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## Daisy Cutwork Freebie

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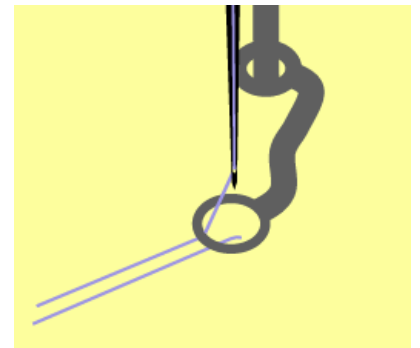
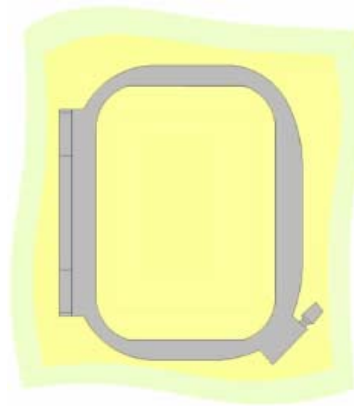
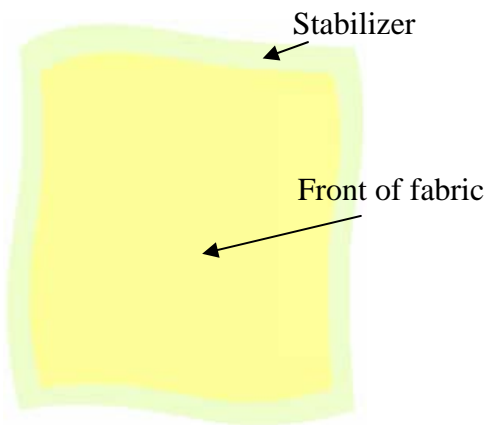
### SUPPLIES

- Water-soluble mesh stabilizer
- 80/12 sharp embroidery needle
- Embroidery and bobbin thread
- Embroidery nips
- 505 or Sulky KK2000 Adhesive Spray



### DAISY CUTWORK INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions are for Daisy Cutwork Flower 1 in the Daisy Cutwork set. The freebie has a slightly different order. Please read the instructions for flower1 to see the cutwork method, then follow the color chart on pages 4 for the freebie.

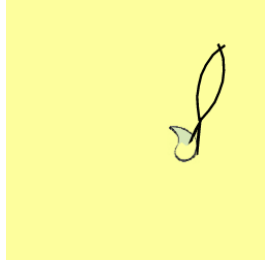
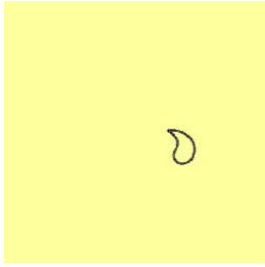


1. Spray the back of your fabric with adhesive spray. Place it over a piece of wash-away mesh stabilizer. You **MUST** adhere the fabric to the stabilizer to insure a clean stitchout. This will keep your fabric from shifting when you cut out the cutwork area. Always spray your fabric far away from your machine.
2. Hoop the fabric and stabilizer together.
3. To stitch a nice, “clean” design, pull the bobbin thread to the top before you start stitching each sequence. This will prevent the tail of the bobbin thread from getting caught under the stitching in the cutwork area, which is very difficult to cut away and leaves your design looking messy. To do this, lower your needle and bring it back up. Use the top thread to pull the bobbin thread up through the fabric.

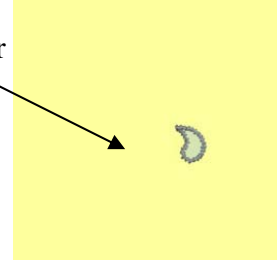


### TIP

Hold your hoop by the hoop!! It's easy to push your fingers through the fabric if you hold the hoop as shown. This is a common mistake, and your fingers will displace the fabric. This will lead to an unattractive and imperfect stitchout.

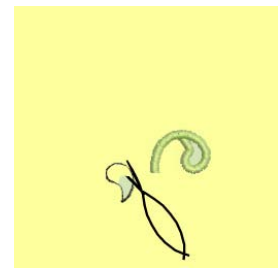


Stabilizer

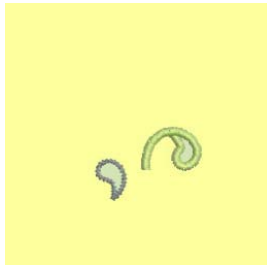


4. Sew the first sequence. This is the cutting line for the cutwork area. Use the same thread that you will use for the cutwork finish.
5. Take the hoop out of the machine. Use the point of your scissors or a seam ripper to start a small hole inside the cutwork area. Use a pair of sharp embroidery nips to cut out the **fabric only** inside the stitched guideline. **DO NOT CUT THE STABILIZER!** This needs to stay in place to hold your fabric in position! Trim the fabric **very close** to the stitch line, but do not cut the stitches.
6. Place the hoop back in the machine. Sew the tackdown for the cutwork area. Use the same thread that you will use for the cutwork finish. When your machine stops, trim any “whiskers” (fibers sticking out of the tackdown stitching).

