

## Embellishment Ideas

I thought it might be fun to share some embellishment ideas with you. **The actual finishing techniques for each project can be found in my finishing instruction books.** Most of these pictures will also be on my finishing pages but on this page I will tell you how to do the actual embellishments you see pictured.



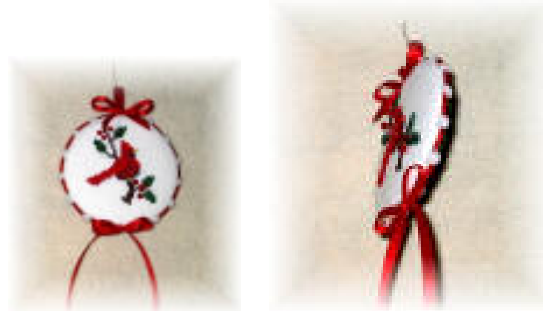
Now how cute is this? And it is a "no sew" embellishment. All you do is go to a craft store and find those cute little fuzzy balls (I think they call them pom-poms) and glue them on. That's right...glue... :)



I call this my "shoe string" bow. Why...because it is tied just like I tie a shoe string. Having done daycare for the last 10 years I have tied a lot of shoe strings. This little bow is the bow I use most often as it does not overpower the stitched piece. I hate it when I see a finished project and the first thing I think or hear about it is "oh what a cute bow". That thinking may actually come from the fact that I cannot tie those cute bows myself. ANYWAY... there are two ways to attach this little beauty: 1) Find the center of your ribbon and attach it to your finished project...tie the shoe string bow...tack it so it does not come untied. OR 2) Tie the bow first...tack it so it does not come untied...attach the little tied bow to the finished project.



How about an embellishment that you do not have to stitch on. I really liked this idea because I am all for easy. (Prior to stitching your ornament front and back together make a small loop out of the spool ribbon you will use, center and glue it to the inside of your ornament. Stitch both pieces together.) To do this you need some thin ribbon like you find on the 99 cent spools at the craft store. Then just use glass head pins to attach it. Start where ever you decide you want your shoe string bow to be. (In the project pictured you would start at the top) Pin the ribbon on at the start point with a glass head pin. Twist the cording and pin again about 1/4 inch from the first pin. Just keep doing this until it is pinned all the way around. Once I had added all my pins I went back and pulled each pin up just a little and using a metal laying tool (or a large darning needle or anything metal because the glue does not stick to metal) I added just a tiny spot of Elmer's glue on the pin shaft under the ribbon to make sure nothing comes loose. Very easy and very quick :)



This edging uses cording that I found on a spool and it is pom-poms. You could also use the small loose pom-poms that you can get at the craft store if you cannot locate this cording. (Add your ribbon hanger prior to stitching front and back together.) I actually started at the top and glued each little pom-pom down with a very small drop of hot glue. I then started at the top again and picked up enough small glass beads on beading thread to fill in between each pom-pom. I inserted my beading needle behind a pom-pom and came out in front of the pom-pom and picked up another group of glass beads and inserted my needle behind the next pom-pom. Pull your beading thread snug and the beads just lay in place. Add your shoe string bows.



Before you sew your ornament together tie a shoe string bow, tack the bow so it does not come untied, center the bow and glue the ends to the inside back. Now that you have the hanger done stitch the front and back together. I used store bought cording for this sweet little ornament. I started the cording at the bottom so the bow covers the beginning and ending of the cord. And again the shoe string bow. But this time I threaded my ribbon through a bell...tied the bow...tacked the bow...then stitched the bow to the bottom of my cording.



I went nuts with door knockers this year. Prior to stitching your front and back together glue two long lengths of cording at each corner. (This cording needs to be long enough to tie into a shoe string bow and still hang well below the bottom of the banner.) Sew the banner together and then stitch cording all the way around. Tie the shoe string bow at the top and thread a bell on each cord end and knot. You could also use just one large bell and string both cord ends through the large bell and tie another shoe string bow. A sweet little reminder every time you close the door it is on. :)



Well, I have to admit that this is one of my favorite door knockers. It incorporates the rolled ribbon and glass head pins that is described above but prior to stitching the front and back together add the top loop and lengths of ribbon to the inside by hot gluing them on. Then sew the front and back together. Add the bells by looping them onto a length of ribbon and tying a shoe string bow. Then tack the bow and stitch it onto the lengths of ribbon at different spots. Let all the ends of the ribbons hang loose. Add a shoe string ribbon at the top and bottom. Is this just too cute?