

# Tiny Fingers Poem

I first saw this many years ago at my friend Susan's house and asked permission to make a copy. This thoughtful sentiment is sure to tug the heartstrings of any parent and win you "mucho kudos" for creating a family treasure that's sure to be a generational keeper. The perfect gift for Mother's Day or Father's Day! I made this rendition with our Singer Computerized but any machine that sews an alphabet can be used to complete this project.



## **Materials for each Tiny Finger's Picture:**

15" x 18" rectangle of satin, linen or silk fabric backed with heavy interfacing.

Good quality contrasting thread.

1 17" x 20" frame and matting with 10" x 13" opening.

Finger fabric paints

**Poem:**

**I know you get discouraged  
Because I am so small  
And always leave my fingerprints  
On furniture and walls.**

**But everyday I'm growing  
I'll be all grown up someday  
And all the smudgies that I did  
Will surely fade away**

**So here's another bunch of them  
Just so you can recall  
Exactly how my fingers looked  
When I was very small**

- 1) Use a grid ruler as a guide to make horizontal poem lines. Use your iron to press the guide lines where your poem will be sewn or use a disappearing marker and ruler to draw the lines.
- 2) Program your machine one line at a time and begin sewing the poem. Remember to use the space digit when programming. Make sure you have marked the left margin orientation so all your lines can begin on the same plane.
- 3) Involve the children in "finger painting" their fingertips around the verses. Allow each child to choose a different color paint. Let it dry.
- 4) Mount the poem in a frame of your choice. You may want to decorate the mat board. Try decorative stitch patterns, fun and fanciful trims, reverse bobbin stitching or simply attach a collection of buttons! Now you have a new Family Heirloom~~~