

Directions for Monogrammed Christmas Tree Ornament Project / December 2000

(This project utilizes letters from our Lace Monogram Set 1)

Step 1. Print the instructions.

These are .pdf files, and require Adobe Acrobat Reader software in order to view and print.

Step 2. Sew out the letter of your choice.

A. Place one layer of "Craftmistress" (see materials sources below) in the embroidery hoop, drum tight. Load the bottom bobbin with the same color thread, or choose a light thread color that isn't too much of a contrast with white bobbin thread.

The designs from the Lace Monogram Set 1 appear within your software as a three-color design. Color 1 is for a running stitch, as with an applique (these same designs can be used for applique or cutwork for other projects.) Color 2 is for a tack-down stitch, the background grid, and the design border. Color 3 is for the letter and vine embellishments.

For our ornament, we used a sparkly white (Madeira Supertwist # 300) for the first two colors, and white rayon (Madeira 1001) for the letter and embellishments. Other color choices can be equally attractive.

Note: Craftmistress produces two products that are both suitable for this project. "Romeo" is a heavy-weight water-soluble stabilizer (one layer required), and "Guliette" is a lighter weight version (two layers required).

If you are unfamiliar with these stabilizers, you may want to run one version of the design as a sample to allow for tension adjustment. Thread tensions, particularly if you are using metallic threads, are generally tighter than they would be on fabric.

B. Using a pair of sharp-tipped embroidery scissors, remove the excess "Craftmistress" stabilizer from the embroidery by cutting close to outside of the design, but being very careful not to snip away any stitches.

C. Dissolve away the "Craftmistress" stabilizer by holding the bag under cold running water. For best results, follow this by soaking the bag in warm water for several hours. This will ensure that the finished product feels soft.

D. Leave to dry flat.

Step 3. Attach ornament hanger.

Using a pushpin or a needle, push a small hole through the top corner of the embroidered

design, and create a thread loop to hang the ornament on the tree.

Congratulations! Your project is complete.

Sources for Materials

In the US, Romeo can be ordered online from:

Erica's Craft and Sewing Center
South Bend, IN

<http://www.ericas.com/embdesigns/romeo.htm>

SewSmart
Kirkland, AZ

<http://www.sewsmart.com/Catalog.html>

Also available in the US and Canada through many Pfaff dealers.

In Germany:

Nachmaschined Gabriel
Stepensweg 86
28217 Bremen

In Denmark:

Ana'r Sym Askiner
Amagerbrogarde 263,
2300 Kopenavn 5

In the UK, and for all other enquiries:

<http://www.craftmistress.com>