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Gnomes!

I have fallen in love with Gnomes, I love to embroider them, I love to sew them, and I love to make them crazy and colourful. What a wonderful way to get rid of scrap fabric. I can not think of a single person who doesn't smile when they see a gnome. What a wonderful gift that you could personalize for anyone you think of to make them smile.



Applique gnomes by embroidery is so much fun and I can use us lots of scrap fabric. This time instead of putting them on shirt I am making little wall hangings. I do some free motion quilting around the gnomes to make them pop out a bit. They look so cute. I think gnome bags, wall hangings, or quilts would be so cute. Make a gnome for the holidays maybe a gnome ballerina, cowboy, or whatever your heart desires.

These are done with an embroidery machine and this time I am using a 780 series Bernina embroidery machine to make them. First you hoop the tear away stabilizer and the background fabric. You decide which gnome you want to embroider and just enjoy



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First it embroiders an outline on your fabric. Now place a piece of scrap fabric which is a bit bigger than the outline and place it over it. The embroidery machine design will now stitch the same outline on the scrap of fabric. Then I take my special embroidery applique scissors with the curved blade to cut out the fabric around the stitched part. They help get my cut super close to the stitching without actually cutting the stitches. They are also perfect for clipping little threads nice and close to the fabric.

When the embroidery is done remove the tearaway stabilizer. I also place a finger on the stitches and I am pulling off the tear away. You do not want to damage your stitches.

When the embroidery is finished I got out my trusted Bernina stitch regular and used up all that scrap batting and binding to quilt around my embroidery and make a mini wall hanging. The little embroidered gnomes look amazing with my free standing gnomes.



There are loads of great tutorials out there for the free standing gnomes. Lots of them are done with hot glue guns which can be messy. I prefer this blog with a free sewing pattern.

Make sure to put a good weight in the bottom so they don't fall over!

<https://www.sewcanshe.com/blog/christmas-gnome-free-sewing-pattern>

