

## **ELIANA'S WALL HANGING/BANNER**

(Dimensions: 11.5" x 30.5")

Dimensions will vary with name and choice of borders.



For this banner, I used:

White cotton fabric as the background (see calculations below)

Fabric of your choice for the binding

Extra fabric of your choice for an added border strip (if a wider banner is wanted)

Fusible fleece (same calculations as for white cotton fabric below)

### **Machine embroidery designs:**

-Oma's Country Garden Alphabet

-Oma's Garden Time set 1, 2, 3 (optional)

-Elsa's stippling designs – I used the  
for **free** download available at:

<http://www.elsa.20megsfree.com/freebies.html>

(choose Giant stipple design zip which contains a left and right sided 5x7  
design)

### **Calculating fabric requirements:**

**Width** of banner: 12" (Cut 12" of white and apply the colored fabric borders  
overtop the white. You need to have equal thickness of border and  
white background fabric. If you don't cut the white fabric 12" wide, you will  
need to apply the fusible fleece to the border strips afterwards and that will create  
a rather thick seam (If you look very carefully you may notice on the photo above  
that that's what I did and now wish I hadn't! .

**Length** of banner:

Take your child's name, count the letters, and multiple x 5 inches for each  
letter, add 2 inches on both sides.

For example: Eliana has 6 letters in her name.

I calculated  $6 \times 5 = 30 + 4$  inches for the sides = 34" long

**Fusible Fleece:** 12"x the calculated length of the banner.

## **Constructing the Banner**

### **Some basic introduction to the project**

There are at least two ways to do this:

You can stitch out all the stippling first and then go back and place your lettering the way you like over the stippled area;

or:

You may merge your stippling and letter, having the stippling stitch out first, then each letter right over that. That is what I did and it seemed to work fine, except for the letter N and A at the end of the banner where you may notice that those two are very close together because of the large curve of the N on the left side and the curve of the A on the left side as well. The letters should never overlap or get into each other's space if you use this method, but you might come close to it. You will have somewhat different spaces between the lettering because of the different width of the letters. That did not bother me because it gave an opportunity for adding the little "extras" to make the banner less rigid and predictable.

You need to choose which method you want to do. I am showing what I did.

If you choose the first method (not shown here), it should still help you to look at placement of the stippling below. It is fairly easy to get that right if you have a larger than 5x7 hoop to do this in. It IS possible to do the stippling and lettering in the 5x7 hoop but you need to be very accurate with center placement because you have no "wiggle" room to move your needle, once you have everything hooped.

### **Instructions**

1. **Cut** your fabric and fusible fleece as calculated above.
2. **Fuse** the fleece to the background fabric back.
3. **Print out** a template of the 2 stippling designs - this can be done on vellum, a transparency, or just plain paper (which is what I did because I was out of the other two ☺) Cut the design printout so all you have in your hands is the actual stippling design and the frame around it indicating your embroidery frame.

There are two versions of this stippling design: one left side, one right side. It really is important that you pick the correct one so that your two sides line up without leaving a noticeable break between the two areas after stitchout. Don't be intimidated by this – it's really not hard. I'll show you some photos of how I did this. Mark your printed template with left and right – if you don't it can get "hairy".

4. **At the computer or machine:** Now merge your first (left sided) stippling design with your first letter to be sewn out. Make sure that the stippling stitches first, then the design. You can do this in some editing software such as Embird (which is what I use) or right at your machine. If you can't merge the two things – don't worry. Just stitch the stippling first, then load your design into your machine and stitch that over the stippling.
5. **Preparing your background fabric:** Take your strip of background fabric that has the fusible fleece applied to it and mark the center with disappearing ink. Make it a clear mark – it needs to last a while and depending on how many letters you have to stitch out you may find that if you don't make it a clear mark, you will have to re-find the center of the fabric strip and remark it.

