

ITALIAN LACE FREESTANDING EMBROIDERY

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Stitchitize has created these designs in embroidery to emulate the heirloom look and quality of hand-sewn Italian lace. Stitch types, angles, and fills have been used to produce a special effect. These designs can be used in home decor (doilies, framed art, table linens) and fashion (collar insets, hems, trims)

1. Roll and insert a bobbin to match top thread. For a more authentic Italian lace look, we recommend using a 40 - 60 weight cotton-look polyester thread in white.

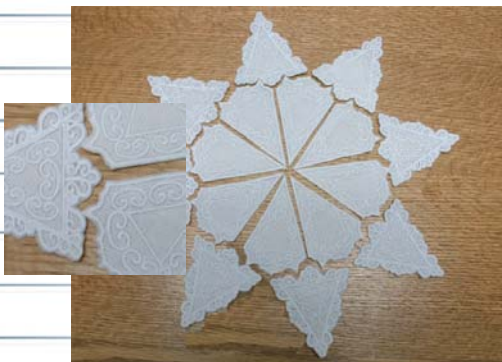


2. Hoop 2 layers of water-soluble stabilizer. The fabric-like stabilizers such as H2O gone or Aqua-Magic sew and dissolve best. Plastic film stabilizers do not work well for lace.



3. Sew entire design. Remove from hoop and trim excess stabilizer from edges. If you are sewing more than one design in order to piece together (doily, vase, etc.) or adding to fabric (tablecloth trim, collar insert) DO NOT wet down until sewn together. Trim the stabilizer as close to the stitches as possible without cutting the embroidery. If you are not piecing/sewing together, such as a single floral design for framing, advance to step 5.

NOTE: Italian lace butterflies pieces can be sewn, wet down, dried, and assembled using a hot glue gun.



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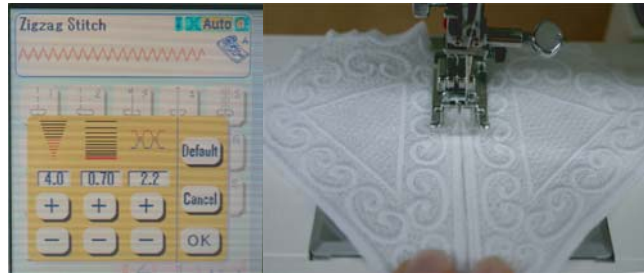
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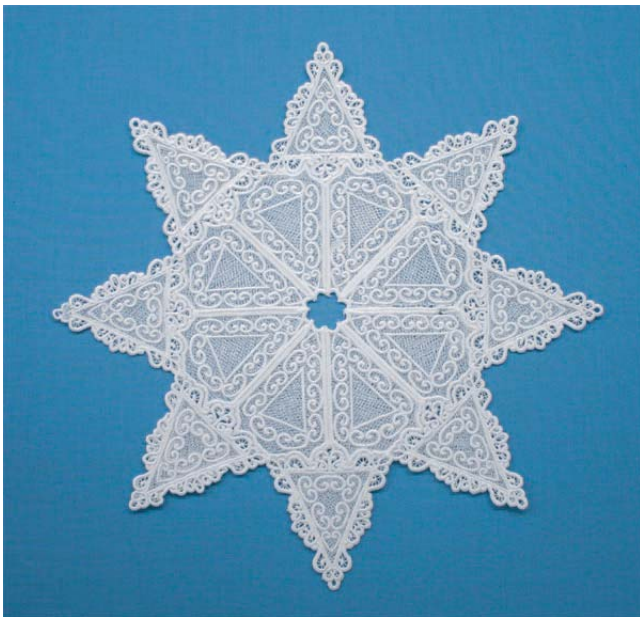
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4. Once all pieces for your project have been sewn and trimmed, set your sewing machine to Zig-Zag with a stitch length of 4 and a spacing of 0.70. Using the same thread and bobbin and with the edges of 2 pieces touching but not overlapping, slowly sew each piece together. Be sure to backtack at each end of seams.



5. Once all pieces have been sewn together, soak 2-3 times in warm water to rinse all stabilizer away. Press if necessary and let dry approx. 24 hours. If you are making a doily, place several heavy books over it in order that it dries flat.

8 Point Star Doily



Framed Butterfly



Butterfly Brooch

