

Freestanding Lace Earrings

Light, lacy earrings are a stunning addition to any wardrobe (and a gorgeous gift for your favorite fashionista!). Made from miniature lace, it's a stylish way to transform beautiful embroidery into show stopping accessories.

Supplies

Water soluble stabilizer (like Vilene or Sulky Ultra Solvy)
10mm jump rings
1" earring hooks or clamps

Tools

Jewelry or needle nose pliers

Products Used

Creeping Cat (Miniature Lace) (Sku: ESP22484-1)

Heart (Miniature Lace) (Sku: ESP30788-1)

Fancy (Miniature Lace) (Sku:



Steps To Complete



Freestanding lace designs have been specially digitized for water-soluble stabilizer. After the stabilizer is removed, beautiful lace remains.



There are a couple of different kinds of water-soluble stabilizer. 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. A sharp sewing needle has a smaller, finer point than an embroidery needle. That means it will make smaller holes in the stabilizer.



40 weight rayon or polyester thread can be used when embroidering freestanding lace designs. You can also use 30-35 weight cotton thread, or metallic.

As this design will be seen from both sides, wind a bobbin to match every thread color used in the design.



Freestanding embroidery earrings sew out exactly like lace earrings except that they have multiple thread colors.

If sewing a design with multiple thread colors, make sure to wind a bobbin to match every thread color, so both sides of the match.



Hoop the stabilizer firmly. Make sure it is nice and tight with no wrinkles.

Attach the hoop to the machine, and load file "A".



Follow the color change sheet to embroider the entire design. Make sure to match the bobbin to every upper thread color used in the design.

Slowing down the embroidery speed of your machine can be helpful when sewing small lace designs.



After embroidering, trim away the excess stabilizer.



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



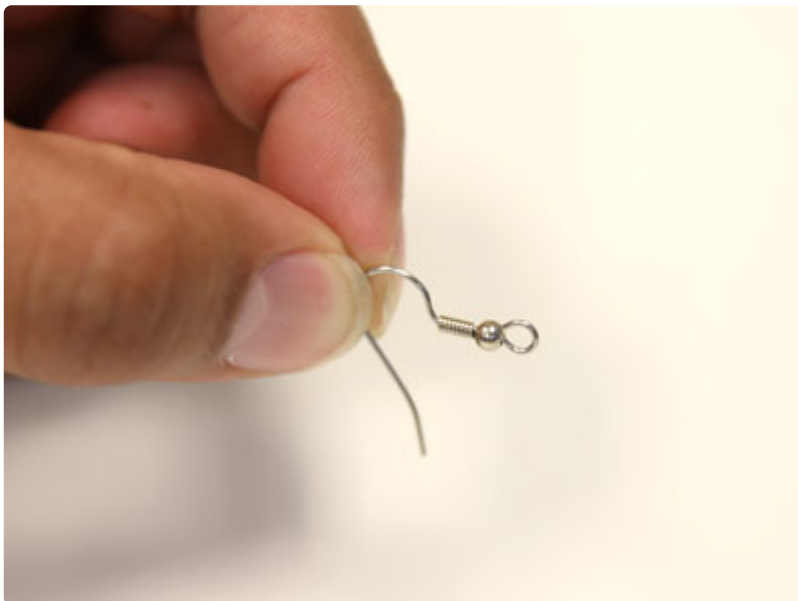
Allow the lace to air dry. Then press it flat using an iron with pressing cloth on top. If the design has fringe, also press the fringe so it lays nicely.

If your design has fringe, it needs to be cut.



After pressing, use either a seam ripper or a pair of small scissors to carefully cut the fringe along the bottom edge. This will open the fringe so it is no longer made of loops.

To make the fringe fluffier, use your finger, and run it along the edge to help fluff up the edges of the fringe.



To add earring hardware, first bend the bottom loop of two of the earring hooks so that the loop faces forward.



Bend two jump rings open slightly and add a ring to the top of each piece of lace.



Loop the jump rings through the bottom of the earring hooks and bend the rings back in place.



Update your favorite outfit with these stunning lace earrings. A fun and fashionable way to show off your embroidery skills!



Use miniature holiday lace designs to create earrings perfect for any special occasion! This black cat adds a spooky look to your outfit on Halloween.



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