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Tassel Freebie

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Important!!!!

1. If your machine has an automatic thread jump cutter, please turn it off before loading the tassel designs!!!
2. Your embroidery software or machine may not show the bottom of the tassels. THAT'S OK!!! Stitch them out anyway!! ☺

TASSEL INSTRUCTIONS (FREESTANDING)



1. Hoop two pieces of water soluble stabilizer. (One piece will not be strong enough, and you will get a hole at the bottom of the tassel!) Use a size 80/12 or 90/14 sharp needle.
2. Since the tassel will be seen from both sides, the bobbin thread and top thread need to match in color. Make sure you have plenty of thread on your bobbin before you start sewing the bottom of the tassel. It takes a little less than ¼ of a bobbin for this sequence.

Tassels sewn with 40 weight rayon thread look really nice. Metallic and polyester tassels tend to look a little stiff. The tassel pictured above was sewn with polyester thread. The little dress tassel pictured throughout this guide have been sewn with rayon thread. Variegated threads look wonderful! Cotton threads do not work well.

3. To sew the bottom of the tassel, you may need to adjust your machine tension so that the bobbin thread is pulled toward the top. For example, my normal embroidery tension is 2.0. To sew the tassel, I have to increase my tension to 4.75. You want the top thread and bobbin thread to meet at the bottom of the tassel. All machines are different,

Tips for a Perfect Tassel!

1. Use TWO pieces of medium weight water soluble stabilizer. Aqua Mesh or Vilene work really well.
2. Hoop the stabilizer tightly.
3. Use good thread – old, dried out thread tends to break.
4. If your machine comes with a vertical thread holder, use it. This will hold the upper thread a little tighter while your embroidery machine sews the long stitches.
5. Use the smallest hoop possible to sew your tassel.

so experiment to see which tension works the best for you. Some of the people who tested this tassel on different machines did not have to change their tension at all.

4. Sew the rest of the design with normal tension. Trim the stabilizer around the tassel.

5. You can finish the ends of the tassel two ways- cut or uncut. If you prefer a fun, loopy look, leaves the ends uncut and skip to the next step.



To cut the tassel, use a straight edge to trim the bottom of the tassel. Make sure you are trimming both the bobbin and top threads. You will lose a little of the length.



6. Rinse the tassel with warm water to dissolve the stabilizer. Soak the tassel in diluted liquid fabric softener for a few minutes and rinse again. Lay the tassel flat or hang it up to dry. If the tassel does not dry straight, it will develop a serious case of “bad hair!” When it is dry, “flick” the ends to make it cute and fluffy.

7. Use a few hand stitches to sew the tassel to your project. Projects with tassels will need to be washed by hand. If you prefer to wash your items by machine, you will need to remove the tassel first, as you would with any expensive button.

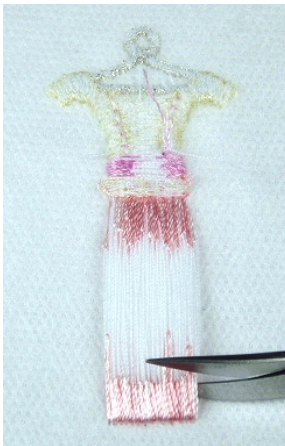


TASSEL INSTRUCTIONS (FOR TASSELS SEWN DIRECTLY ON FABRIC)

1. Hoop your fabric with a medium weight stabilizer.



2. Use regular bobbin thread to embroider the tassel as you would any other design. Use your normal tension setting. You may need to adjust the tension, as described in Step 4 above. The tassel shown was sewn with regular embroidery tension on my machine.



3. Turn the tassel over and clip the bottom just underneath the bobbin threads.

4. From the front, pull the threads through the fabric. If you wish, you can trim the bobbin threads on the back.

5. Use an iron to steam out the holes made in the fabric at the bottom of the tassel.

6. Wash items with tassels by hand, and hang to dry. Make sure the little tassels are laying flat before they dry!

COLOR CHART

The colors given are just a guideline; please try using your own colors. They are also pretty sewn in just one color or with metallic threads. The tassels look really nice with variegated thread. All designs need to be stabilized.

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Color Order

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| Color 1 | Light Pink (Tassel) – Make sure tension is adjusted correctly! |
| Color 2 | Dark Pink (Tassel Decoration) – Change tension back to normal! |



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