



“SUMMER FUN PICNIC TRAY”



Serve up some fun at your next gathering with this fun to use yet simple to make serving tray.

Skill Level: Beginner

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Supplies:

Note: This project requires a trip to the hardware store.

Baby Lock Ellageo or Esante

Summer Fun Embroidery card (BLEC-60)

1/2 yard linen or linen blend fabric at least 44-45" wide

Fat 1/8 or scraps or red gingham for appliqué

Sulky Totally Stable Iron-on stabilizer

Assortment of embroidery thread (Finishing Touch was used for this project)

Finishing Touch bobbin thread

16" x 20" piece of thin batting or white felt

Twin Needle

Water erasable marking pen

6" x 24" Omni grid ruler

Spray starch

Supplies for tray:

16" x 20" wooden picture frame with glass
2 window sash or drawer handles
1 package of storm window brackets
16" x 20" adhesive mounting board
Piece of 1/8" masonite cut to 16-1/4" x 20-1/4"

Instructions:

Cutting & Preparations:

1. Cut 1/2 yd. fabric in half at the fold creating two 18" x 22" pieces of fabric.
2. Starch and press one of these pieces.
3. Mark a 16" x 20" section in the center of the piece of fabric. (Illustration 1)

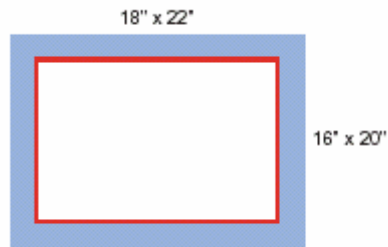


Illustration 1

4. Next draw a line 6-1/4" in from all four outside lines. (Illustration 2)

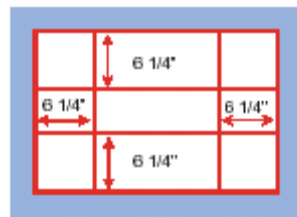


Illustration 2

1. Set up machine for twin needle sewing with one spool of thread on the horizontal spool pin and one on the vertical spool pin.
2. In the decorative satin stitches select stitch #9-17 in the Ellageo (Illustration 3)
Note: The same stitch can be found in the satin stitches of the Esante but they are not numbered.)



Illustration 3

3. Reduce the pattern elongation to 1.
4. Stitch along the lines drawn in the earlier step centering the foot over the lines. Do not stitch along the outside lines.

5. Now we are ready for the embroidery. Press stabilizer to the backside of the fabric.
6. Starting with the top left block, mark the center and hoop fabric.
7. Using embroidery edit, select the mustard design and set it.
8. Then select the salt and pepper design and set it. You will use the arrow keys in the edit box to move the designs so they are positioned similar to the diagram shown below. (Illustration 4)



Illustration 4

9. Move right to the next block, mark center, hoop and stitch the ice cream cone.
10. Continue right to the next block and stitch the table following the steps for the appliqué.
11. Continue this until you have gone all the way around and have a design in each outside square. (Illustration 5)



Illustration 5

12. Using the text in embroidery edit select the lettering font you prefer.
13. Using the medium size select letters **e a t, d r i n k**, and set.
14. Next select **a n d b e M E R R Y!** and set.
15. Using the arrow keys move second row of text down until it is under the first row and not overlapping. Touch sew.
16. Before beginning to embroider rotate text 90° and touch the center button on the arrow keys to center the text.
17. Mark the center of the center block, hoop and stitch.
18. As a final touch, scatter a couple ants from this card on your piece. Select the spot you feel looks best hoop and stitch.

Assembling the tray:

1. Following the package directions attach the window brackets to the back of the frame.
2. Next attach the handles at the center of each of the 16" sides, again following package directions.
3. Expose adhesive on mounting board and attach batting or felt.
4. Then place the board in the center of the embroidered piece batting side to wrong side of the embroidered piece.
5. Center and wrap excess fabric to the back and tape.

6. Turn frame upside down. With glass in place, lay mounting board with embroidered piece face down on top of glass.
7. Place piece of 1/8" masonite or other firm board on top of that.
8. Turn screws on storm door brackets in place securing the board.
9. Enjoy using this at your next barbeque or picnic.

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