

Kissing Frog

Background - 3/4 yd. Happy Howlidays by Amy Bradley Designs for Moda Fabrics Pattern #13049 White
Inside Border - 1/8 yd. Happy Howlidays Pattern #13051 Blue
Middle Border - 1/2 yd. EACH of Happy Howlidays Pattern #13049 Red AND Pattern #13049 Green
Outside Border - 1 1/3 yd. Happy Howlidays Pattern #13051 Green
Outside Corners & Letters - 1/4 yd. Happy Howlidays Pattern #13050 Red
Binding - 1/2 yd. Happy Howlidays Pattern #13050 Red
Frog Body - 1/3 yd. Happy Howlidays Pattern #13052 Green
Shirt - 6 1/2" x 12" White
Belt - 3" x 11 1/2" Happy Howlidays Pattern #13051 Red
Button - 4" x 4" Blue
Button Side - 3 1/2" x 4 1/2" Dark Blue
Inside Toes - 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" Dark Green
Inside Sleeves - 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" Dark Gray
Mistletoe - 3 1/2" x 4 1/2" Dark Green
Leaves - 2" x 6" Happy Howlidays Pattern #13051 Green
Ribbon - 3" x 5 1/2" Blue
Stems - 2 1/2" x 3" Brown
Eyes - 3" x 4" White
Lips - 2" x 7" Red
Pole - 4 1/2" x 24" Black
Muslin to back light fabrics - 1 yd.
Three 5/8" red buttons for berries
Two 3/8" black buttons for eyes
Mechanical pencil
Black cotton/polyester thread
Cotton/polyester thread to match borders
Wax Paper
Light weight paper backed fusible web - 2 yds. (12" width) (We recommend Steam-a-Seam 2®)

Black embroidery thread for buttonhole stitch (We recommend Mettler™)

Applique Pressing Sheet (We recommend Bear Thread Designs™, 18" x 20" or larger)

Enlarge two pattern sheets 200% and enlarge placement sheet 400%. Please read all fusible web instructions before starting. The wall hanging shown was done in the fusing method. Other applique methods may be used. **IMPORTANT:** Test all fabrics by placing a dark fabric behind them. If dark fabric is visible, fabric needs to be backed with muslin. To back with muslin, iron a piece of fusible web to the wrong side of the fabric. Peel paper off the back and iron to a separate piece of muslin. Re-test fabric, some fabrics may need to be double-backed. Be sure to back the fabric for the button pattern piece with muslin.

Take piece of button fabric (backed with muslin) and place over button on placement sheet. Using a pencil, trace all letters (Free Kisses) onto fabric. Satin stitch letters by machine using black embroidery thread with black cotton-polyester thread in the bobbin or backstitch letters by hand using four strands of embroidery thread.

Trace all pattern pieces along with their names and numbers on the paper side of the fusible web leaving approximately 1/4" between pieces. Trace two of each letter as well. Use a light source such as a window or light box to see through the fusible web to the pattern. Cut around each pattern piece leaving approximately 1/8" inch. **Do not cut on the traced line.** Place each fusible web piece on the back of the fabric chosen. For fabrics that have been backed with muslin, place fusible web piece on the muslin side. Place fusible web button piece 19 on the back of the button fabric aligning with upside down placement sheet. Press according to fusible web instructions. Let cool, then cut pieces out on the traced line.

Place placement sheet face-up on a lighted surface if possible. Align applique pressing sheet over placement sheet. Do not press until completely assembled. Remove paper backing and place pattern pieces 3-8 in numerical order on applique pressing sheet using placement sheet as a guide. Transport applique sheet to ironing board. Press following fusible web instructions. Let cool. Peel from applique pressing sheet and transfer to wax paper. Repeat step for pattern pieces 9-11. Repeat step for pattern pieces 12-22 and don't transfer to wax paper.

Placing wax paper over placement sheet, use a mechanical pencil to lightly trace the following detail lines onto the pieces: stem, mistletoe, eyes, smile, collar. All pieces will be stitched around the edges. The detail lines are the lines that are stitched over a piece. Stitches will cover the pencil marks.

