

## Free Standing Lace(FSL) Basket:



Things you will need-

- Embroidery machine(at least 5.5 inch capability)
- Water soluble stabilizer(WSS)
- Threads(I prefer polyester)-1/2/3 (here I have used 2 colors)
- Rhinestones(optional)
- Hand sewing needle
- Clear nylon thread

Some points to remember-

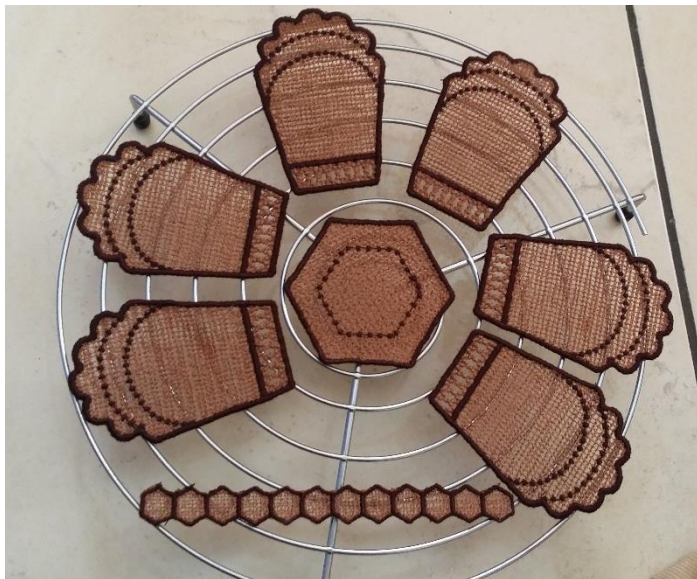
- # Cut the jump threads as you sew for a neater finish.
- # Don't over crowd your hoop.
- # Don't over wash the pieces
- # Handle the pieces gently as these are delicate.
- # Avoid using troublesome threads for FSL projects.

Instructions:

1. Hoop 2 layers of WSS and adjust as many pieces of the panel design as would fit in your hoop at a time. We need 6 of these.
2. Keep repeating till you have all 6 pieces.



3. Hoop again and stitch out 2 pieces of the handle and 1 of the base.
4. The small flowers are optional but I would at least recommend using 1 to hide the joint of the handle pieces.(in my basket I have put 1 in the middle of 3 alternate panels)
5. Once all pieces are stitched out, trim the WSS carefully leaving approximately  $1/8^{\text{th}}$  inch or  $1/4$  cm around the pieces.
6. Rinse the pieces under running water just till the stabilizer is rinsed out( don't overdo this step, a little residue of the WSS will help keep your pieces stiff and hold their shape)
7. Lay them flat on paper towels and let them dry.(you can pat them using another paper towel to speed up drying)



8. Once almost dry iron the pieces laying a piece of fine cotton cloth over them.
9. If using iron on rhinestones this is a good time to put them on and also attach the small flowers.(can be glued or sewn by hand)
10. Now sew the panels together using a zigzag stitch on your sewing machine set at a width between 5-6 and length at 3-4, don't join the edges of the 1<sup>st</sup> & last panel.



11. Using a clear nylon thread is best for this step or the color of your basket's satin border.
12. Join the base(easier done my hand) and finally close the last panel joint completing the basket.



13. Attach the handle pieces joining them in the middle(also sewn by hand)