



1. Gather your finishing supplies: mat board, cardboard, batting, cotton fabric, double sided tape, and various scissors, rulers, lacing thread & blades.



2. Trace all 3 of the finishing templates onto the cardboard. Cut out on traced lines with paper scissors.



3. Check the shaped finish for a good fit: hold the cardboard underneath the corresponding stitched piece & in a light source. Trim as needed.



4. Use the cut cardboard (NOT the original template) & trace onto the matboard.

- Cut out matboard on traced lines. (use paper scissors or exact blade on cutting mat.)



5. Lay the cut cardboard on the cut matboard so ensure a good fit. Trim matboard as needed.



6. Lay trimmed boards on top of each other. 'Open' the boards up & draw a star on the inside of each piece. The star will stay on the inside & help you keep the boards matched up.



7. Cut a small piece of double sided tape (DS) and place on the outside face of both the cardboard & the matboard.



8. Peel the backing from the DS tape of the cardboard & place tape side down onto a piece of the cotton batting.



9. Trim the cotton batting around each cardboard leaving a leaving a scant bit of batting showing around the edge of the cardboard.

- Repeat for matboard pieces but with 2 layers of the cotton batting



10. Lay the matboard pieces, batting side down onto the black cotton fabric & trim to fit. (Only if you stitched on dark fabric.



11. Choose your cotton backing fabric for the jar ornament. Place the cardboard jar shape with batting side down onto the cotton & trim the fabric to 1/2" from the edges of the cardboard.



12. Needle up with lacing thread—tie a knot in the end.

Secure the knot into the cotton in the lower right corner where the straight side starts just above the curved corner.

Lace across the long flat edges of the cardboard with a ladder stitch.



13. Continue to lace across the 1st small curve in the cardboard. As you get to the top curved corner, take small basting/gathering stitches to get you around the corner.



14. Pull top corner basting thread tight to gather the corner. Hold thread with finger to keep tension in previous stitches. Baste/gather the lower right corner in the same manner.



15. Lace back & forth, top to bottom.

- If your thread becomes too short to lace: make a knot by creating a loop in the cotton fabric, run needle through loop, pull tight. Repeat.



16. Lace to the curved corner. Baste/gather the top left corner, pull & repeat for the bottom left corner. Check your work on the front. Knot (as in 15). Clip.



17. Check the front of your work several times through this process to make sure that any directional prints are laying well.



18. Choose your cotton backing fabric for the angled ornament. Place the cardboard shape with batting side down onto the cotton & trim the fabric to 1/2" from the edges of the cardboard.



19. Lace across the flat side of the cardboard with a ladder stitch. Take care to pull your stitches but not too tight to curve the board (use the tabletop as an anchor).



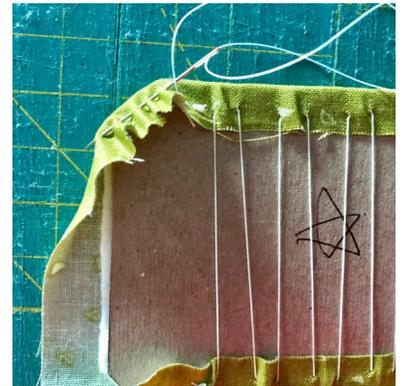
20. Continue to lace as the cardboard angles in to the top point. Fold the cotton fabric over the point as you get closer to the top.



21. Lace to the top point & knot to end thread. Check your front often here to make sure your fabric does not distort on the bias.



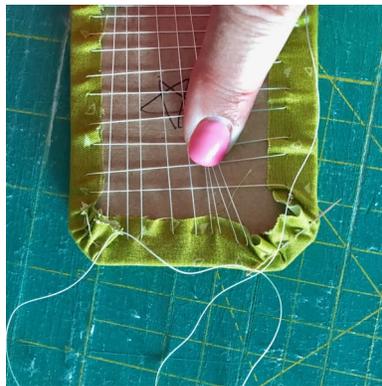
22. Start up a new lacing thread at the bottom left corner.



23. Baste/gather the lower left corner.



24. Lace back & forth, top to bottom. Check your front often as we are working with fabric (& linen) on the bias which can be easier to distort.



25. Lace across to the bottom right angled corner. Baste/gather the final angled corner, & pull. Check your work on the front for any additional lacing that might be needed. Knot & clip.



26. Check the front of your work several times through this process. The cotton fabric should lay smooth & the cardboard should be flat & not curved.



27. Place the domed cardboard shape with batting side down on the remaining piece of cotton fabric & trim the fabric to 1/2" from the edges of the cardboard.



28. Lace across the flat side of the cardboard with a ladder stitch. Take care to pull your stitches but not too tight to curve the board (use the tabletop as an anchor).



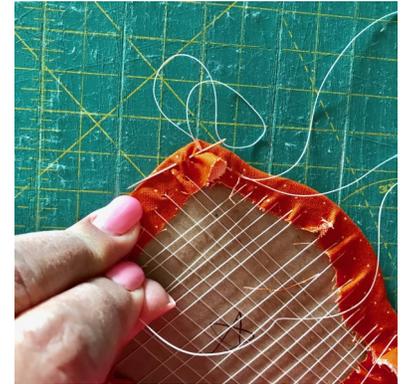
29. As you get to the curved corner, take small basting/gathering stitches to get you around the corner.



30. Pull top corner basting thread tight to gather the corner. Hold thread with finger to keep tension in previous stitches. Baste/gather the lower right corner in the same manner.



31. Lace back & forth, top to bottom.



32. Lace to the curved corner. Baste/gather the top left corner, pull & repeat for the bottom left corner. Check your work on the front. Knot. Clip.



33. Check the front of your work several times through this process.

- Repeat this process for all 3 stitched pieces and the cut & prepared mat board.



34. Cut a small piece of DS tape and place it at the top center point of each ornament back.



35. Remove DS tape backing. Trim ribbon for the hanger. I like a 2.5-3" drop for an ornament hanger.

- overlap the ribbon & make sure the top tail is lower than the bottom so each tail gets attached.



36. Needle up with more lacing thread & knot. Run the needle in the cotton fabric in the lower right corner. Bring needle to front through the cotton at the corner.



37. Lace the front of the ornament to the back of the ornament with an even ladder stitch. Stitches should be on the very edge of the boards (here's where the extra batting helps!) Take care to have minimal thread showing as you stitch side to side.



38. Take care to stitch through the ribbon between ladder stitched as you reach the top point of the ornament.

Lace around the whole ornament. Make a knot in the edge & trim.

Thank you for following along on the Fright This Way Ornament Finishing Tutorial.

Once you have reached this point of the tutorial, you can choose to embellish your ornaments with cording, a ruched edge, rick rack...all sorts of fun ideas.

Don't forget the Bat Bead from Just Another Button Company! He is simply attached with a ball head pin: pin through the bead & place a small bead below the bat bead then place through the edge of the ornament. You may wish to put a dab of glue on your pin so that it stays in place!

Enjoy the Stitch,

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