

Machine Embroidery: Filet Crochet

- If you decide to use cotton thread for a more traditional look use a good quality, long fiber thread and, remember, cotton thread will shrink.
- Traditionally a filet crochet design set is stitched all in one color. You can use any color; white, natural, beige are very common for stand-alone design sets or use a color matching thread to match a surrounding fabric.
- The bobbin should be wound with the same thread and color you are using for the top stitch.
- Use a water soluble embroidery stabilizer and backing that is used for free standing lace. You'll know it is the right product if what you are using looks and feels like a fabric. Do not use the clear plastic like water soluble stabilizer.

Get Ready... Get Set... Let's Go!

Cut a section of water soluble stabilizer to fit the hoop for the size design you are using. Load the stabilizer onto your hoop as you any other stabilizer. Select the design you wish to stitch and load it in to your machine. Thread your machine with top thread and bobbin. And Go!

When your design is complete remove the hoop from the machine and the design from the hoop. Cut away the stabilizer from the outside of your complete design

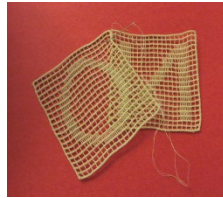
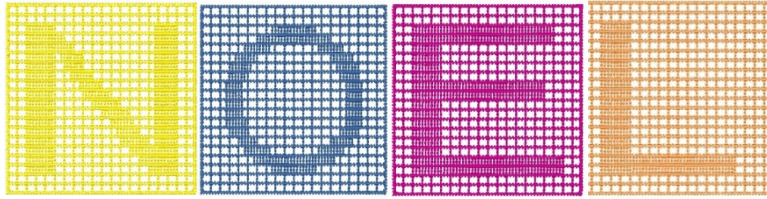
Do not rinse the stabilizer away yet! You will do this after you have completed your project.

What project you ask?

Why this project!

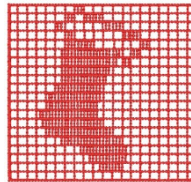
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Much like hand filet crochet you can use these designs to build a larger piece. For example, using a hand stitch or a machine zig zag stitch, you can sew together in a line of letters to spell out a message.

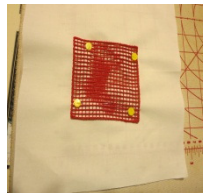


Or using you can inset the design onto a sheet of fabric, such as a table runner.

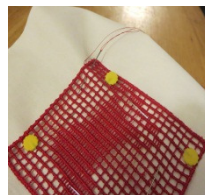
1. Stitch the designs.



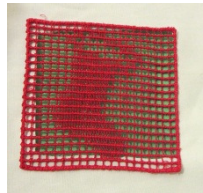
2. Place the complete design in the desired position on your fabric. Pin in place.



3. You can hand stitch or machine stitch the design in place.



4. From the back of the fabric cut away the excess fabric inside the tack down stitches and as close to the stitch line without cutting through the stitch line. When this is done you can see through your design.



Once you have finished your project, follow the directions of your water soluble stabilizer and rinse away the excess. Then lay your project flat to dry.

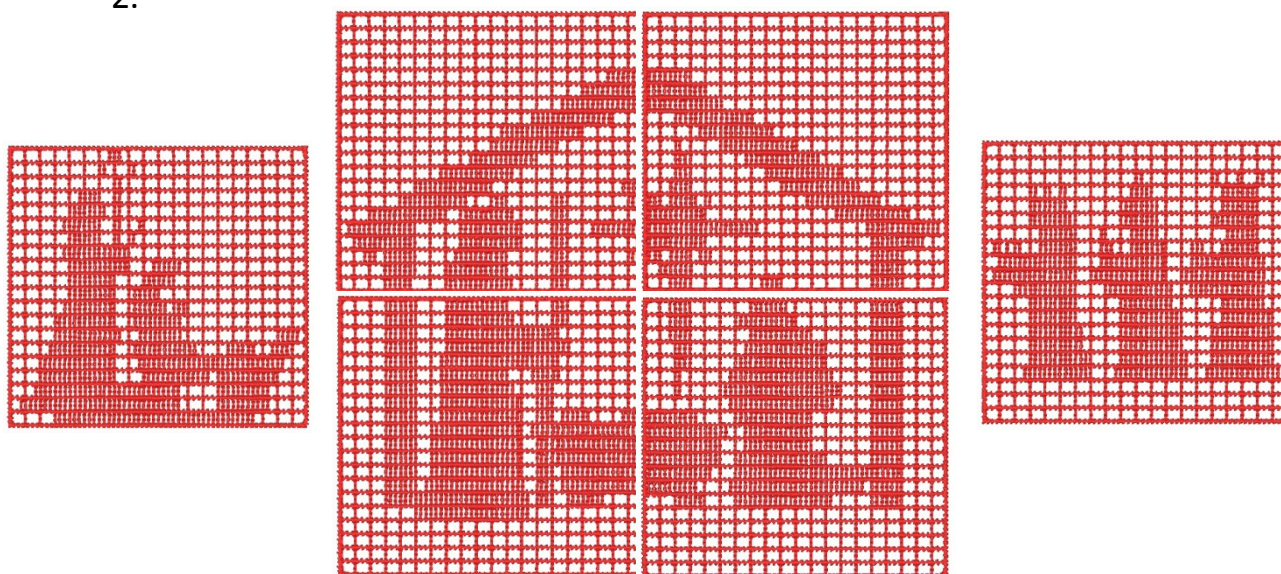
Nativity Panel Design Set

Suggestions:

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