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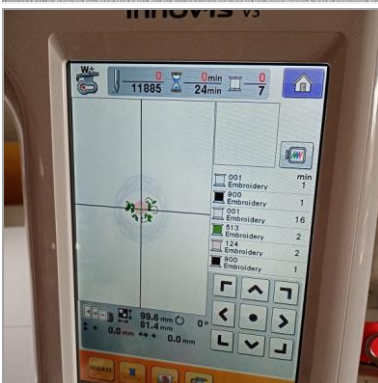
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These designs are supposed to be used with water soluble stabilizer. Use the one you work with when embroidering free-standing lace. When hooping the stabilizer, make sure it is „drum tight“ – firm but not stiff as a board. When you tap on it there should still be some flexibility otherwise the threads would pull together without being bound properly. It is advisable to slow down the stitching speed. Always use sharp needle to avoid thread breakage. Adjust the thread tension properly otherwise the free-standing lace edge might not be bound nicely. After embroidering the design, soak it in the water to get rid of the stabilizer. Use brown felt for the most authentic gingerbread look. Be careful when ironing the final product as most felts used for embroidery are synthetical so mind the temperature of your iron and iron between two pieces of fabric. You can work with other non-woven materials, for example jersey knit works fine but it might not give the proper look. Do not use wovens, the edges of the designs are not wide enough to cover the fraying fabric. If you have multi-needle machine, be careful to set the stop codes thoroughly. Enjoy your embroidery!

INSTRUCTIONS



Hoop the water soluble stabilizer.



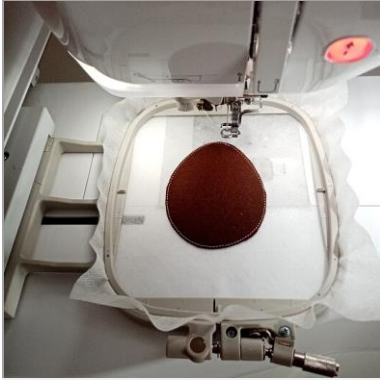
Bring the selected design up on the screen of your machine. Be aware that the shown colors do not always represent thread changes, some serve as stop codes only but are to be embroidered in the same color as the previous section. Make sure to follow the thread chart with instructions below.



Firstly the egg base outline is embroidered.



Place the piece of felt on embroidered outline. Material must cover the whole area of egg shape. Use temporary adhesive spray (I prefer Sulky KK2000) or some other type of glue suitable for textiles.



After the egg shape was stitched, cut away the felt around the line closely to the stitches. Try to be as precise as possible and cut smooth contour without distinctive notches as the final covering stitches might not be able to hide big „teeth“.



Use some curved embroidery scissors for cutting the egg shape. The best scissors you can possibly use are Havel's double curved embroidery scissors with round tip. I do not recommend duckbill scissors as they are quite huge for this delicate work and it's hard to cut precise outline.

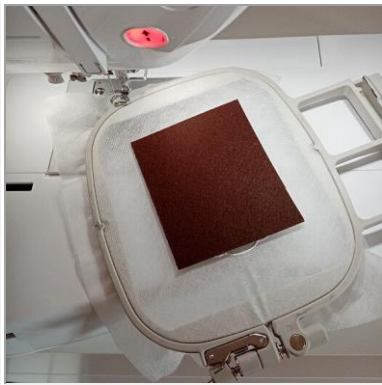


Now the machine embroiders the main part – free-standing lace edge and floral arrangement. Make sure the thread tension has been adjusted properly. If the bobbin tension is too tight, the lace will not be bound nicely and your embroidery will not have the desired look.



This embroidery set includes five designs with coloured floral embellishment and also monocolour variety of each design so that you will be able to embroider one color designs without having to set the thread changes on your machine.

If you decide to embroider monocolour variety without the bottom layer of felt, from this point on you don't have to do anything and just let the machine go on and finish the design.



