

Cheerful Elf Stocking

Use colours from any Dazzle™ 2021 Holiday Pack for the couching and bobbin work thread in this project.

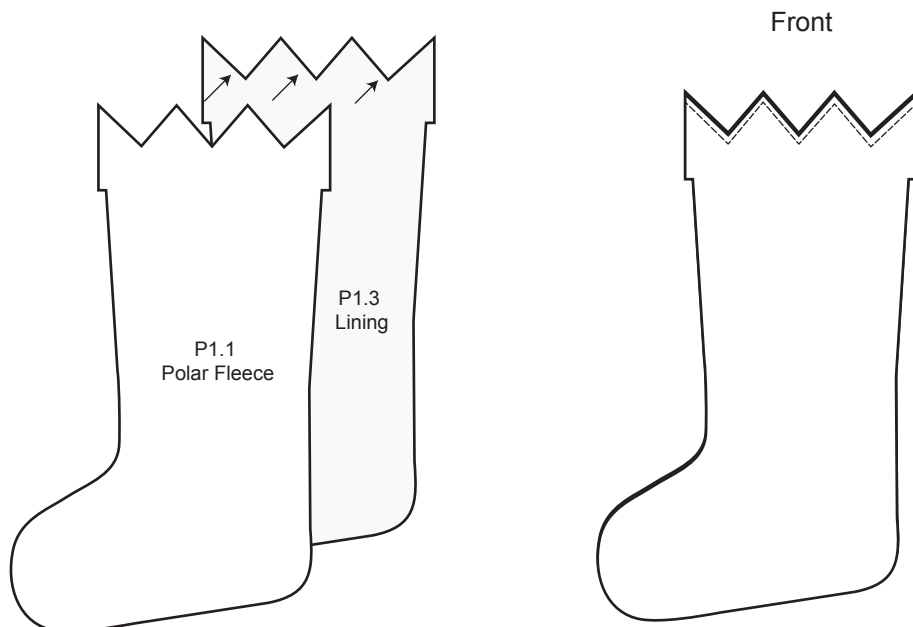
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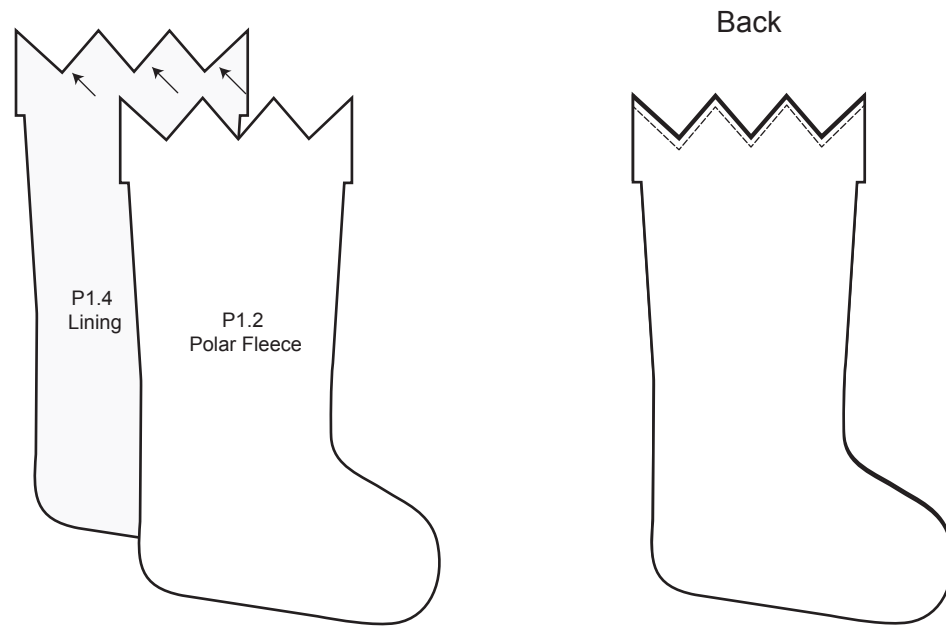
- 12" x 8" (30 x 20cm) wool in colour Latte - LN02
- 16" x 6" (40 x 15cm) wool in colour Larkspur Blue - LN57
- 6" x 14" (15 x 35cm) wool in colour Parchment - LN50
- 8" x 8" (20 x 20cm) wool in colour Holly Berry - LN42
- 14" x 12" (35 x 20cm) wool in colour Electric Lime - LN13
- 7" x 7" (17 x 17cm) light interfacing
- 1/2 yd (45 cm) of blue polar fleece
- 1 yd (91 cm) of blue cotton lining
- 1.9 x 1.5" (5 x 4 cm) piece of cardboard

- Darning foot
- Couching foot
- Sewing machine
- Serger/overlocker machine
- (Optional) spare bobbin case to make adjustments on

