

Tip of the Month from Emilie Richards

Ever see a package of buttons or beads that intrigues you, but you don't have a project in mind?

Don't wait! Stock up on embellishments when you see them at stores, flea markets, or about to go into a recycling bin.

Keep everything in one place, then when you need decorations for a Christmas tree, or a hat for a snowman, like you will this month, you'll have what you need at your fingertips.

And you'll save making a trip halfway across town!

See the General Directions document for instructions on finishing the stocking and attaching it to the background.

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A Season of Grace

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Based on Emilie's book 'Sisters Choice'

Cut each stocking
Background 7½" x 9½"

Block 6 - YoYo Mania!

I love yo-yos, but let's face it. Who wants to sew a thousand or more yo-yos together for a quilt? Luckily yo-yos are great for applique. For each stocking you'll make a small, medium, and large yo-yo. This can be either a snowman or a Christmas tree, depending on your whim and fabric choices. If you're doing the larger Advent quilt, you'll make one of each.

For the background use a solid or piece it. Your background can have a bottom section that looks like grass or snow, and the top like sky. As you can see, Emilie did each.

Draw one 4" circle, one 3" circle, one 2" circle on the RIGHT side of your fabric. Your completed yo-yos will be half this size. (or use your yo-yo makers!)

Tip - Pat has drawn these for you, but Emilie simply went into her kitchen and found cans, tops of spray products, etc. that were the right sizes and used them. Easy to find and easy to draw around. Just take your ruler with you.

Cut out circles, if tracing from household objects add a 1/4" seam allowance.

The 'How To'

--Use sturdy thread or doubled sewing thread, thread a needle and knot at the end.

--On your pencil line turn hem to wrong side and "hem" the circle. The raw edge won't show, so you don't need to turn this twice.

--Bury your knot by bringing your needle up through underside of the seam allowance, then take small running stitches all around, turning the raw edge under on the line until circle is hemmed.

--Finally pull the thread, easing gathers and adjusting until your yo-yo is completed.

--You'll have a "hole" in the middle, which is exactly right. Take a few stitches to fasten, make a knot on the back since the back won't show.

Place on the Stocking

--Stack the yo-yos large to small.

--Applique them with decorative stitches—Emilie used a blanket stitch on the Christmas tree—or invisible stitches.

--Embellish. For the tree, Emilie did a fourth small yo-yo, turned it upside down and appliqued it to the background to make a trunk. She used tiny buttons to adorn her snowman.

Do you need a yo-yo visual guide? Here's a great website with step by step illustrations:

<http://www.quilterscache.com/Y/Yo-YoQuiltingBlock.html>

On the video page of Pat's website is a youtube link to a yo-yo maker video!

THEN load your photo to our group Flickr folder!

