

## Ornament and Hanger Sewout Instructions

These are not Stand-alone patterns, I use a base of 2 layers of wash-away-stabilizer and 1 layer of stiff tulle (crinoline type) or lace, organza, or sheer fabric that you can snip away any over-hang when complete.

If possible, sew out patterns with the bobbin thread the same colour as the main colour in the ornament/hanger.

On the Halloween hangers I used all black bobbins and the back and front look great in the window.

On the white Christmas Ornaments, I use white bobbin and have the same wonderful result. In the patterns it shows the Ornament frames in Silver, I sew mine out in all white, especially for the snowflakes but by having it a different colour in the actual pattern it gives you the choice of using a change of colours or threads as you choose. If I was to sew them out in silver or gold, I would use metallic thread but please use the proper needles or the threads will break.

Hooping/Stabilizing:

Using 1 or 2 layers of wash-away and 1 layer of a sheer type of fabric such as stiff tulle, lace, organza, or sheer curtain type fabric. You can use soft tulle but use 2 layers.

The Ornament patterns are sewn out over the backing fabric, they are not stand alone. The non-ornaments (no hanging part at the top and not in a frame) can be sewn out on any garment/pillow/article of clothing or?

One of the frames has a stipple stitch pattern on the back, sew the ornaments right over this. The other frame has no backing, that one I use when I use a patterned lace as the backing.

When embroidery is complete, snip around as close to the edges as possible without cutting into the frame. Snip any long threads that are on the back.

Using a bowl (I use a glass pie plate) add very hot water and dip each pattern in the hot water for a few seconds. Don't leave long as you want some of the starch from the wash-away stabilizer to remain to keep the pattern stiff. Let dry on a towel or I keep a fan running in my studio, so I put small clips along the hanger edge, clip on the ornaments and hang in front of the fan so they dry quickly. You can also dry them on a med/low dryer setting in your dryer.

When completely dry, trim any extra threads, poke a sharp scissor edge to create a hole in the hanger part and press flat with a hot iron between 2 pieces of paper so the iron doesn't get any of the starch on it. Store flat until you are ready to trim the tree or your windows?

You can use a glue stick and add some glitter to make them shine even more. By leaving some of the starch in them that also adds a shine.

I add some to my Christmas Wreath for added decorations.

Happy Holidays and have a blast making these fun Ornaments. I would love a photo of your finished projects.

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The Halloween hanger was sewn out with silver stippled stitches, black in both bobbin and embroidery thread. The photo is taken of the back so you can hang these in a window, and they will look great from both sides. I do the same with the Christmas Ornaments when sewing out in all white. Some of the ornaments have multi colours so I use the most prominent one in the bobbin. You can also use a clear thread in the bobbin, but some machines do not like that type of thread.



This is how I dry my ornaments, when dry I iron them with a hot iron between 2 pieces of printer paper, so the starch doesn't get on the iron.