

Layer on the details and put some
Paisley Power to work
this holiday.



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WHAT YOU NEED

Basic sewing kit (page 9)

Templates (page 120)

**Light green and blue felt, 12 x 18-inch
(30.5 x 45.7 cm) sheet each**

**Purple, light blue, red, green, and
chartreuse felt scraps, at least 4 x 5 inches
(10.2 x 12.7 cm)**

Fusible bond iron-on fabric

Embroidery floss in various colors

Thread to match stocking and paisleys

Beads or sequins (optional)

Pink ribbon, 3/4 inch (1.9 cm) wide

WHAT YOU DO

1 Using the templates, cut one stocking back piece from the blue felt, one stocking front piece from light green, and one toe and heel piece from chartreuse.

2 After you've decided on your layout and colors, cut the paisley shapes out following the templates, and baste them to the stocking front. Stack the paisley pieces, using the photo as a guide.

3 Attach the pieces with a variety of embroidery stitches: blanket stitch, blanket stitch with French knots in between or on top, single-threaded running stitch (page 11) with French knots in alternating colors, double-threaded running stitch (page 10), lazy daisy stitch, and a zigzag stitch with French knots in alternating colors. Intersperse beads or sequins for added sparkle.

4 After you've embellished the front, iron on a stabilizing fabric to cover the threads and strengthen the area where you'll cut the hole for the ribbon hanger.

5 Baste the stocking front to the back to prevent shifting. For added strength, machine stitch the pieces together before moving to the next step. Sew the pieces together with a running stitch.

6 Sew a ring of stitching around the place where you'd like to place the hole for the ribbon hanger, stitching through both the stocking front and back. Cut the hole carefully and insert the ribbon.

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