

# A Bit of Stitch

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Pansy Lace Freebie

## Small Pansy face only motif Directions

- Lightly spray the bottom of the inside hoop with temporary spray adhesive. (Your hoop will clean up easily with denatured alcohol later, found in the hardware department. This extra step will help prevent slipping of the hooped stabilizer during stitching.)
- Hoop one layer of water-soluble, fabric type stabilizer. (Water-soluble film type stabilizer is **NOT** recommended.) You may need to pull slightly on the stabilizer to create a firm, taut foundation. Floppy, wrinkled or loose stabilizer will result in misaligned stitches!
- Place one or two more pieces of water-soluble, fabric type stabilizer over the back of the hoop. Hold them in place with a very light coat of temporary spray adhesive. (Too much adhesive may cause thread breakage.) Pull the stabilizer firmly over the back, sealing all the edges of the hoop. This extra step will help prevent excessive movement of the hooped stabilizer, resulting in prettier and stronger lace. *Note: If the water-soluble stabilizer you are using is very sturdy, two layers will be sufficient. However, if it is thin and stretchy, use at least 3 layers.*
- Stitch the design using the same color of thread in the bobbin. Lightweight thread creates finer, more delicate lace.
- Remove the stabilizer according to the manufacturer's directions. Press on the wrong side using a press cloth.

Add a bit of ribbon and make a bookmark! ☺

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