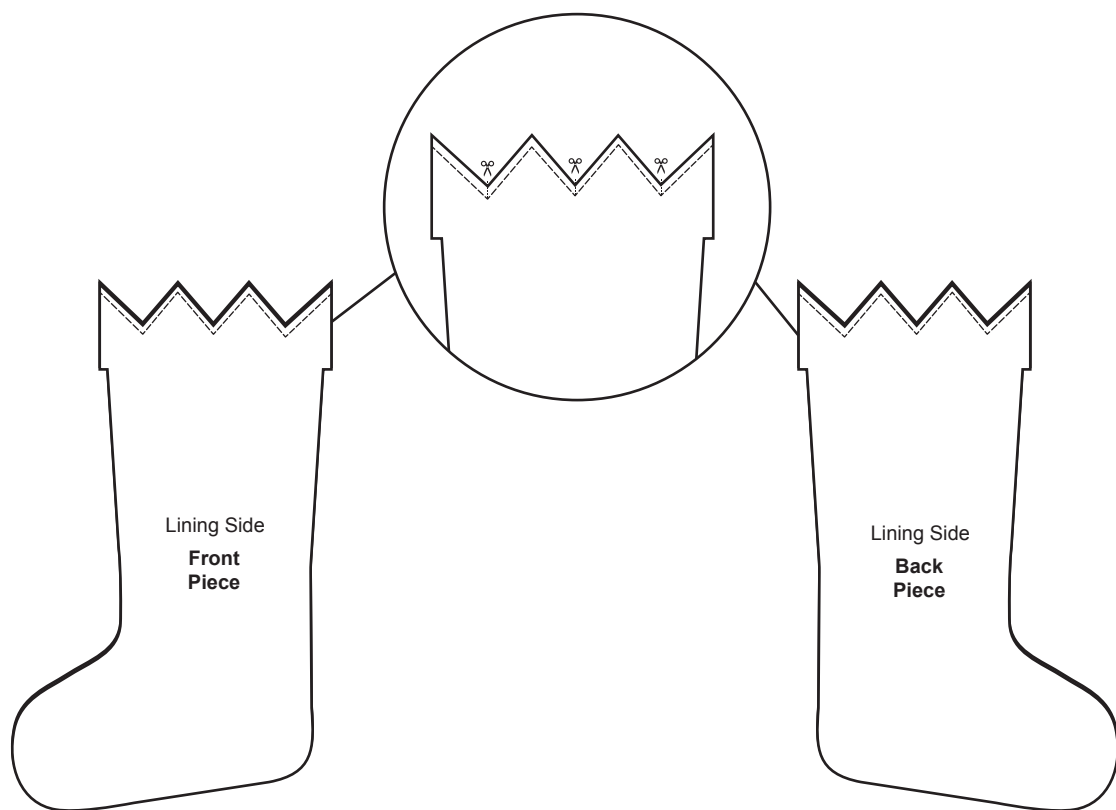
1. To make this stocking, print and cut out the patterns from the other document titled Cheerful-Elf-Pattern.pdf. All seam allowances are 1/4" (6mm) and are included in the cutting dimensions.

2. Once the pattern pieces are cut out, you can begin sewing. Load your machine with a piecing thread. We recommend 80wt DecoBob™ thread in the needle and bobbin. Place pieces 1 and 1.3 right sides together and join them at the top with a single stitch. Then, repeat the same process with pieces 1.2 and 1.4.

