

# Blue Folk Eggs



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## INSTRUCTIONS



These designs are supposed to be used with water soluble stabilizer. Use the type you work with when embroidering free-standing lace.

For the desired look you will need felt – make sure to use the one specified for embroidery. Felts for crafting might not be color stable.



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.



Hoop the water soluble stabilizer.

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.

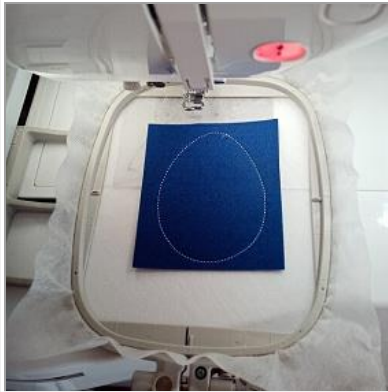
It is advisable to slow down the stitching speed. Always use sharp needle to avoid thread breakage.

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.

Check whether the thread tension is set properly so that the wrong side of the egg looks nice. Also if the bottom tension is too tight, the free-standing lace edge might not be bound perfectly and the lace part of the design might be destroyed.



Now the outline tacking down the felt is embroidered.



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.



In this step the florals are embroidered. You still use white thread, no color change.

Only if you want to create the „Blue Onion pattern“ version, now is the time to change the thread to blue. Don't forget to go back to white before the next step.



When the flower is done, it is time to place a piece of felt on the wrong side of the stabilizer. Again, use the spray adhesive to tack the material.



I highly recommend to snip the thread tails now as it would be more difficult to remove them from the lace edge at the end.



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 machine in one step embroiders the decorative edge and lace border.



Voilà, your gingerbread Easter egg is done. After the design is done, remove the hoop from the machine and release the sewout.





Cut away the excess stabilizer, be careful not to cut the lace. Trim the thread tails.



Now soak it in the water. When the stabilizer is dissolved, place the egg between some absorptive fabric (an old towel would be perfect) and squeeze out the excess water. Then lay it flat on cloth and let dry.

If you wish to iron it (it might not be needed) be careful as most felts used for embroidery are synthetical so mind the temperature of your iron and iron between two pieces of fabric.



You can also use other materials, not just felt. But make sure to stabilize them first with some heavier sewing iron-on stabilizer otherwise the egg would not hold its shape correctly.

Enjoy your embroidery!

#### THREAD CHART

All the eggs have the same color sequence. The thread chart includes 5 colors but they serve as color stops only, you do not have to change the color. Unless you want to embroider the floral in other color like I did with the „Blue Onion“ version (blue flower on white felt). If you work on multi-needle machine, make sure to set the stop codes before color Nr. 2-5 and preset the same color for each of the five thread positions.

You can also use these designs with brown felt to create „Gingerbread“ version of eggs.



Blueegg01  
83.20x99.90 mm; 3.28x3.93"; 10,784 st,



Blueegg02  
83.20x99.90 mm; 3.28x3.93"; 9,548 st.



Blueegg03  
83.20x99.90 mm; 3.28x3.93"; 10,577 st.





Bluegg04  
83.20x99.90 mm; 3.28x3.93"; 9,552 st.



Bluegg05  
83.20x99.90 mm; 3.28x3.93"; 8,908 st.

1. White  
Place the felt on the stitched out area.
2. White  
Cut away the felt around the stitched line carefully.
3. White (or other color for the flower).  
Then place the felt on the wrong side of your embroidery.
4. White  
After the felt is stitched on the place, cut it around the outline.
5. White

Enjoy making these eggs!

Thank you for your purchase.

