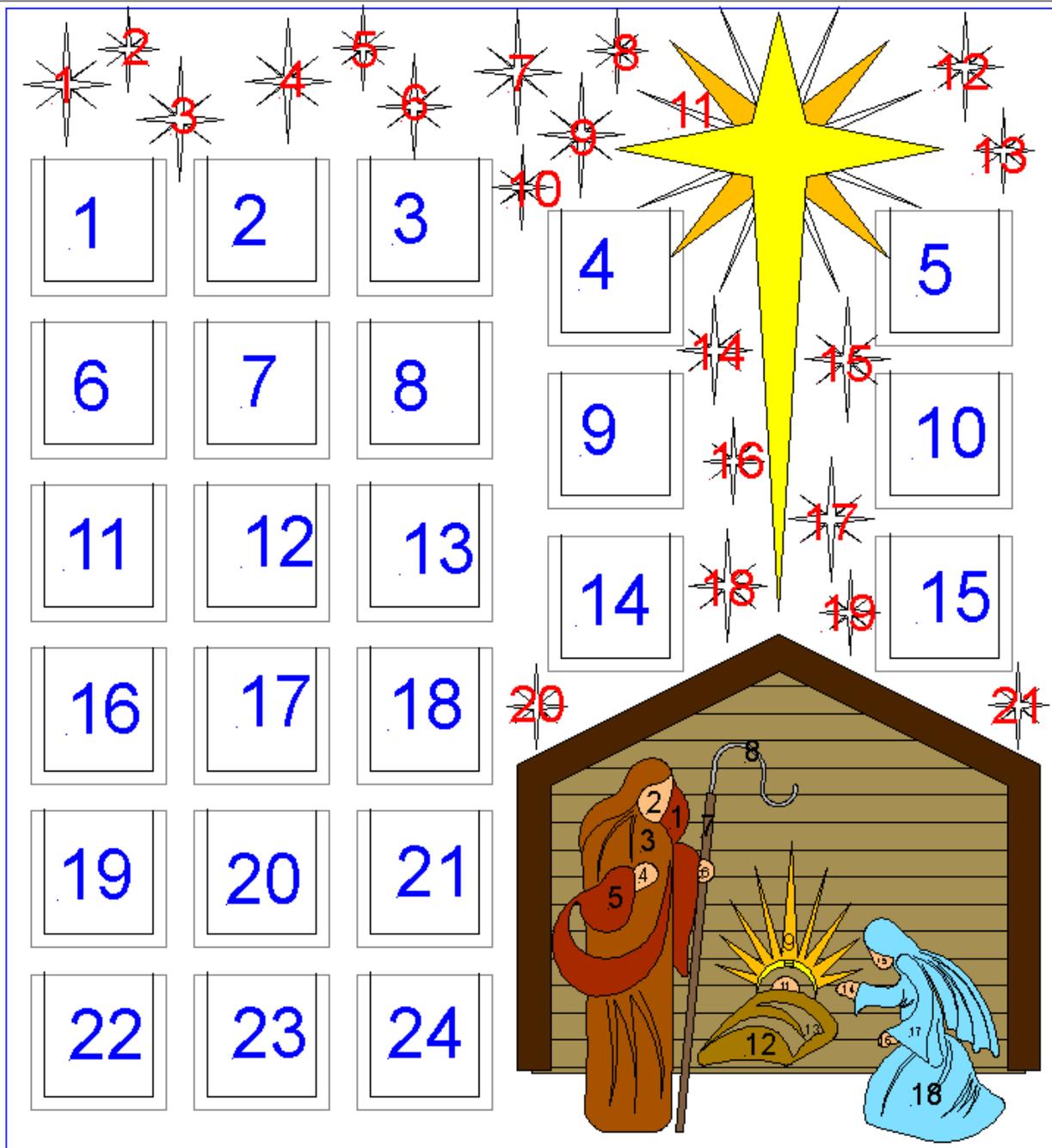
1. Stitches outside border.
2. Load thread for star quilting.
3. Stitches star 7, then 10, then 6, then 5, then 4, then 3, then 2, then 1.
4. Load thread to match background fabric.
5. Stitches pocket placement lines, starting with pocket 1, then 2, then 3, then 8, then 7, then 6, then 11, then 12, then 13, then 18, then 17, then 16, then 19, then 20, then 21, then 24, then 23 then 22.
6. Place pockets in place, it is meant to begin stitching just above the pocket and then move down to sew in the pocket. You will have to hold it in position while it stitches.
7. Stitches pocket 22, then 23, then 24, then 19, then 20, then 21, then 16, then 17, then 18, then 11, then 12, then 13, then 6, then 7, then 8, then 1, then 2, then 3.
8. After rolling quilt and getting in place stitch pass 2 as follows:
9. Stitches outside border. Load thread for stitching background stars.
10. Stitches star beginning with star 20, then 18, then 19, then 21, then 17, then 16, then 14, then 15, then 13, then 12, then 11, then 9, then 8.
11. Load dark gold for background of star.
12. Stitches star.
13. Trim excess fabric. Load lighter gold fabric for main star.
14. Stitch star.
15. Trim excess fabric. Load barn background (wall) fabric.
16. It will stitch the outside of the shape and then stitch the horizontal lines.
17. Trim excess fabric and load the outside barn fabric.
18. Stitch.
19. Trim excess fabric and load fabric for piece 1 of Joseph's robe.
20. Stitch
21. Trim and load flesh colored fabric for Joseph's face.
22. Stitch. Trim and load fabric for piece 2 of Joseph's robe.
23. Stitch and quilting in highlights.
24. Trim excess fabric and load flesh fabric for Joseph's hand (4).
25. Stitch.
26. Trim excess fabric and load fabric for piece 5 of Joseph's robe.
27. Trim excess and load fabric for hook part of the Shepard's staff (8).
28. Stitch.
29. Trim excess fabric and load fabric for piece 7 of Shepard's staff.
30. Stitch.
31. Trim excess fabric and load flesh fabric for pieces 6, 11, 14, 15 and 16.
32. Stitch hand (6), then head (11), then face (15), then hand (14), then hand 16.
33. Trim excess and load dark gold fabric for light rays (9).
34. Stitch.
35. Trim excess and load light gold fabric for halo (10)
36. Stitch.
37. Trim excess fabric and load fabric for manager (12).
38. Stitch.
39. Trim excess and load fabric for manager highlight (13).
40. Stitch
41. Trim excess and load blue fabric for Mary's dress (18).
42. Stitch and quilt dress highlights. There are 6 highlights.
43. Trim and load more blue fabric for Mary's sleeve (17).
44. Stitch

