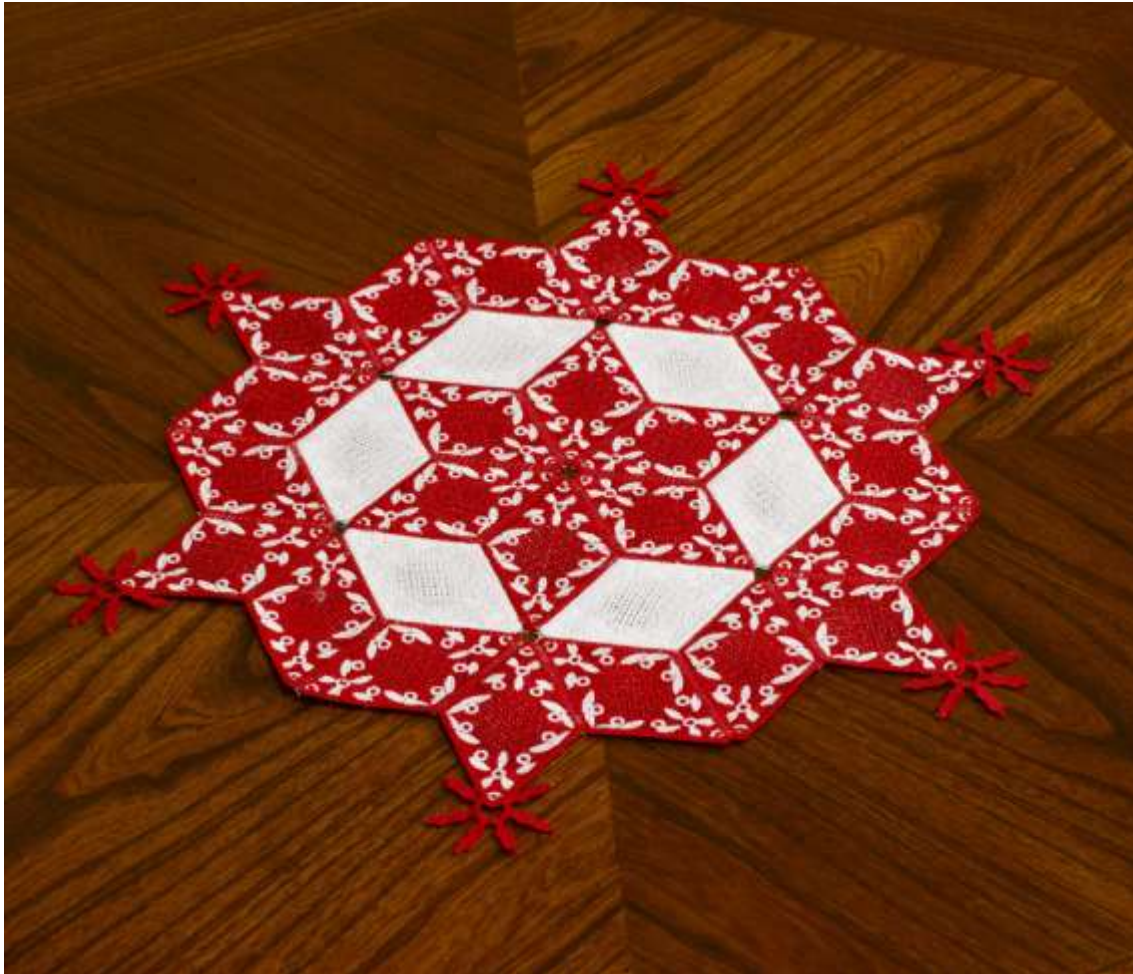


“Dining in Lace – Christmas Centerpiece”



With Christmas only a couple of months away, here is a project to get you started on your holiday sewing and embroidery. Using Dining in Lace Interactive Embroidery program you can create this centerpiece that can be displayed with joy or given as gift.

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Supplies:

Baby Lock[®] sewing and embroidery machine


Dining in Lace Interactives Embroidery from Designer's Gallery[®]

Baby Lock® Dissolve-Away stabilizer
Christmas red and white embroidery thread
Invisible thread
Collins® Quilters ¼" Tape

Instructions

In this project two designs will be used to create the centerpiece. The finished size will be approximately 17" across.

At the Computer - First Design:

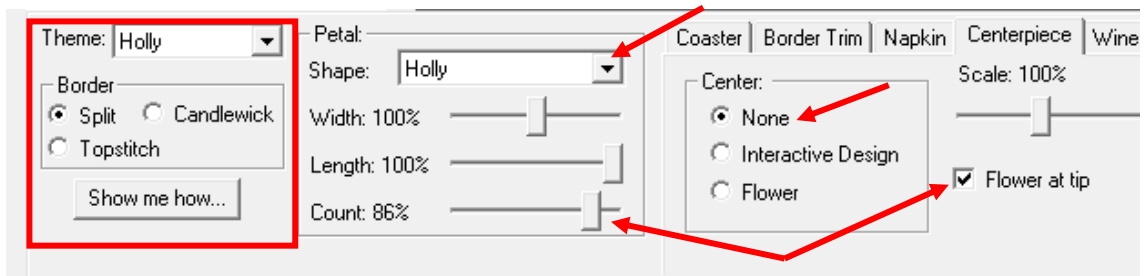
1. Open the program by clicking on the Interactives  icon on the desktop.