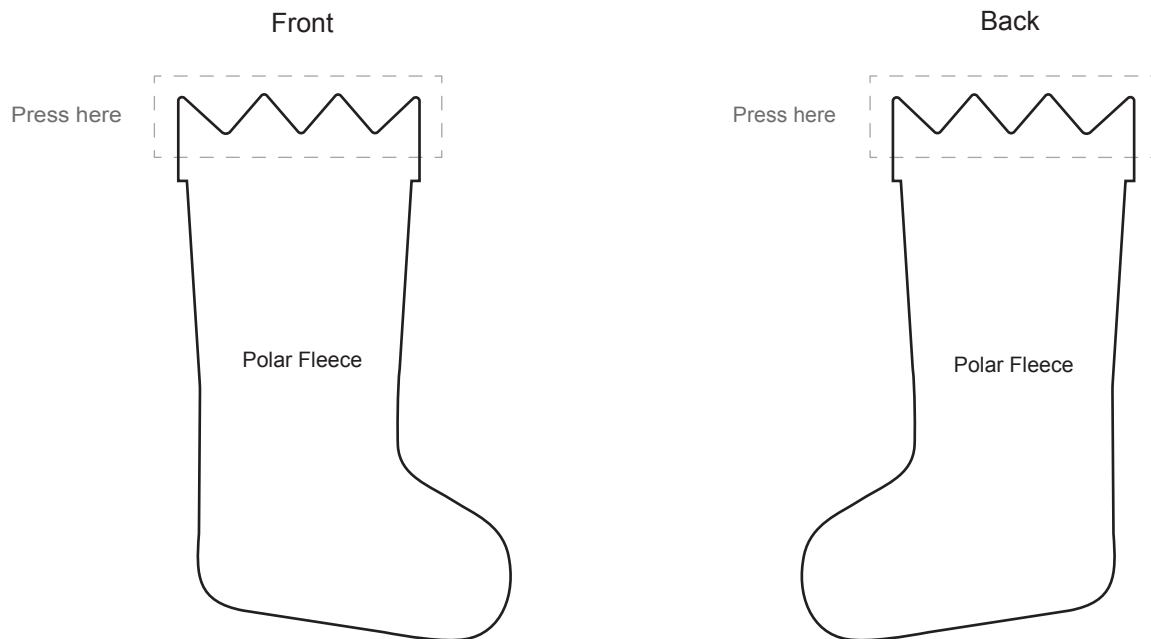




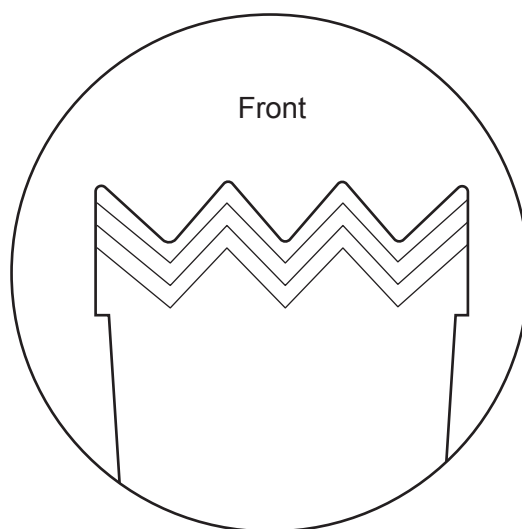
3. After joining the pieces together, clip the seam allowance. Do it perpendicularly and into the corners of the seam line (and anything in between). Clip close to (but not through) the seam.



4. Turn the front and back pieces right side out and press the top of each one.



5. Using tailor's chalk or a disappearing marking pen, mark 3 zig zag lines on top of the front piece. Leave a 0.4" (1cm) space between them.



6. Before sewing, set up your machine for bobbin work. This is an embellishing technique for using heavy threads as Dazzle that are too thick to go through the machine needle.

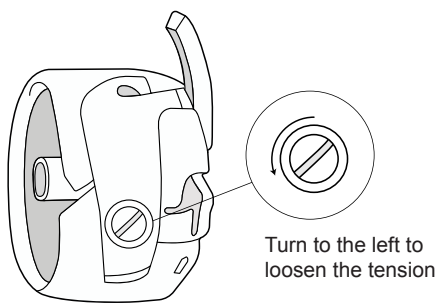
a. Wind an empty bobbin with Dazzle™ thread. We recommend winding it manually by hand as doing it on your machine can sometimes cause tension issues.

b. Use a small screwdriver and turn the small screw to the left or counter clockwise to loosen the tension of the bobbin. *If you are unfamiliar with how to do this, you can watch our quick video tutorial on our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/5X1g8-FdLHU>*

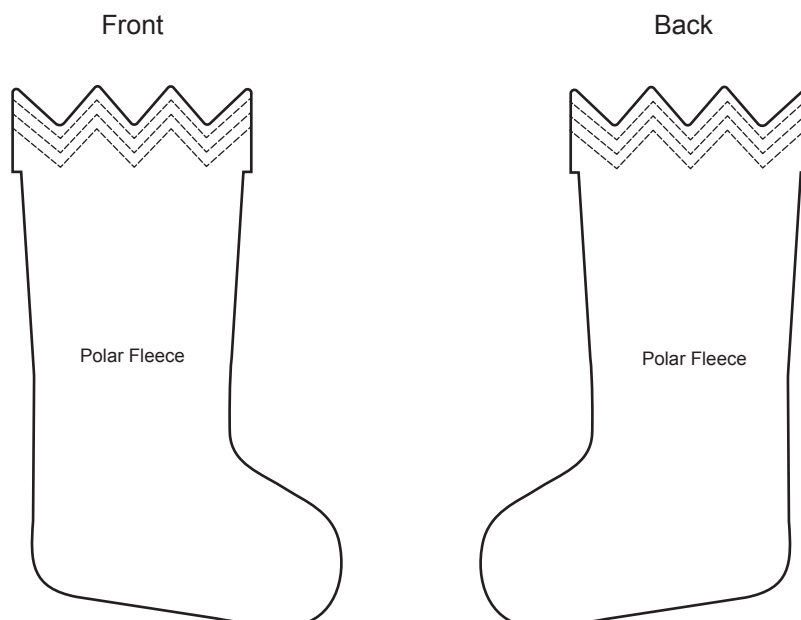
c. Thread your machine with a fine thread. 80wt DecoBob™ thread is recommended as a top thread when doing bobbin work.

d. Attach the darning foot to the machine.

NOTE: We strongly recommend doing some test stitches on a scrap piece of fabric to make sure the tension is right. If the top thread showing too much, the needle tension may need to be tightened. However, if the thread is puckering into the fabric, it means the tension needs to be loosened a little more.

