

Palm Tree Camp Shirt Project by Mary Jane Allen
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Supplies:

Purchased plain white camp shirt

Teeny Tree Designs from Perfect Little Stitches

Small/Tiny Tree Designs from Perfect Little Stitches

Polymesh stabilizer

Embroidery threads: dark green, tan and medium green

Hoop just the polymesh stabilizer. Find the center of the back yoke. Center that over the stabilizer and pin. Embroider the tiny 1-1/2" coconut palm tree design. Trim stabilizer.

In your embroidery software, create a design that will help you accurately position the next two designs. Set your screen to actual size (1:1 format). Take the sleeve tab from the shirt and hold it up to the screen. Create a simple basting design just a bit wider than the tab. Select a new color then repeat this basting design, but make it just a bit narrower than the tab. Select the Teeny Coconut Palm Tree design and insert it into the design, placing it in the center of the basting. Save with a new name. Now take the entire design and mirror-image it for the second sleeve. Save with a new name.

Hoop the polymesh stabilizer. Select the tree design that will have the palm tree "facing" the front of the blouse. Stitch the first set of basting stitches. Center the sleeve tab between these stitches and pin or hold in place with your fingers. Now stitch the second set of basting stitches to hold the tab in place. Embroider the tree.

Repeat for the second tab, using the mirror-imaged design (so the tree faces the front of the blouse). Trim stabilizer.

Hoop just the polymesh stabilizer. Remove the pocket from the front of the shirt. Pin to the stabilizer, centering the pocket so the design will embroider in the middle of the pocket. Embroider the small 2" coconut palm tree on the pocket. Remove from hoop and trim away excess stabilizer.

Place pocket back on the blouse. Pin or baste into place (you should be able to see where the stitching was originally). Stitch into place.

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