



CROCHET LACE

Crochet Lace is a great way to create a free-standing embroidery design that can be used as-is or as a element in a larger project. A total of seven crochet lace designs can be found within the Embroidery Files Category #2. They are under their own tab, labeled Crochet Lace. The designs are all created by stitching on water soluble stabilizer, which is then removed once the design is complete by soaking the design in warm water. **The following information is provided to help you achieve the best results when stitching the Crochet Lace designs:**

- Make sure you have **plenty of bobbin thread and upper thread** before you start stitching.
- **Use the same color of thread** in the bobbin and on top for the designs (unless you specifically want the look of the mixed threads - which can be interesting)
- **Embroider each of the shapes individually.** When sections are completed, they can be joined together to make dimensional shapes using either matching thread or narrow ribbon.
- Let the **completed design dry completely** before using or combining designs.
- **ALWAYS** stitch the Crochet Lace at Full Speed (1050 Stitches Per Minute).

Thread choices are important when it comes to Crochet Lace. The following thread brands, types, and weights were tested by our Quality Assurance team and provided good results:

- Madeira Polyeon 60 weight - This thread does have a *slight sheen*.
- Mettler Silk Finish Cotton 60 weight - This thread has a *matte finish*.
- Madeira Frosted Matte 40 weight - This thread has a *matte finish*.
- Madeira Sensa 40 weight - This thread has a *matte finish and will shrink slightly* as the stabilizer is removed.
- Madeira Cotona Cotton 50 weight - This thread has a *matte finish*.

Keep in mind these thread recommendations are not meant to be an exhaustive list of the threads that will product successful results. Feel free to experiment and try different thread types.