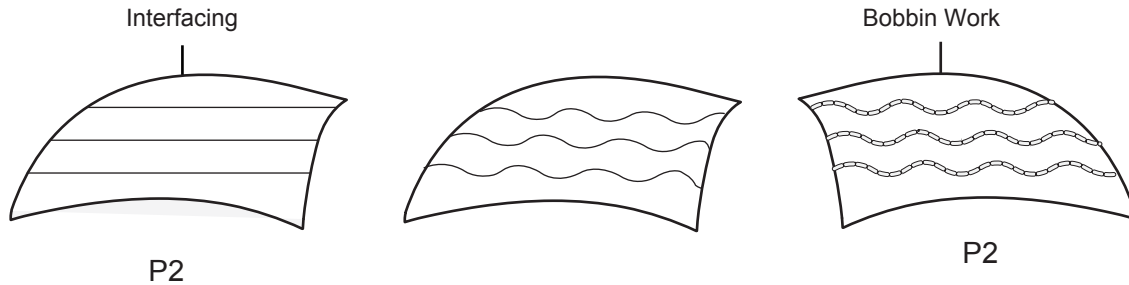


7. Once the tension is on point for the technique, it's time to try some decorative stitches. Follow the guide lines on the front piece using bobbin work.

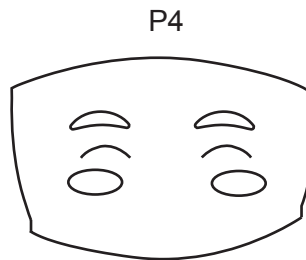


8. Place interfacing at top of the backside of piece 2. Then, mark 3 horizontal lines on the interfacing, leaving 0.6" (1.5 cm) space between them. Change the bobbin thread to another Dazzle™ colour of your choice and stitch out following the guidelines your favourite decorative stitch. We recommend choosing a decorative stitch without a dense design to accommodate the thicker thread you're using.

NOTE: Make sure the bobbin thread is stitching on the right side of piece 2 and the needle thread is stitching on the interfacing side.

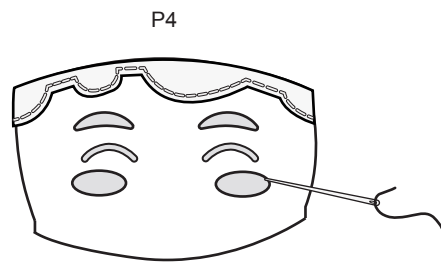


9. Using tailor's chalk or a disappearing marking pen, mark on piece 4 the eyebrows, eyes, and cheeks of the elf as shown in the graphic below.

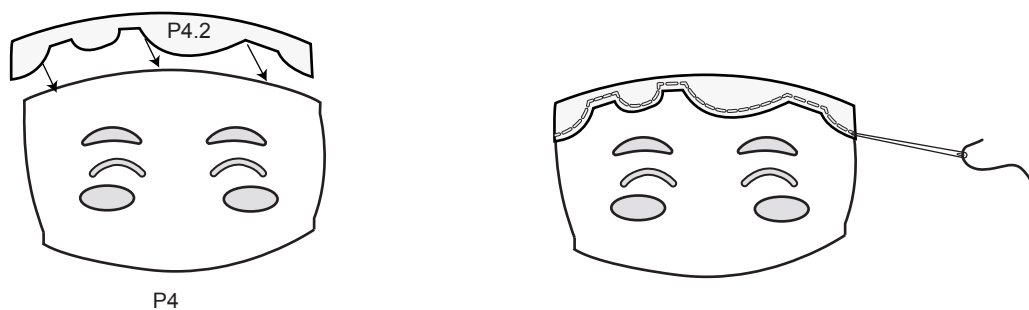


10. It's time to decorate with hand embroidery stitches! Using a sharps needle that fits the Dazzle™ thread, hand embroider the elf's face on piece 4 following your drawn guidelines.

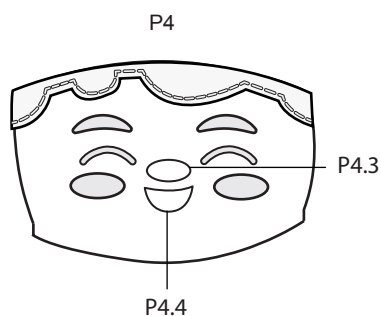
- Following the eyebrows guidelines, stitch a back stitch to fill in the brows.
- Following the eyes and cheeks guidelines, stitch a satin stitch to fill them in.



11. Place piece 4.2 on top of piece 4. Tack them together with a running stitch following the bottom edge of the hair.



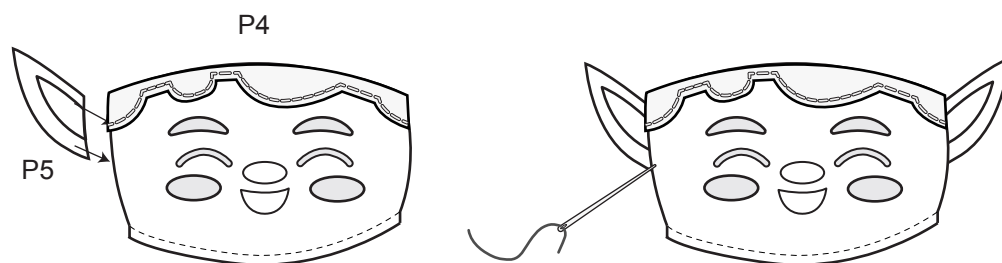
12. To complete the face, use an invisible stitch to appliqué pieces 4.3 and 4.4 to piece 4. Make sure to place them in the center of the face. Use 80wt DecoBob™ or any fine appliqué thread to make the invisible stitch.



