On the front of the work, measure a line 2.5cm (1in) away from the stitched area and mark lightly with a pencil. Place a border strip on the bottom edge of the work, right sides together and matching the long edge of the strip and the pencil line. Machine sew 6mm (1/4in) in from the raw edge. Flip open the border. In a counter-clockwise manner, sew the remaining three borders around the work and then press.

With the work right side down, centre the fusible fleece on the back and then the backing fabric and fuse the layers together with a medium iron. Trim the edges if needed.

Cut the binding into four equal lengths. Pin a length to the bottom border, right sides together and matching raw edges, and sew in place. Fold the binding to the back of the work, tuck under the edge, pin and hand sew the binding to the backing. Repeat with the top binding and then the sides.

8 To make the hanging tabs, fold a 3.8×10 cm ($1\% \times 4$ in) piece of fabric in thirds lengthways. Sew a seam lengthways to secure. Repeat to make two more tabs. Fold each tab in half and sew to the top edge on the back of the hanging.

Finish by sewing decorative buttons on each corner of the embroidery. Slip the dowel through the tabs and attach to the hanger.

'Love one another bu make not a bondage c love; let it rather be a moving sea between th shores of your souls.' (Kahil Gibran)





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