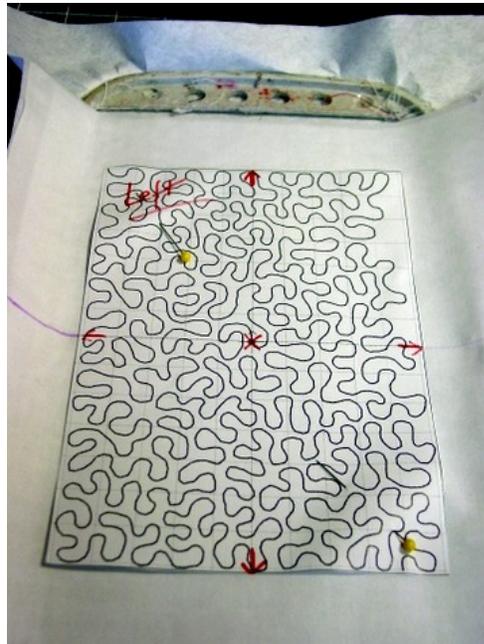


6. **Hoop medium weight tear away stabilizer.** If you have a hoop larger than the 5x7 hoop, use that. It makes placement easier. If not, that's fine, too.
7. **Make a mark 2" away from side of banner.** (Remember that you added 2" to the banner's length on both sides? )
8. **Spray inside of hoop with adhesive spray and place background fabric on top of it, making sure that hoop side notches and the center mark placed on the fabric match. I do this by "feeling" the notches and making sure the notches and the center mark "line up". In order to make your vertical center mark line up as well, you may wish to place a vertical line inside your frame before placing the fabric in it. I did not find that necessary since I thought the fabric was close enough for me to "eye" the matching up. Also, my frame was larger than the 5x7 so I had some moving room at the machine, ie I could move the needle into position over**

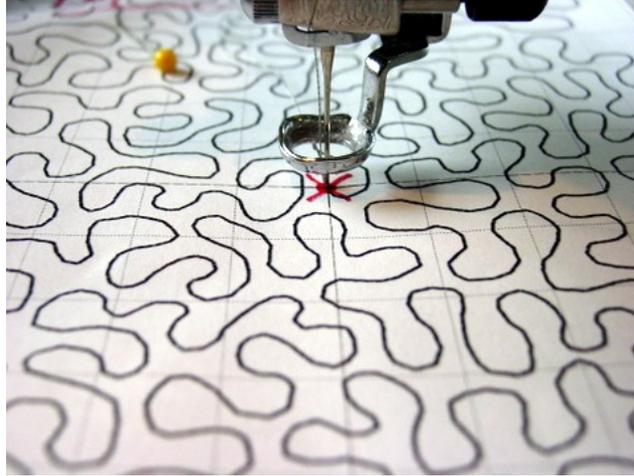
**the center mark on the paper. Secure fabric stabilizer with some straight pins placed along the inside of the hoop.**



- 9. Place your template right next to the 2" mark placed on the left side of the fabric strip, matching center lines, and secure in place with a couple of straight pins.**



10. Now place your frame, fabric, and template under your machine and make sure that the needle is directly in the center of your template.



11. Remove paper template (or vellum) and stitch your stippling.



12. **Now start stitchout of your lettering. Follow color stitchout instructions found in design download.** (See also pictorial instructions at

<http://www.omasplace.com/blog>



13. **Remove from hoop, tear away excess stabilizer.**
14. **Take right sided template and place next to previously stitched stippling, matching up the center lines, vertical and horizontal. Attach template to fabric with two or three straight pins.**
15. **Hoop medium tear away stabilizer and spray with adhesive.**
16. **Take fabric and template and place on top of stabilizer, using same method as above. Once centers have been matched, vertically and horizontally, secure with straight pins along the edge.**



In this photo you can see how I lifted the edge of the paper to make sure the stippling would be in the right position, so there is not too much of a gap between the stippling designs.

17. **Move needle into center of template (like shown above), remove template and start sewing the next stipple design and letter.**
18. **NOTE OF CAUTION: Be sure to “grab” the correct stippling – left or right. If not, they will not align properly.**
19. Keep following the same sequence – paying careful attention to the color stitch out sequence (included with your design purchase).
19. **Press banner once front stitched out.** (Don't worry if it's a little “wavy” After stitching out all the letters. Pressing and the addition of a binding/border will take care of that.)
20. **Apply borders as desired. Apply them over the extra fabric at the sides and tops of the banner.**
21. **Cut a piece of fabric same size as banner for the back.**
22. **Stitch out label on back, if desired.** (Available in free design section at [www.omasplace.com](http://www.omasplace.com)).
23. **Finish off with binding as desired.**
24. **Apply three hanger loops to the back of the wallhanging. I cut 3 5” strips of fabric, folded in half lengthwise, RST, and sewed narrow seam. Turned strips inside out, tucked them into each other and sewed to the back of the wallhanging. Ready for wooden dowel and some happy child's room!**



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