13. Place piece 5.2 on top of piece 5 and tack them together with an invisible stitch. Repeat the same process with pieces 6 and 6.2.



14. Set pieces 5 and 6 under piece 4 and tack them in place with an invisible stitch.

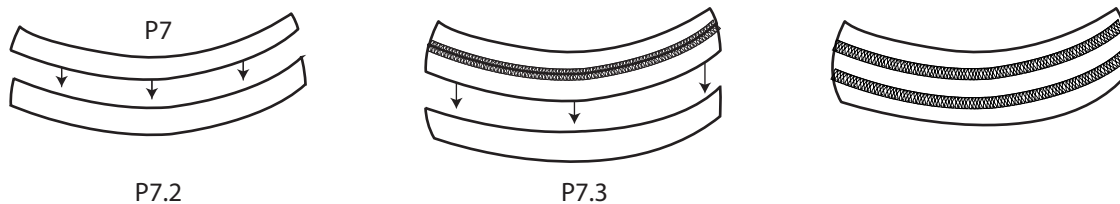


15. Once the hand stitching is done, you can complete the next step on the serger/overlocker machine. Following the instruction manual for your machine, set it up for a flatlock stitch.

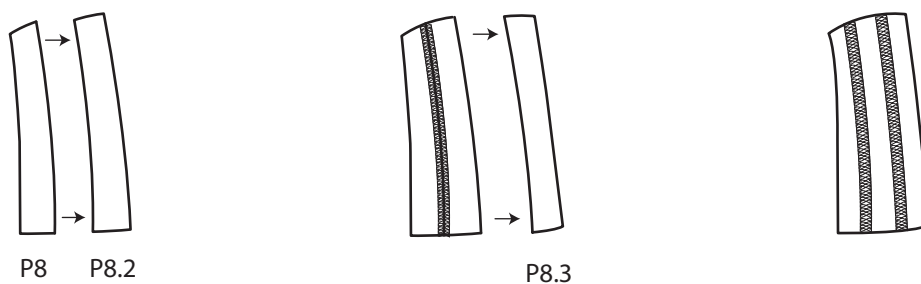
- Thread the left needle with a fine thread like DecoBob™ and decrease the tension to 1 or 2.
- Remove the right needle.
- Thread the lower looper with Dazzle™ thread and adjust the tension to 7 or 8.
- Thread the upper looper with Dazzle™ thread and adjust the tension to 5 or 6.

16. To make the elf's scarf, place pieces 7 and 7.2 backsides together and stitch a flat lock stitch. Then place pieces 7.2 and 7.3 together and stitch a flatlock stitch. Don't forget to tie off the ends of the threads.

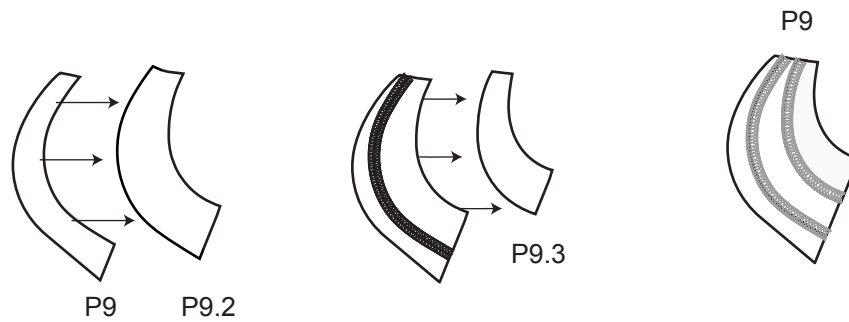
NOTE: If the tension looks a little bit loose, you can pull on the sides of the seam. This will help flatten the seam allowance out within it.



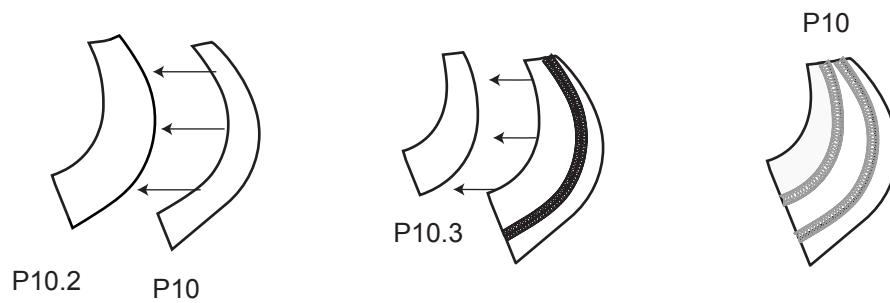
17. Continuing with the scarf, place pieces 8 and 8.2 backsides together and stitch a flatlock stitch. Then place piece 8.2 and 8.3 together and stitch a flat lock stitch.



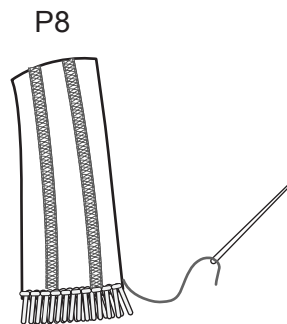
18. To make the elf's arm, place pieces 9 and 9.2 backsides together and stitch with a flatlock stitch. Then, place piece 9.2 and 9.3 together and stitch a flatlock stitch.



