Joy Be with You

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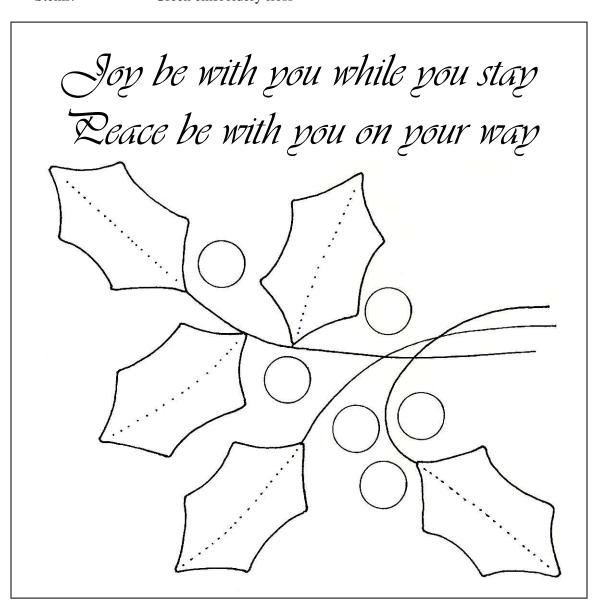
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Make this sweet block and use it as a small wall hanging, a table mat, part of a pillow – or frame it and hang it in a guest bedroom. To make it you need the following fabrics:

• Background: One 7-inch square of off-white

• Leaves: Two different 3 by 5 inch scraps of green

Berries: One 3 by 5 inch scrap of red
Frame: Four 2 by 9 inch strips of red
Border/binding: One fat quarter of green
Stems: Green embroidery floss

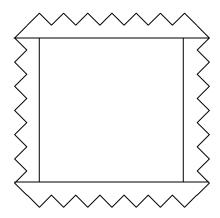


Instructions for Joy Be with You

To make this block, begin by tracing the applique pieces onto the dull side of freezer paper (available in most grocery stores, usually near the rolls of aluminum foil). Iron the freezer paper pieces (shiny side down) onto the associated fabric. Cut out the fabric pieces, adding an appropriate seam allowance. Pin or baste the pieces onto the off-white background fabric and applique them in place.

After you have completed the applique, trim your block to measure 6-1/2 inches square. Stitch the strips of red onto the left and right, and then the top and bottom sides of the block, pressing the unit flat after each strip has been added.

Trace the dogtooth border onto freezer paper and cut it out. Press the freezer paper onto each side of the block and mark that side with the applique pattern – the dogteeth are appliquéd in place. Clip the inside of the "V's" before you begin your applique.



Center the block with its dogtooth borders on an 11-inch square of green fabric and pin it in place. Applique the dogtooth borders to the green fabric.

To finish this block, use green embroidery floss and a stem stitch to stitch the stems in place. Use a permanent-ink Pigma pen and trace the lettering onto the block. Trim the block to measure 9-1/2 inches square.

Layer with batting and backing and quilt as desired – then bind it and you're done!

