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Supplies:

Trivet kit made for cross-stitch – sold by <http://www.mcgt textiles.com>

8" square of fabric (white for "Joy" or blue print for Polar Bear)

Candy Cane "Joy" or Polar Bear design from Perfect Little Stitches

Embroidery threads (green, dark green, white, red for "Joy") or
(off-white, dark grey, black, white for Polar Bear)

Tear-away stabilizer

Hoop fabric and stabilizer. Embroider design. Tear away excess stabilizer. Peel protective paper from the cardboard insert (part of the kit) and adhere to the back of the embroidered design. The design can be positioned squarely (as with the "Joy" design) or diagonally (as with the polar bear design). Smooth the fabric to the edges, pressing firmly all over the fabric to get good adhesion. Trim fabric near the cardboard. Put the plastic trivet face down on your work surface. Insert the embroidered fabric into the trivet, face down. Cut a square of corrugated cardboard 4-3/4" square. Center over the back of the embroidered square. Peel the protective paper from the cork square. Center the cork over the back of the trivet and press firmly in place, running your finger around the edges to secure the cork.

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