

Add a touch of sparkle to your holiday decorations with these Falling Star Christmas Stockings.

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**Project:
Christmas
Stocking**



catch a falling star

Materials:

- ✧ Ellagéo
- ✧ BLEC 50 Fairies
- ✧ Designer's Gallery / Tool packs – Size Works and Color Works
- ✧ -yard white cotton organdy
- ✧ -yard red plaid taffeta
- ✧ -yard red taffeta
- ✧ -yard white broadcloth
- ✧ -yard red piping
- ✧ Sulky 12 weight red cotton thread
- ✧ Red all-purpose thread
- ✧ Rayon embroidery thread – red, green, and dark gray
- ✧ White bobbin thread
- ✧ Size 14 embroidery needle
- ✧ Adhesive stabilizer
- ✧ Designer's Gallery™

Designer's Gallery Instructions:

1. Open BLEC 50 in Designer's Gallery. Hold down the control key and select designs #29, #30 and #31. Open the designs in Color Works.

2. Bring up each design separately and remove all of the color and stitches from each design, except for the last gray, by selecting the color and putting a checkmark in the Remove Color and Stitches box. Open the color palette and change the gray to red.

3. Save each design as you work on it. Exit Color Works.

4. Select the red fairy outline. Open Size Works. Increase the height to 6 inches. Save it and exit.

5. Print a template for each design.

6. Insert a diskette into the A drive. Hold down the control key and select the three new outline designs plus design #31. Right click the mouse button and left click on Send to floppy. Remove the floppy diskette from the computer and insert it in the Ellagéo.

TIP – To get the designs into Designer's Gallery, you can either save them on a floppy diskette from your Ellagéo or use File Utility in your Paletté to install the designs in a folder on your hard drive.



Embroidery:

1. Set the Ellagéo up for embroidery.
2. Trace a stocking pattern onto the Organdy. (This will be your sewing line.)

TIP – Do not cut out the stocking until after you have embroidered it.

3. Lay the templates on the stocking for placement and mark the placement for each piece.

4. Hoop the Organdy and embroider the Christmas Fairy first. Because the Organdy is stiff, you do not need to use stabilizer.

5. For the holly, use Embroidery Edit. Select the design – Set –Rotate and/or Mirror Image the holly to the correct angle – End – Sewing –then move the design to the placement marking.

6. After you have embroidered each piece of holly, touch Re Edit and Edit.

7. Change the position of the holly or touch Embroidery Edit and repeat step 5. (I embroider the two larger pieces first.)

8. Cut a bias strip from the plaid fabric measuring 5 by 8 inches. Embroider the holly, #31, in the top right corner. For placement, measure 1 3/4 inches from the top of the bias piece and 1 3/4 inches from the right side and place a mark for the center of the holly. Hoop a piece of Adhesive stabilizer in the 4 inch by 4 inch hoop and press the bias strip onto the stabilizer. Embroider the holly and remove it from the stabilizer.

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Construction:

1. Cut the stocking out of the organdy adding a 1/4-inch seam allowance.

2. Use the organdy piece as a pattern and cut out one stocking piece from the broadcloth, two pieces from the red taffeta, and one piece from the red plaid fabric.

3. Set the Ellagéo for sewing.

4. Attach the zipper foot I. Set stitch width to 3.5. Thread with red all-purpose thread in the top and bobbin. Attach piping to the topside, bottom edge of the bias strip.

5. On your cutting table, place the embroidered stocking piece, right side up, on top of the broadcloth. Measure down 4 1/2 inches from the top of the stocking on both sides and draw a line from side to side.

6. With right sides together, place the bias strip piping edge along this line and stitch through all three pieces. (The right side and the top edge will be over the fairy's head). Flip the bias piece up so that all of the top edges are aligned. Baste all of these pieces together.

7. Thread the Ellagéo with Sulky #12 cotton thread. Change the foot to the N foot. Select Character Decorative Stitch #6-141, single pattern. Stitch a sprinkling of these stars above the fairy. Hold in the reverse key at the end of each star to tie it off.

8. Thread the Ellagéo with red all-purpose thread and attach the J foot.

9. Lay the front and lining piece flat. Do the same with the back and



lining. Place the two pieces right sides together, matching the seams. Stitch the front and back together with a 1/4-inch seam allowance, leaving a five inch opening on one side of the lining for turning. Clip curves and trim seams. Turn right side out and stitch the lining closed. Press the front and back only, not the lining.

10. Push the lining to the inside and do a final pressing.

11. Hang your stockings by the chimney with care!

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