2. Scroll down and select Dining in Lace program. 

3. Select the Centerpiece tab. 

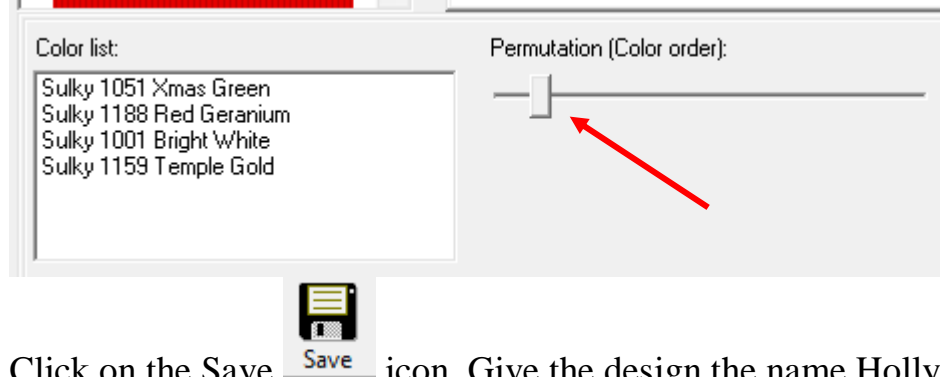
4. Next, we will select the settings for the first design. (See the illustration below for the settings.)

- Under Theme, click on the down arrow and select Holly.
- Under Border, select Split.
- In the Petal field, click on the down arrow and select Holly.
- Set the Count to 86%.
- In the Center field, select None.
- Place a checkmark next to Flower at Tip.



5. To change the colors in the design, click on the Colors  icon on the top toolbar. Slide the Permutation bar until the colors are close to the coloring that you are looking for. (See the illustration below.) When this design is embroidered it will only use two colors: red and white. The holly, background, frame and half of the center flowers will be embroidered using red thread while the remaining color stop will be

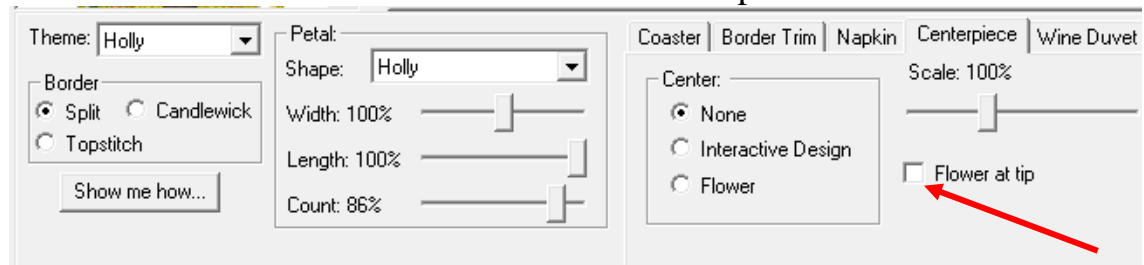
embroidered using white thread.



6. Click on the Save icon. Give the design the name Holly and save as a .pes file to the media device that your embroidery machine will read.

Second Design:

1. Click on the Centerpiece tab and follow the next set of settings. Next, we will select the settings for the first design. (*See the illustration below for the settings.*)
 - Under Theme, click on the down arrow and select Holly.
 - Under Border, select Split.
 - In the Petal field, click on the down arrow and select Holly.
 - Set the Count to 86%.
 - In the Center field, select None.
 - Remove the checkmark next to Flower at Tip.



2. Click on the Save icon. Give the design the name Center and save as a .pes file to the media device that your embroidery machine will read.

At the Embroidery Machine:

1. Hoop the Baby Lock® Dissolve-Away Stabilizer using the largest hoop for your machine.
2. Place the hoop on the machine.
3. With the Holly design merged onto the embroidery machine's workspace, duplicate the design to fill the hoop. Embroider the design using Christmas Red as the primary color and changing colors for one of

the inside flower color stops in the design. The design will only have two colors when complete.

4. Cut away the stabilizer close to each of the embroidered pieces.
5. Embroider a total of 6 pieces from this design.
6. Hoop the Baby Lock® Dissolve-Away stabilizer using the largest hoop for your machine.
7. Merge the center design onto the embroidery machines workspace and duplicate the design so that there are several designs on the workspace.
8. Using again the same rotation of thread colors (Christmas Red & White) embroider the designs. Embroider a total of 18 pieces.
9. Cut away the stabilizer close to each of the embroidered pieces.
10. Hoop the Baby Lock® Dissolve-Away Stabilizer using the largest hoop for your machine.
11. Using the same Center design, embroider 6 pieces using white thread for all color stops.
12. Cut away the stabilizer close to each of the embroidered pieces.

Assembly:

1. Using a lingerie bag, place all of the pieces inside the bag. With the washing machine set on the gentle cycle with warm water, wash and rinse the pieces. Since there is a lot of stitch very close together on the designs, you may need to soak the pieces for a while. This will help to dissolve away the stabilizer.
2. Lay the pieces on a flat surface to dry or you can sandwich the pieces between a pressing sheet and dry by pressing with an iron. Be sure to maintain the original shape.
3. After all of the pieces are dry, follow the next picture for placement.



4. With the sewing machine on, choose a zig-zag stitch that will catch two edges on two pieces when they are butted together. Using regular bobbin thread, thread the machine with invisible thread for the top thread.
5. Starting on the inside of the centerpiece, place two of the red and white embroidered center pieces together. Turn the pieces over so that the wrong side is facing upward and butted together, place a piece of Quilters tape over the joined edges. This will help to stabilize the joint until the seam has been sewn together with the zig-zag stitch. Tape only one seam together at a time and then turn the section over and zig-zag over the joined edge. Repeat for the remaining seams until the center looks like a star.
6. Place the six white sections on the indented section of the center star and join the seams together by taping and zig-zaging the seams together.
7. Join the outer sections together in the same fashion while place the holly design as points on the centerpiece. Please refer to the illustration below for placement.

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