http://www.flickr.com/groups/season_grace/

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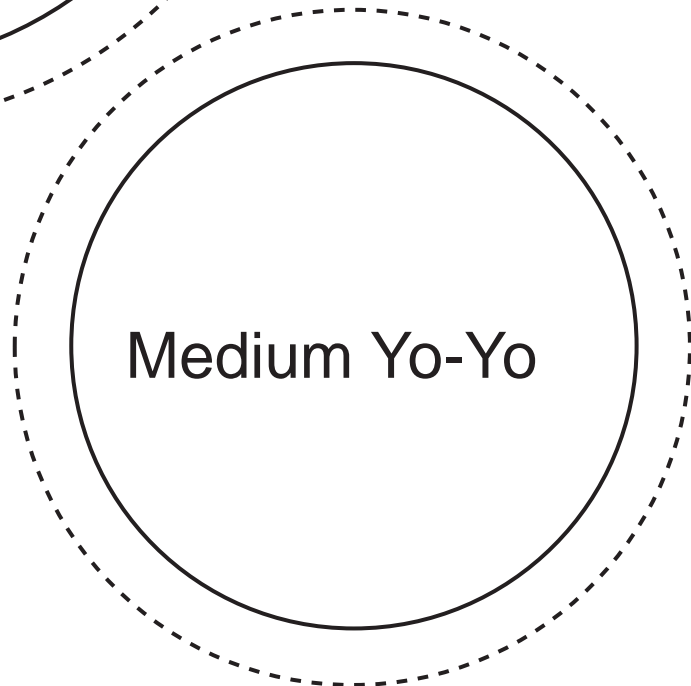
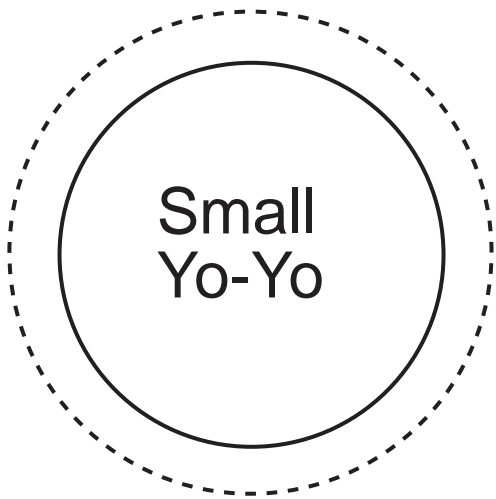
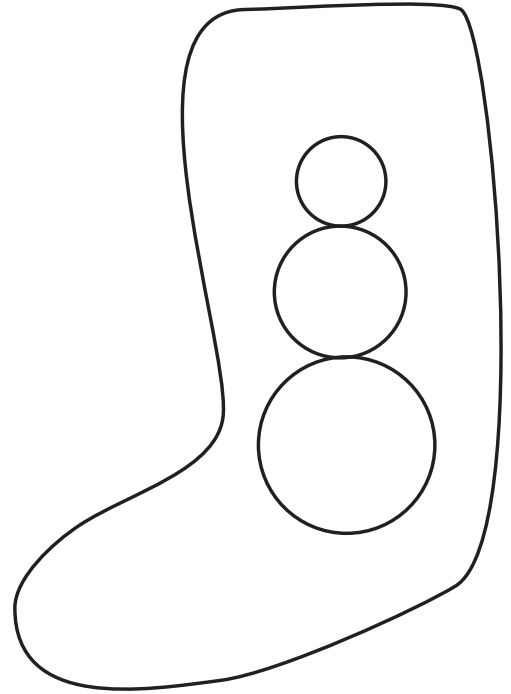
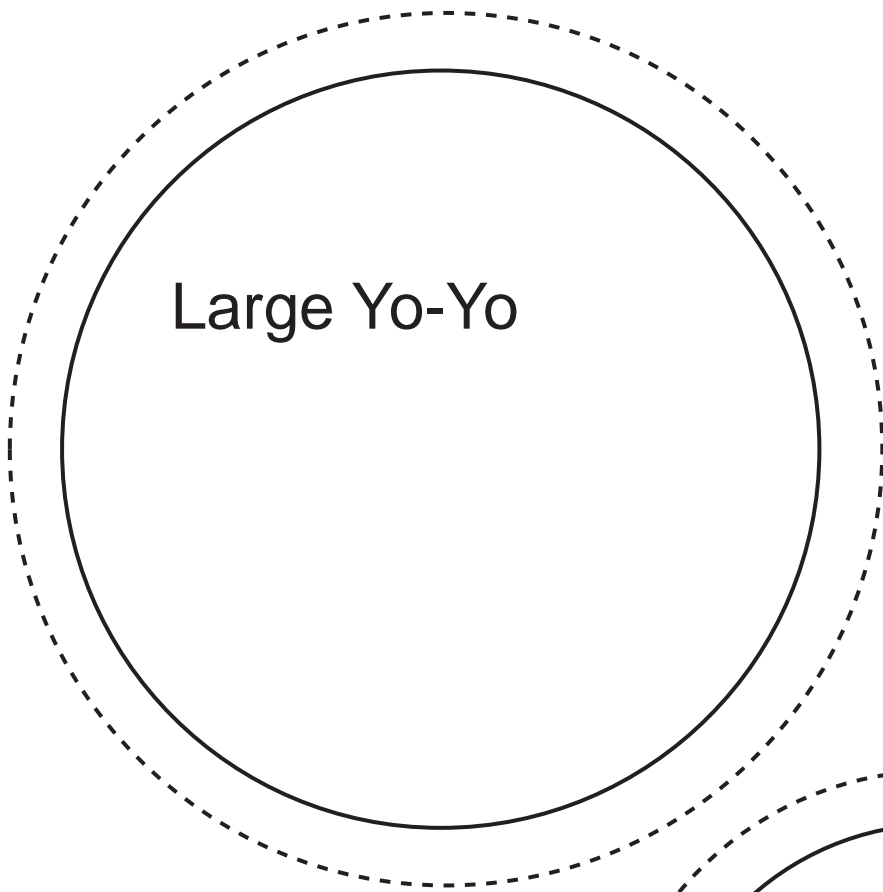
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