Cut a 25 ½" x 37 ½" background using cutting board and ruler. Place fabric background right side up over placement sheet, there should be approximately ½" around the outer black line. Remove paper backing from pattern pieces 1 and 2 and place on fabric background aligning with placement sheet. Peel mistletoe (pieces 3-8) from wax paper and place on fabric background aligning with placement sheet. Peel head (pieces 9-11) from wax paper and place on fabric background aligning with placement sheet. Peel body (pieces 12-22) from applique sheet and place on fabric background aligning with placement sheet. Transport to ironing board and follow fusible web instructions for final fusing.

Cut a 9 ½" x 33 ½" border from outside border fabric LENGTHWISE (do not cut as a strip or there won't be enough length to cut the remaining borders) using cutting board and ruler. Peel paper backing from x's and o's and place on fabric approximately 2 ¼" from the top and 2 ¼" from the right end. Transport to ironing board and follow fusible web instructions for final fusing.

The wall hanging shown was buttonhole stitched by machine using black embroidery thread with black cotton/polyester thread in the bobbin. Machine stitching is recommended but another stitch may be used such as a tight zig-zag or satin stitch. Tip: Fuse some scrap pieces of fabric to a piece of muslin to practice buttonhole stitching before beginning on the wall hanging. Buttonhole stitch around pattern piece edges as well as all detail lines for the Kissing Frog. Buttonhole stitch around the x's and o's on the border as well. Reduce the buttonhole stitch size as needed for smaller pieces.

Place wall hanging over placement sheet and mark final trim line on all four corners lightly with a mechanical pencil. Place wall hanging on cutting mat, it should measure 24 ½" x 36 ½" when trimmed. Square and trim using a rotary cutter. Place border on cutting mat, it should measure 8 ½" x 32 ½" when trimmed. Square and trim approximately ½" from all four sides of border using a rotary cutter.

Cut four 1" strips from inside border fabric. Fold all of the strips in half lengthwise right side out and raw edges together. Press. Pin two strips to the sides of the background with the folded edges toward the inside. There will be extra length on both ends. Stitch a 3/16" seam from the raw edges. Use a plastic square or ruler to trim off excess length on ends. Pin two strips to the top and bottom of the background with the folded edges toward the inside. There will be extra length on both ends. Stitch a 3/16" seam from the raw edges. Use a plastic square or ruler to trim off excess length on ends.

Seams are 1/4" unless otherwise specified. Cut three 4 ½" strips from red middle border fabric. Cut three 4 ½" strips from green middle border fabric. Using two red strips and two green strips, sew the four strips together lengthwise alternating colors. Cut across the sewn strips in 4 ½" segments to get eight segments. Sew two segments together, repeat three times to get all four borders. From the remaining strips, cut one 4 ½" x 4 ½" red square and one 4 ½" x 4 ½" green square. Sew the red square to one end of a border to make a side border with two red ends. Sew the green square to one end of a border to make a side border with two green ends. Placing right sides together, pin and sew the side border with two red ends to the left side of the wall hanging. Placing right sides together, pin and sew the side border with two green ends to the right side of the wall hanging. Press seams toward darker fabric. Placing right sides together, pin and sew the remaining two borders to the top and bottom of the wall hanging with the green squares towards the left. Press seams toward darker fabric.

Cut two 8 ½" x 44 ½" strips lengthwise from outside border fabric. Placing right sides together, pin and sew these borders to the side of the wall hanging. Cut one 8 ½" x 32 ½" strip from outside border fabric. Cut four 8 ½" x 8 ½" squares from outside corner fabric. Placing right sides together, sew an 8 ½" x 8 ½" square to both ends of the two 8 ½" x 32 ½" strips (one border has the letters sewn on it). Placing right sides together, pin and sew these borders to the top and bottom of the wall hanging. Press seams toward darker fabric.

Quilt and bind as desired. Sew buttons on for eyes and berries after quilting is finished.