~Aurifil Holiday Blog Hop 2012~

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What you need~
2460 Aurifil 12wt thread.
10" square for background
10" X 15" light fusible interfacing.
1, fat 1/8 for main fabric.
6" square of light batting.
10" of ribbon

Lets begin~
*Trace the circle on the BACK of the fabric.
*Line up the circle with the pattern and trace the design
    onto the front of the fabric, using your chosen
    method. If desired, iron on fusible interfacing to
    the back.
*Stitch with Aurifil 12wt thread in red no. 2460
*All stitching is backstitch except: all dots are French
    knots, all loops are lazy daisy and all crosses are
    cross stitch.
*Press background fabric when you are done stitching.
*Using smaller template trace circle around your
    stitching. Be sure to center!
*With right sides together, layer stitching and interfacing together.
*Sew around the drawn circle. (Do not leave an opening.)
*Trim excess fabric/interfacing from drawn circle leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.
*Pull the interfacing away from the stitching and clip a small X in the center of the interfacing.
*Turn the stitching right side out through the clipped hole. Smooth edges to form your circle again.
    (Don't press yet! But finger press as need to get a crisp circle.)
*Cut and layer (2) 6" main fabric squares with right side together and place layered squares on your
    light batting.
*Trace large template circle onto wrong side of main fabric square.
*Fold ribbon in half and pin in between the layered squares, to top edge of drawn circle, matching rough
    edges and folded edge toward center of circle.

*Sew around the drawn circle through all layers of main fabric squares and batting.
*Trim excess fabric/batting from drawn circle leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.
*Pull the top main square away from the other square/batting and clip a small X in the
        center of the top square (Be sure to not clip the bottom square!).
*Turn the main fabric right side out through the clipped hole. Smooth edges to form your
        circle again. Press.
*With clipped hole areas together, place stitched circle in center of main circle. (Be sure to
        center!)
*Using a button hole/blanket stitch, stitch circles together. Press.
*Enjoy!