

Lace Christmas Bells by Just 4 Lace

Create delightful little bells for your Christmas tree this year.

Materials You Need:

- *Water soluble Vilene non woven (hoop 2 layers at a time)
- *Marathon 40wt thread (Rayon or Polyester)
- *[Christmas Bell Embroidery Designs](#) from Just 4 Lace



Freestanding Lace Christmas Bells Directions

These directions have been made for the Freestanding Lace Christmas Bell designs. The same method applies for any of the 3D Freestanding Lace designs from Just 4 Lace, so you can see from this tutorial how easy the Freestanding Lace designs are to make.

1. Water-soluble Vilene looks similar to normal Vilene, except it dissolves in water. It dissolves quickly in cold or hot water and it is not sticky like the plastic version and does not stretch as much.



2. Hoop two layers of this water soluble Vilene and start stitching out the design as you normally would on a piece of fabric. Use any thread colors of your choice.



3. Cut away most of the soluble. It makes the stitching together easier when you can see the satin edges next to each other - Careful not to cut the satin stitches.

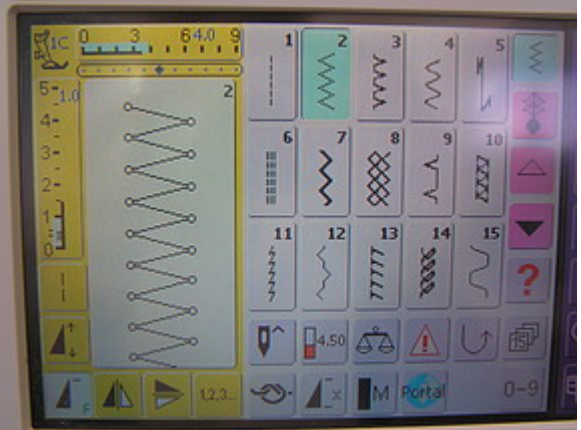


4. Using the same color thread as the satin edge or invisible thread, start stitching the side panels together

5. If you want your wrong side to look as neat as your right side, use the same color thread in the bobbin area



6. Use a zig zag stitch wide enough to cover both sides of the satin edges



7. When you get to the bottom edge pull the ends open so that the two satin edges lies next to each other while stitching.



8. Do the same with all the other sides



9. To close the last two sides, push the bell down at the back so that it does not get caught in the motion of the foot. Gently pull the sides together as you sew.



10. Your bell should look like this now. Note that the Vilene is still in place
11. **DO NOT RINSE BEFORE ASSEMBLY** as the Vilene hardens when dried and makes the stitching together almost impossible with a sewing machine when dry.



12. Hold upside down under a luke warm running tub, it should be warm enough so that you don't burn, not hot as this tends to stretch the thread.



13. Place on top of a bottle or as you can see to your right, I dry mine on top of a cone of cotton, just make sure your bell is not dripping when drying on top of a cone.



14. To help keep the shape while its drying I use a large chicken egg for a mold ;0) I found however that this is not always necessary as the bells holds its shape beautifully without molding it around a egg.



15. Add a cord or ribbon to the top and its ready to be hung.



I am sure you will enjoy creating bells as much as I did

Warm Hugs

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