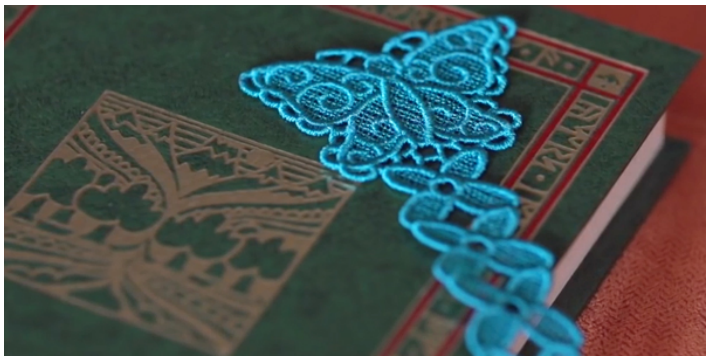
Freestanding Lace Bookmarks



Keep track of your page while reading with a stunning embroidered lace bookmark. Intricate stitches add striking look to the design, while water-soluble stabilizer makes it surprisingly simple to master.

Supplies

Water-soluble stabilizer (Vilene or Sulky Ultra Solvy)
Freestanding lace bookmark design

Products Used

Butterfly Bookmark (Lace) (Sku: ESP21024-1)

Steps To Complete

Most embroidery designs are stitched onto fabric. But freestanding lace designs are specially digitized for watersoluble stabilizer. When that water-soluble stabilizer is soaked away, beautiful lace remains behind.

There two brands of watersoluble stabilizer that are recommended. One is clear and plastic, and that brand is Sulky Ultra Solvy. The other is soft and fibrous, called Vilene. Both will work very well. Vilene is used in this demonstration.

Use a size 11 or 75/11 sharp sewing needle, not an embroidery needle. A sewing needle has a smaller, finer point than an embroidery needle. That means it will make smaller holes in the stabilizer.

Freestanding lace is seen from both sides, so wind a bobbin with the same thread that you're using in the needle.

Bookmarks are long and narrow, so take special care to hoop the stabilizer firmly. If the sides are loose, you may experience gaps in stitches, and misalignment.

Use 40 weight rayon or polyester thread. You can also use 30 weight cotton or metallic thread for freestanding lace bookmarks.

After embroidering, cut the excess stabilizer away.

The stabilizer's packaging should give instructions for removing the excess. For Vilene, soak the lace pieces for a few moments.

Air dry, and press.

These lace bookmarks are a gorgeous way to mark your place while read, and make fabulous gifts, too! Slip them in a card or a book as an extra-special surprise for friends and family.