

Boxes-n-Bows Xmas Pillow

Finished Size 11 inches x 9 inches

All seams are 1/4 inch

Fat 1/4 of Fabric for border & back.

Fat (or scrap) of Fabric for centre front (approx 6x8)

Scrapes for appliqué

Batting

Visofix

Poly toy filling

Small amount of Ribbon (tie to form a bow)

Embellishments

2 buttons and hanging ribbon (optional)

Bell (optional)

Usual sewing notions

1. Cut centre front at 6 x 8 inches.
2. Choose different appliqué fabric (from scrapes) for 5 boxes.
3. Adhere visofix and cut out box shapes.
4. Do the same for 2 bows, 2 holly leaves and 3 berries.
5. Once you are happy with colours etc... it's time to iron the pieces in place.

Place **No 1** box, 1/2 inch up from bottom edge and 1/2 inch in from left side.

Add **No 2** box the same distance up from bottom but close alongside the first box.

Just allow enough space for the needle to sew between each box.

Continue with box **No 3** (in the background) then add boxes **No 4 & 5** on top as shown in photo on [page 2](#). The box edge on the right side of centre piece should be 1/2 inch in from right edge.

Place large bow on top of box **2** and small bow on box **3**.

When happy with placement... iron onto fabric.

Cut 2 pieces of border fabric at 2 1/4 inch wide and 6 inch in length. Stitch to sides of centre piece.

Cut 2 pieces at 2 1/4 inch wide & 11 1/2 inch in length. Stitch to top and bottom of centre piece.

Press seams outwards.

Applique all shapes using blanket stitch... or decorative stitch if preferred.

Stitch ribbon lines on gift boxes as desired.

When complete...press well and trim.

Cut 2 pieces of batting the same size as the completed front. Place 1 piece of batting on the wrong side of front while setting the other piece aside.

I quilted the front around the centre panel and also a quilting stitch on the border side of the centre panel. This will hold the batting in place. I always find it makes for a nice smooth finish to a pillow once the filling is in place.

Trim edges if needed.

Sew on ribbon bow and embellishments where needed.

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Cut fabric for the back of the pillow to the same size as the front (9 1/2 x 11 1/2) & place the remaining batting on the wrong side. Stitch a scant 1/4 inch seam all the way around to hold the batting in place.

Place front & back right sides together and stitch a 1/4 inch seam, starting in the centre of the bottom. Sew all the way around, leaving a 3-4 inch opening to turn right side out.

Clip corners and turn right side out... pushing corners to a sharp point.

Start filling the pillow... place a bell or two inside... and continue to stuff the pillow until you are satisfied. Turn under the 1/4 inch seam allowance & slip stitch to close opening.

If you want to hang this pillow from a door knob or hanger... follow the remaining steps... otherwise just... **EnJoY the Boxes-n-Bows Pillow.**

For a door swinger...

Cut a 24 inch length of ribbon. Measure 7 inch from one end of the ribbon & stitch the ribbon to the top of the pillow 2 inches in from the corner. Do the same for the other side.

Sew a button over the stitches on the ribbon to neaten.

Curl the remaining length of ribbon on each side by spraying each end with starch or hair spray. Wrap each one around a bobby pin and leave to dry.

Once dry, uncurl slightly and stitch the curly ribbon in place... usually only one stitch is needed to hold it in place.

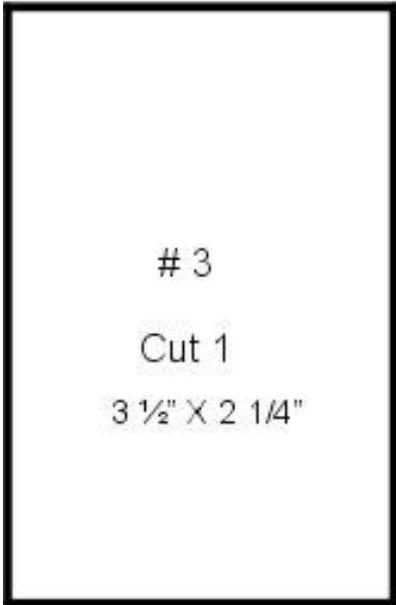
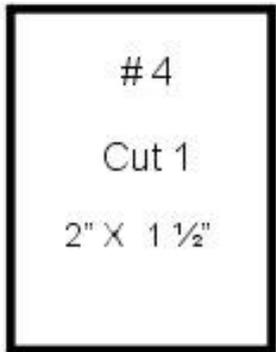
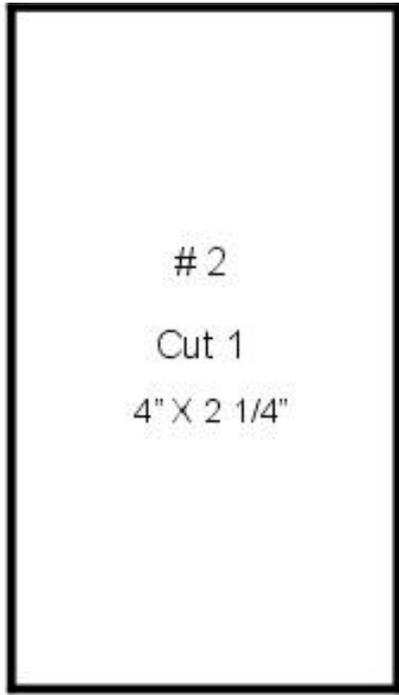
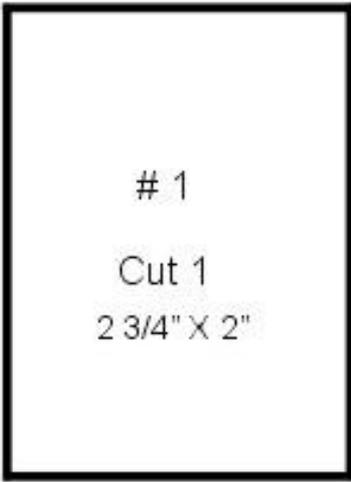
Hang it over a door knob or decorative hanger... **EnJoY...**



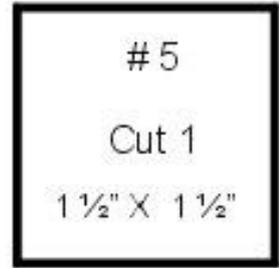
CMS at Gone Stitchin'... <http://stitchingcubbyhole.blogspot.com.au>

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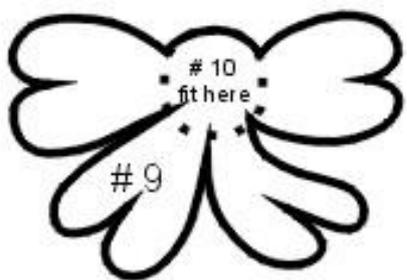
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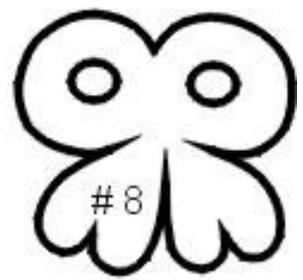
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