19. To make the other arm, place pieces 10 and 10.2 backsides together and stitch a flatlock stitch. Then place pieces 10.2 and 10.3 together and stitch together with a flatlock stitch.



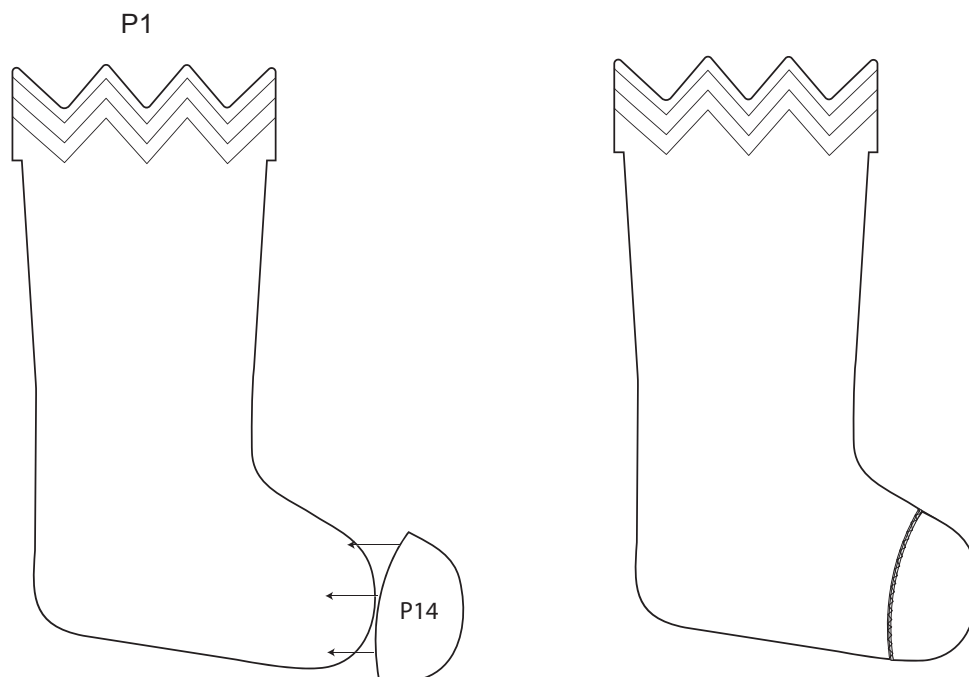
20. Add some dimension to the scarf with hand embroidery by adding a turkey stitch on the bottom part of piece 8.



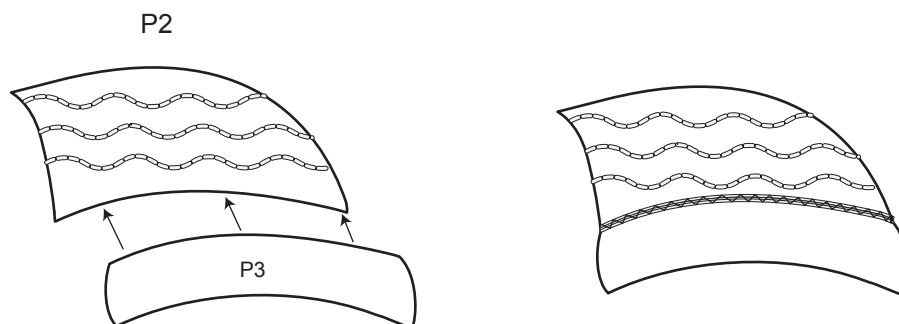
21. With the sewing machine, place piece 14 on top of piece 1. Appliqué it by couching Dazzle™ thread down along the top edge.

Couching Technique Tips:

- a. Use a lighter thread in the needle and bobbin, such as DecoBob™ 80wt thread.
- b. It is recommend that you use a couching foot to help guide the threads in a straight line.
- c. Make sure the zig zag stitch is wide enough to clear either side of the couching threads.
- d. We recommend you insert your couching threads one at a time into the couching foot.



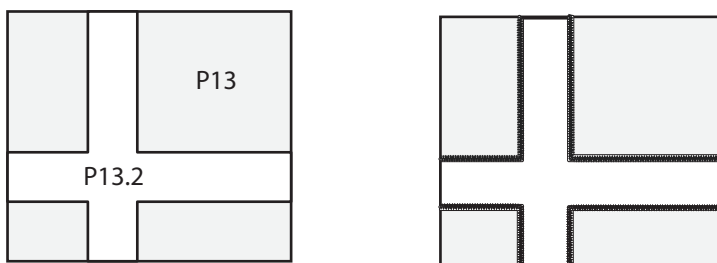
22. Place piece 3 on top of piece 2. Add some texture to the elf's hat by couching Dazzle™ thread down along the top edge of piece 3 to appliqué it in place.



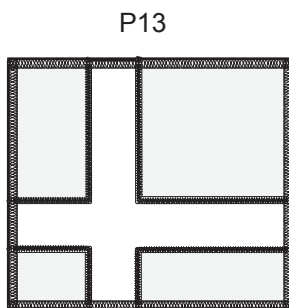
23. With a 0.2" (0.5 cm) overlap at the top of piece 4.2, attach the elf's hat by couching Dazzle™ thread down along the bottom edge of piece 3 to appliqué it in place.



