

# O' Holy Night

## Nativity Wall Hanging

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**Finished Size:** 14"x32"

**Skill Level:** intermediate

**Time:** less than 5 hours

*The true meaning of Christmas comes to life in this charming wall hanging. It's a great way to use fabric scraps. The wall hanging would look lovely on a door as well as a wall.*

### MATERIALS

- Fabrics:
  - unbleached muslin,  $\frac{3}{4}$  yard;
  - assorted scraps in various prints and solid colors, including tan, black, and brown.
- Batting,  $\frac{1}{2}$  yard.
- Iron-on adhesive.
- Dressmaker's carbon.
- Buttons, assorted sizes and colors, 26.
- Wooden items:
  - dowel,  $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter, 13 inches;
  - star, 4" from point to point.
- Gold acrylic paint. Paintbrush.
- Black fine-line marker.
- Twine, 5 yards.

**Supplies:** Scissors, ruler, pencil, iron, sewing machine, sewing needle, matching thread, powdered blush, cotton swab, glue gun and glue sticks.

### INSTRUCTIONS

**1 Prepare the fabric.** Cut patterns from Pattern Section, cutting along dashed lines; set patterns aside. For banner panels, cut eight 7"x15" rectangles from muslin and four from batting.

For each panel, layer one rectangle of batting and two rectangles of muslin. Sew with right sides of muslin facing in  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Stitch around outer edge of panel, leaving a 3" opening at bottom; clip corners. Turn right side out through opening; press. Whipstitch opening closed. Make a total of four panels.

Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse iron-on adhesive to wrong side of fabric scraps.



**2 Fuse the figures.** With dressmaker's carbon, trace appropriate pattern pieces to paper side of fused fabrics as follows:

body: ten;  
 long robe (for Mary and Wise Men): four, four in reverse;  
 short robe (for Joseph and shepherds): three, three in reverse;  
 beard: five;  
 face: ten;  
 hand: ten, ten in reverse;  
 lamb's body: four, two in reverse;  
 lamb's head: six;  
 lamb's ear: four, two in reverse;  
 Jesus' body: one;  
 Jesus' face, one;  
 wings: three;  
 angel's cape: three, three in reverse;  
 staff: two.

Cut out patterns from fused fabrics. (Note: Use photo and Figures 1-4 as placement guides. Overlapping pieces are shown by dotted lines on figures.)



Fig. 1 angel

Lay appropriate pattern pieces on banner until pleased with spacing. There will be three angels on first panel, two shepherds and four lambs on second panel, three wise men on third panel, and family on fourth panel with lambs.

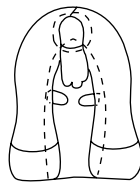


Fig. 2 Joseph, shepherds, and wise men



Fig. 3 lamb

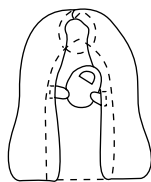


Fig. 4 Mary and Jesus

Following manufacturer's instructions and working on one panel at a time, fuse fabric pieces in the following order:

angel panel: wings, body, hands, cape, face;

shepherd panel: body, face, beard, short robe, staff, hands;

lamb's body, face, ear;

wise men panel: body, face, beard, hands, long robe;

Joseph panel: Joseph's body, head,

beard, short robe, hands;  
 Mary's body, head, Jesus' body, Jesus' face, hands, robe;  
 lamb's body, face, ear.

**3 Finishing.** With fine-line marker, dot eyes on all faces, except for lambs. Draw stitch lines around outer edge of each figure, except Jesus. With cotton swab, apply blush to cheeks of all figures, except Jesus and lambs.

Paint front, back, and sides of star with gold paint; let dry. Glue three buttons to center front of star. Cut a 12" length from twine; tie into a shoestring bow. Glue bow to front of star below buttons. Set star aside.

Cut the following from twine: for angel bows, three 3" lengths; for panel bows, eight 16" lengths.

For angel hair bows, tie an overhand knot in center of each 3" length of twine. Trim ends to 3/4". Glue one bow to top of each angel's head.

For panel bows, tie each 16" length of twine into a shoestring bow. Glue one bow to each top corner of panels.

To attach panels together, cut six, 2 1/2" lengths from twine. Glue two 2 1/2" pieces of twine to back of each panel; pieces should be approximately 4" from each side.

To hang banner, cut a 14" length from twine. Fold twine in half to find center; glue center of twine to center back of star. Glue ends of twine to back of angel panel, approximately 4" from each side. Glue dowel across back of angel panel over twine ends.

Using photo as guide, glue five buttons to angel panel and six buttons to each remaining panel.♥

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