

English Tea Set Doilies & Edges (Lace)

Dress up your next tea party with a charming freestanding lace set. Round and oval doilies provide elegant resting spots for a teapot, sugar bowl, creamer, and saucers. Embroidered with cotton thread, this ensemble is warm, hearty, and soft.

And, add lace edging to linen napkins, and then wrap the napkin in a cuff for a wonderful addition to a place setting. Read the project instructions below for more details!

Supplies

Supplies needed:

**Water-Soluble

Stabilizer

**Cloth napkins

**Paper Towels

**Needle and thread

for some hand-

sewing

Designs Used:

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Steps To Complete

These project instructions show you how to embroider freestanding lace, with special emphasis on adding lace edging to a linen napkin, and making a napkin cuff.



Hoop one piece of water-soluble stabilizer (WSS). We use Sulky Ultra Solvy.

(To see Kenny testing different brands of WSS, and to see how each holds up when used for freestanding lace, [click here](#).)



Because freestanding lace is two-sided, and both sides of the embroidery will be seen, wind a bobbin with the same thread that you'll be using in the needle.



Embroider the designs. We use a size 11 sharp needle when embroidering free-standing lace.

The napkin cuff is available as one single design, and it's also available in two pieces for working in smaller hoops. If you're working with the smaller pieces, embroider one left and one right piece for the cuff.



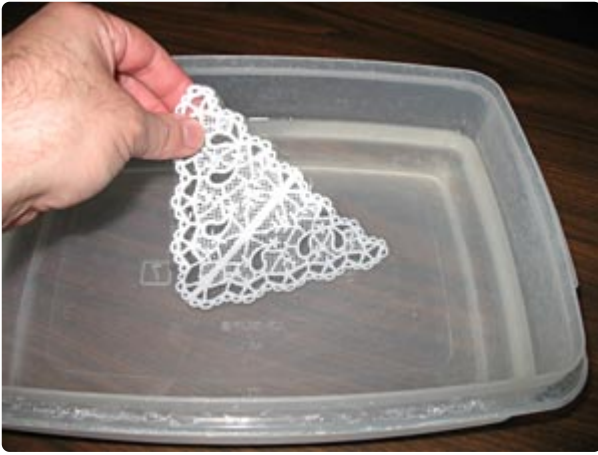
After each design has finished, unhoop the stabilizer and cut away the excess WSS. Trim as close to the embroidery as possible, without cutting any of the stitches.

Set the scraps of WSS aside -- you can make spray starch with them later, if you wish.



(If you are working with the cuff in one piece, skip this step.)

Sew both pieces of the napkin cuff together using a zig-zag stitch.



Soak the WSS away according to the package instructions.

If using Sulky Ultra Solvy, soak in hot tap water for about 15 minutes.



Blot the excess water away with a paper towel, and allow lace to dry completely.



Bring the two ends of the cuff together, and with a needle and thread, sew them together.

Next, we'll add edging to a linen napkin. To do this, we chose to embroider the lace border with thread that closely matches the napkin's color, giving a tone-on-tone effect.



The size of our napkin allowed us to add three of the large borders to each side.

Once you have determined how many borders you'll need to embroider, follow the same steps as above: embroider onto WSS, soak away, allow to dry. Then, pin them in place on the napkin.



Using a zipper foot and a straight stitch, sew the lace to the napkin.



Roll the napkin, and slide the cuff over it. A beautiful addition to any place setting!