24. Set piece 13.2 on top of piece 13 by couching the Dazzle™ thread down along the edges of piece 13.2 to appliqué it in place.



25. With your serger/overlocker machine, finish the edges of piece 13 with an overlock stitch.



26. Using a sharps needle, attach the following pieces with an invisible stitch.

a. Place piece 7 over the bottom of the elf's face and stitch the pieces together with an invisible stitch.

b. Place piece 8 on top of piece 7 and stitch them in place with an invisible stitch.

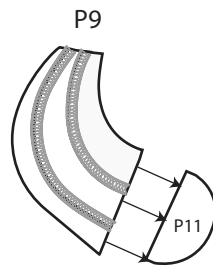


Piece 7

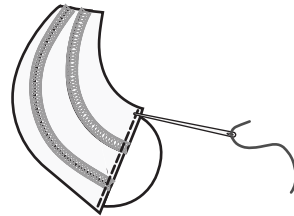


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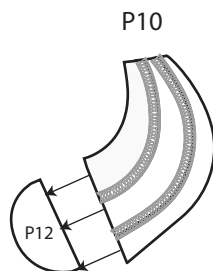
27. With a 0.2" (0.5cm) overlap at the top of piece 11, attach piece 9 with a back stitch.



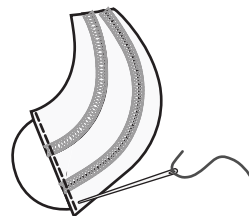
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28. With a 0.2" (0.5cm) overlap at the top of piece 12, attach piece 10 with a back stitch.



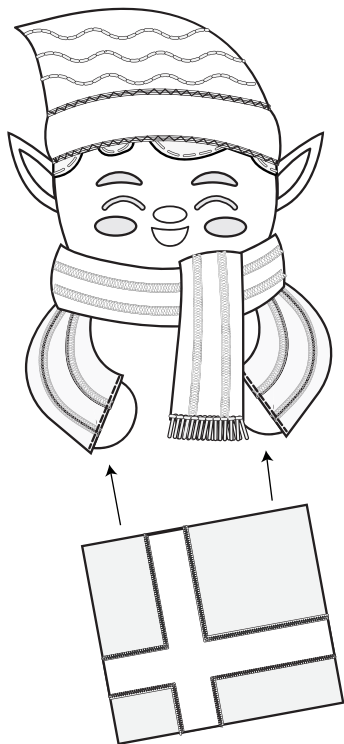
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29. Place the elf's arms under the scarf and stitch them in place with an invisible stitch.



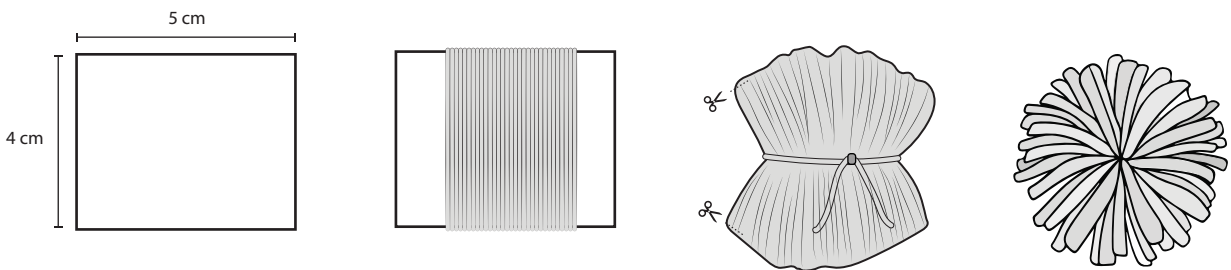
30. Place the gift under the arms and stitch them in place with an invisible stitch.



31. Follow these steps to make a pom pom for the elf's hat.

- a. Take the piece of cardboard and wrap the Dazzle™ thread around it. Hold the end of the thread in place while you wrap over it to secure it. Work your way around the entire cardboard piece, filling in all the gaps.
- b. Gently pull the thread off the cardboard. Thread another piece of the Dazzle™ thread around the center and tie a secure knot.
- c. Using a pair of scissors between the loops, snip apart the loops on both ends to free them.
- d. Trim the pom pom to make it look nice and evenly rounded.

