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Free-Standing Lace Embroidery Design Collection

## Lace Card Instructions

## Items you will need:

Fibrous water soluble stabilizer
Bobbin(s) to wind
Rayon thread that coordinates with the cardstock
Precut cards and envelopes ( 5 " $\times 7$ " cards for the larger design or $41 / 4$ " X $51 / 2 "$ cards for smaller design)
Coordinating cardstock for the card layer(s)
Embellishments
Double-sided tape or glue to adhere the cardstock
Lace design of your choice
We suggest that you wind your bobbin with the thread you will use when you embroider the lace designs.

1. Wind bobbin with the rayon thread you will use to embroider the design.
2. Hoop two pieces of fibrous water soluble stabilizer using smallest hoop possible and one design per hoop.
3. Embroider the design. We recommend adjusting the tension down (less).
4. Trim fibrous water soluble stabilizer close to the design(s).
5. Place the embroidered piece in a plate of warm water to dissolve the stabilizer. Pour the water off and let sit to dry.
6. Lay embroidered piece on a flat surface to dry further. Press if necessary.
7. Trim thread from lock down stitches.
8. Print or stamp Christmas greeting inside of card if desired.
9. Cut cardstock layer(s). Adjust your paper layers for the card and lace design size.
10. Mark the area on the top layer of cardstock where the lace will be attached.
11. Add embellishments.
12. Add lace.
13. Adhere top layer of cardstock with embellishments to the front of the card.


## Ideas on attaching the lace to the card

- Brads - use a paper hole punch to make an opening for the brad. There is a wide variety of brads but, if you are having a hard time finding a brad that will coordinate with your paper, paint plain silver or gold that you can find at your local office store.
- Ribbon - if the card is long enough add ribbon to hang the lace design on the tree as an ornament.
- Cording or yarn-stitch the lace to the card with cording or yarn.


## Card Ideas

- Embellish cardstock with coordinating stickers.
- Stamp cardstock with coordinating images and lettering.
- Emboss cardstock with coordinating images and lettering.
- Cut your cards from cardstock. Adjust your paper layers for the card size.
- Cut envelopes from lightweight cardstock with or without a pattern. Envelope templates come in a variety of sizes.

The items listed above are available at most craft stores.
Precut cards, cardstock and envelopes may be available at your local print shop.

## Embroidery Ideas

- Embroider a design on the front of a wine bag. Close the top of the bag with ribbon.
- Embroider a design on a gift bag.
- Accent a gift bag handle with the lace ornament.
- Add embroidered pieces to scrapbook pages.
- Make a quilted Christmas wall hanging.
- The lace designs look great hanging in a window or on a mirror. The suction cup hooks are available at a hardware store.
- Starch the lace for a bookmarker or to accent a scrapbook page.


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