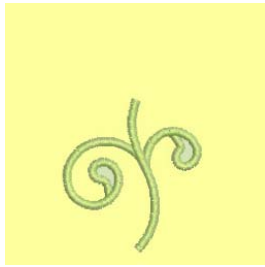
**Make sure that your hoop is sitting on a flat surface while you trim the fabric. Be careful not to loosen the fabric inside the hoop.**



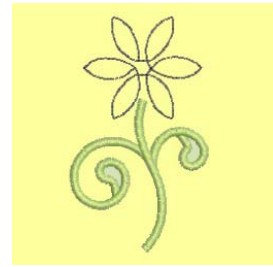
7. Sew the cutwork finish.
8. Sew the next sequence. This is the cutting line for the next cutwork area. Use the same thread that you will use for the cutwork finish.
9. Take the hoop out of the machine and trim fabric from the inside of the stitched line. Each time you remove the hoop, trim any threads that are on the back of the hoop as well.



10. Place the hoop back in the machine. Sew the tack-down for the cutwork area. Use the same thread that you will use for the cutwork finish. When your machine stops, trim any “whiskers” (fibers sticking out of the tack-down stitching).



11. Sew the cutwork finish.

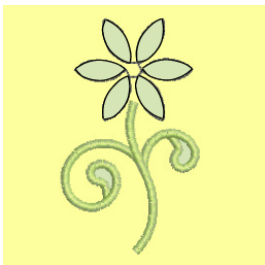


12. Sew the cutting line for the flower cutwork area.

**Be careful not to bump the embroidery arm on your machine - even the smallest nudge can misalign it!**



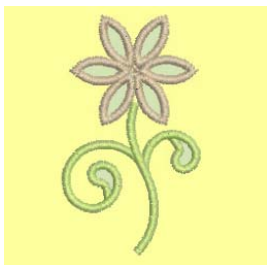
13. Take the hoop out of the machine and trim fabric from the inside of the stitched line. Each time you remove the hoop, trim any threads that are on the back of the hoop as well.



14. Cut away the inside of all of the flower petals.



15. Place the hoop back in the machine. Sew the tackdown for the cutwork area. Remember to trim any “whiskers” at the end of this sequence.



16. Sew the cutwork finish.



17. Sew the flower center.

18. Take your project out of the hoop. Rinse with warm water until it feels like the stabilizer is completely gone. Soak the item in a container of soapy water for a little while to make sure that ALL of the stabilizer is dissolved. Rinse your item again thoroughly, and lay flat to dry.

## TIP

If you accidentally cut part of the stabilizer, “float” a small piece of stabilizer under the cut. To do this, cut a small piece of stabilizer slightly larger than the cutout area, and use spray adhesive to hold it to the bottom of your hoop.

If you accidentally cut all of the stabilizer, float a small piece of stabilizer under the cutwork area, and sew the cutting line again (go back one thread color on your machine) to hold it in place before going on to the next thread sequence.

## WASHING AND IRONING

1. Treat your cutwork item as you would any other delicate heirloom. Wash the cutwork item by hand. Use a detergent that will not harm your fabric. If your fabric is linen, remember to use a gentle detergent that does not contain chlorine bleach, as this will break down the fibers and ruin the linen.
2. Hang the item and allow it to dry naturally.
3. Before your project has dried completely, iron it at a setting appropriate for your fabric. Remember to iron from the back or use a pressing cloth so that the embroidery does not get flattened.

## COLOR CHART

### DAISY CUTWORK FREEBIE

1. Cutting line - leaf
2. Tackdown - leaf
3. Finish - leaf
4. Cutting line - flower
5. Tackdown - flower
6. Finish - flower
7. Flower center



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## RESOURCES

- Stabilizer: [allstitch.net](http://allstitch.net) (Vilene)
- Adhesive Spray: [allstitch.net](http://allstitch.net) (505 adhesive spray or Sulky KK2000) Please do not use Dritz adhesive spray, as it does not wash out.
- Embroidery Nips: [www.toolsandgadgets.net](http://www.toolsandgadgets.net)

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