

## CUTWORK INSTRUCTIONS by Erina's Designs

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### Materials

Curved embroidery scissors

Sharp pointed embroidery scissors

Heavy-duty, water-soluble (dissolvable) stabilizer

Closely woven fabric (linen or cotton)

### Thread

Marathon Rayon

### STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR CUTWORK EMBROIDERY

Hoop two layers of wash-away stabilizer with the fabric on top. Proceed with the embroidery until the first color stop. These two layers of outline stitches will secure the fabric, making it easier to cut.



Take the hoop out of the machine, but leave the fabric in the hoop, as the cutting will be done while the fabric is still in the hoop.

As with any cutwork, cutting is the most critical part of the project. Snip a hole with sharp, pointed scissors; then proceed using curved scissors. Cut right against the stitches and be very careful not to cut the stabilizer. If it does happen place a piece of stabilizer underneath the hoop when it is placed back in the machine. At this stage all the jumps at the back and front must be cut so that it does not get tangled in the cutwork.



Place the hoop back into the machine and finish embroidering the design. Cut all loose threads so that the design looks neat.

Remove the fabric and stabilizer from the hoop. Cut the stabilizer away as close as possible. Rinse under very hot water until all of the stickiness is out of the fabric. I leave my design in cool water for about 4 hours or longer if needed to get a soft piece of embroidery.

Let the fabric dry completely. Iron as needed but only from the back, so the thread will not melt.

Enjoy the designs!!

Erina

