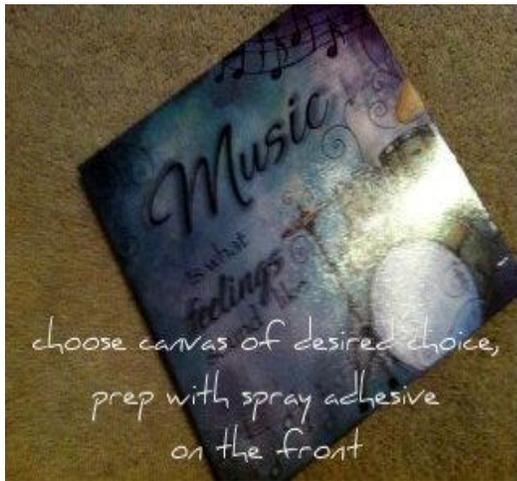




## *DIY Embroidery Canvas Art by Cassie Patel*

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Embroidery or Applique Designs make lovely gifts or home décor when stitched on canvas, linen, burlap or fabric. Once wrapped around canvases, it makes a truly custom one of a kind gift/presentation for a special occasion.



1. I generally pick up a cheap canvas decor pic from my local dollar store. You can certainly use a blank framed canvas as well. This canvas decor is 10x10, was purchased for a \$1 @ Dollar Tree. It does not matter what you use since

you are using it as a base to cover. Choose size of canvas based on your stitched piece.

2. After laying your stitched piece stitched side down, centered appropriately and prepping canvas with spray adhesive, lay canvas face down on fabric. Stretch and wrap the fabric around the frame, folding like you are wrapping. Secure with small bead of glue around edges and/or staples. Attach ribbon if desired with hot glue.
3. Final step, let's pretty up the back. Lately I use cutaway stabilizer to cover the backs. Works great, no fraying and no folding which results in less bulk. If you did not desire to attach a ribbon for hanging, you can attach a metal picture hanger now to back or you may display on an easel.
4. You are done!

Tips: I generally use canvas although I have used burlap and linens. I do not use duck cloth, too thick to work with for wrapping in my opinion. I actually buy the canvas dropcloths from the paint dept at WalMart. It works fabulously for this and obviously I have lots of canvas left over for more projects. I try to use a very thin bead of glue and I usually ask one of my boys to help me hold the fabric tight while I am securing it to the frame. I always use a cutaway stabilizer while stitching the desired object on my material, it eliminates puckering and does not interfere with the wrapping later.