

Stylish Baby Nursery: Fast & Fabulous Wall Art

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For each of our themed rooms, we like to have one idea dedicated to using up the scraps of fabric leftover from all the other projects. With the Stylish Baby Nursery, it's these adorable wall hangings. All you need is an inexpensive hand embroidery hoop, a square of fabric, a little glue or tape, and you're on your way to instant art.

Embroidery hoops for traditional hand embroidery are easy to find at your local fabric or craft store or online. The wooden ones come in the greatest variety of sizes, but are also the most expensive. We found some plastic ones that came in fun, bright colors – a perfect match for our Patty Young *Andalucia* fabric scraps.



1. First, pick your favorite fabric scrap. Take your hoop apart and use the inner hoop (the smaller of the two without the tightening screw at the top) as a template to figure out which part of the fabric's design you want to highlight as your art. Make sure the design will fit within the hoop the way you want it, and that you have at least 1" - 2" of extra fabric beyond

the hoop. You'll need this extra fabric to wrap around the hoop.

2. Use the inner hoop to draw a circle on the fabric with a fabric pencil or chalk.
3. Cut around this circle, but **NOT ON THE DRAWN LINE**; cut all the way around about 1" from your drawn line.



4. Place the inner hoop on a flat surface.
5. Cover the inner hoop with your cut fabric circle, adjusting to center your design and/or make sure any directional prints are straight.
6. Loosen the screw at the top of the outer hoop, and place the outer hoop over the inner hoop with its fabric covering. Press down evenly and firmly, stretching the fabric and snapping the outer hoop into place over the inner hoop.



7. Tighten the screw.
8. Gently tug the edges of the fabric circle to make sure it's stretched taut. If the design doesn't look straight or centered the way you like it, simply loosen the screw and start over.
9. Once you have the fabric just the way you want it, wrap the extra fabric to the inside of the hoop and either glue or tape into place. We found glue worked best on the wooden hoops and double-stick tape worked best on the plastic.



10. Your new artwork is very lightweight and so will easily hang from a push pin or small nail.



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