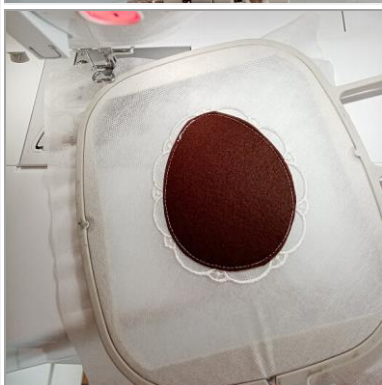
If you prefer to have the back of the egg clean with no visible bobbin thread, in this step you put the second layer of felt on the wrong side of embroidery. The size of felt must cover the basic shape of the egg (no need to cover the lace edge). Use the adhesive spray again.



Watch the machine while embroidering the outline to make sure the piece of felt has not moved.



Now the felt is tacked down with running stitches. Cut out the egg shape carefully around the stitched line, trying to keep the smooth contour. Be careful not to cut the stitches.



Now the „bean“ stitches will be embroidered.



Decorative „bean“ stitches cover the upper and bottom edges of the egg and hide little imperfections, if any.



Voilà, your gingerbread Easter egg is done. Now soak it in the water and iron when dry according to the instructions above.

THREAD CHART



Gingeregg01
80.50x99.00 mm; 3.17x3.90“; 11,521 stitches

1. White. Place the felt on the stitched out area.
2. White. Cut away the felt around the stitched line carefully.
3. White
4. Green
5. Pink
6. Light Blue. Then place the felt on the wrong side of your embroidery.
7. White. After the felt is stitched on the place, cut it around the outline.
8. White



Gingeregg02
81.10x99.00 mm; 3.19x3.90“; 11,233 stitches

1. White. Place the felt on the stitched out area.
2. White. Cut away the felt around the stitched line carefully.
3. White
4. Green
5. Pink
6. Yellow. Then place the felt on the wrong side of your embroidery.
7. White. After the felt is stitched on the place, cut it around the outline.
8. White



Gingeregg03
81.40x99.60 mm; 3.20x3.92“; 11,865 stitches

1. White. Place the felt on the stitched out area.
2. White. Cut away the felt around the stitched line carefully.
3. White
4. Green
5. Pink. Then place the felt on the wrong side of your embroidery.
6. White. After the felt is stitched on the place, cut it around the outline.
7. White



Gingeregg04

82.30x100.00 mm; 3.24x3.94"; 11,876 stitches

1. White. Place the felt on the stitched out area.
2. White. Cut away the felt around the stitched line carefully.
3. White
4. Green
5. Light Blue
6. Blue. Then place the felt on the wrong side of your embroidery.
7. White. After the felt is stitched on the place, cut it around the outline.
8. White



Gingeregg05

78.80x99.90 mm; 3.10x3.93"; 10,131 stitches

1. White. Place the felt on the stitched out area.
2. White. Cut away the felt around the stitched line carefully.
3. White
4. Green
5. Light Blue
6. Pink. Then place the felt on the wrong side of your embroidery.
7. White. After the felt is stitched on the place, cut it around the outline.
8. White

If you decide to embroider the eggs in one color only, the sequence is as follows:

1. Sew out the outline. Now place the piece of felt covering the embroidered outline.
2. Sew the tacking stitches. Remove the hoop from the machine, cut the felt carefully around the stitched outline. Try to be as precise as possible. Put the hoop back to the machine.
3. Embroider the lace border and floral arrangement. When the machine stops, add a piece of felt on the bottom of your embroidery. It is advised to use temporary adhesive spray. Put the hoop back to the machine.
4. Embroider the outline tacking down the felt. Still use the same color. Remove the hoop, cut the felt carefully around the stitched outline. Put it back into the machine.
5. Embroider the final beading outline.

You are supposed to use the same thread all the time. With one color variety the wrong side of embroidery looks quite well so you can skip adding the bottom layer of felt if you don't need your egg to be too solid. This is how the egg looks from the right and wrong side:



Enjoy making (baking 😊) these eggs!

Thank you for your purchase.