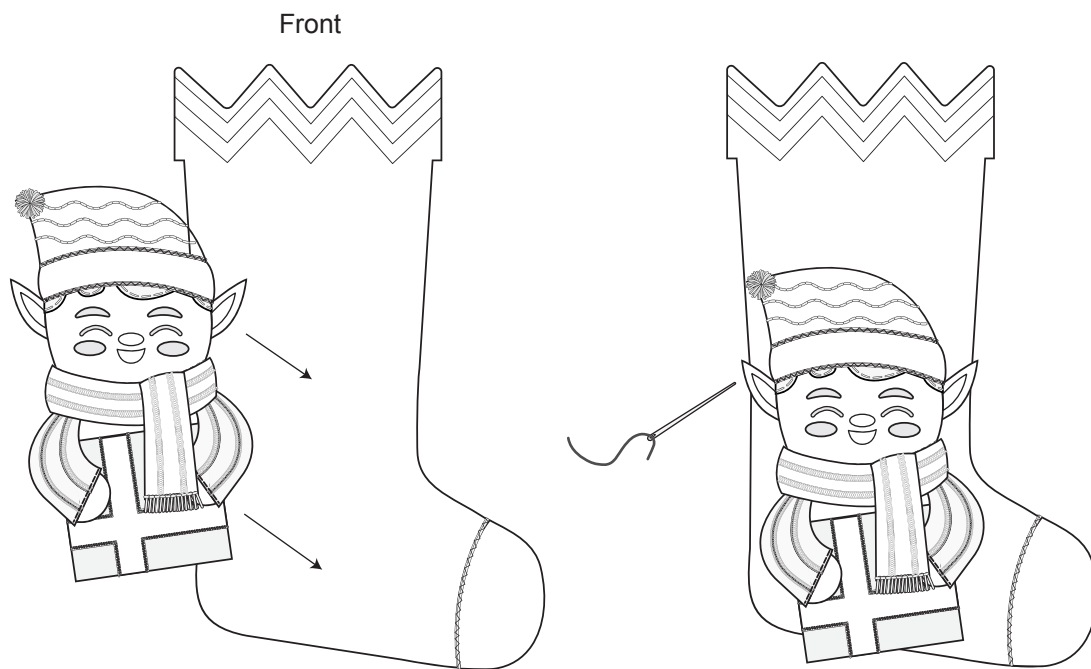
*For a visual tutorial on making your own pom pom, check out our YouTube video at this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40QxVSqftgo>*



32. Using the same thread as you used for the pom pom, attach the pom pom to the elf's hat by hand stitching it on.



33. Now, set the elf in the center of the front piece and pin it in place. Appliqué the piece down with an invisible stitch. Make sure to don't sew through the lining.



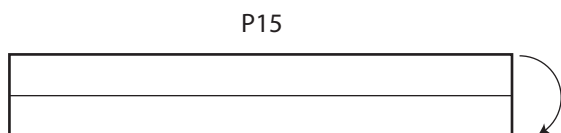
34. Decorate the front piece with some star stitches along the piece.



35. Use piece 15 to create the holding strap

- a. Fold the piece in half lengthwise, right sides together.
- b. Sew along the long, raw edges. Use a blunt tool such as safety pin to turn the strap right side out.
- c. With the seam on the side of the strip, press the strap, about 1/8" (0.31 cm) in from the edges.

a.



b.



c.

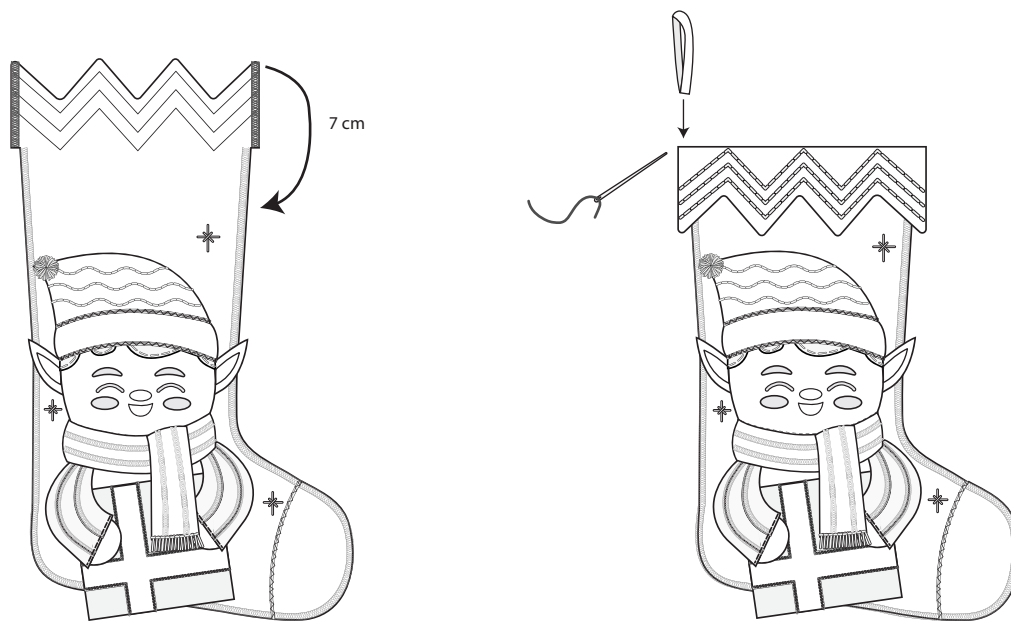


36. With the serger machine, place the front piece on top of the back piece and serge the pieces together around the edge as shown in the graphic below. Make sure the lining is placed in the right place.

Front



37. Once the front and back pieces are assembled together, fold the top of the stocking 2.7" (7 cm) and press it down. Then, place the strap between the front and back piece and tack it in place with a hand stitch.



38. Finally the stocking is complete!.Celebrate the Christmas season hanging this adorable stocking right on the fireplace or on the christmas tree.