45. Trim and load thread that matches background fabric.



46. Stitch in pocket placement lines. Begin with pocket 15, then 14, then 10, the 9, then 5 then 4.

47. Load thread to match the pockets and put the pockets in place. Begin stitching with 4 stitching left to right, then pocket 5, then 9, then 10, then 14, then 15.



Santa Advent Calendar Stitch Map

1. Outside border. Load snowflake fabric.
2. Stitch snowflake 1, then 2, then 3, then 4.
3. Trim excess fabric. Change thread to match the background fabric.
4. Stitch the outside of pocket 7, then 4, then 5, then 6, then 1, then 2, then 3.
5. Load red fabric for Santa's cloths.
6. Stitches it all.
7. Now will stop and put in quilting highlights on red, there are 5 different highlights.
8. Trim away red felt. Load glove fabric.
9. Stitches left glove, then right glove.
10. Trim away glove fabric. Load Santa fur fabric.
11. Stitches hood, then hat ball, then left cuff, then tummy ball, then bottom fur, then right cuff.
12. Trim away all excess fur fabric. Load flesh colored fabric.
13. Stitch face.
14. Trim away excess flesh fabric. Load Santa Beard/Hair fabric.
15. Stitches beard, then stitches in mouth, and beard highlights.
16. Trim away excess beard fabric. Load more beard fabric in place for moustache, eyebrows, and eyes.
17. Stitches moustache, right eye, right eyebrow, left eye, left eye brow.
18. Trim away excess fabric. Load black fabric for pupils.
19. Stitch left pupil, then right pupil.
20. Trim away excess fabric and load red fabric for nose.
21. Stitch nose.
22. Trim away excess fabric. Load fabric for boots.
23. Stitch right boot, then it quilts highlights on right boot.
24. Stitch left boot and the highlights for left boot.
25. Place all the pockets in position.
26. Stitches pockets in place, it is meant to begin stitching just above the pocket and then move down to sew in the pocket. You will have to hold it in position while it stitches.
27. Starts with pocket 1, then 2, then 3, then 4, then 5, then 6, then 7, then 8.
28. After rolling quilt and getting in place stitch pass 2 as follows:
29. Stitches outside border. Load snowflake fabric.
30. Stitches snowflake 5, then 7, then 6.
31. Trim excess fabric and load thread to match background.
32. Stitches the outside of pocket 22, then 24, then 23, then 21, then 20, then 19, then 18, then 17, then 16, then 15, then 12, then 13, then 14, then 9, then 10, then 11.
33. Change thread to match pockets and place all the pockets in position.
34. Stitches pocket 11 in place right to left, then 10, then 9, then 14, then 13, then 12, then 15 but switches from left to right, then 16, then 17, then 18, then 19, then 20, then 21, then 22, then 23, then 24.
35. You are done!

