

Projects

"Snowflake Tree Topper"



Snowflakes come in many sizes and shapes. With Christmas Traditions Interactive designs from Designer's Gallery it still holds true. Make your snowflake designs as large as your largest frame or as small as your smallest frame.

Skill Level: Easy

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Supplies:

Baby Lock® Ellisimo sewing and embroidery machine using the 200mm x 300mm hoop
Christmas Traditions Interactive Embroidery from Designer's Gallery
Baby Lock Dissolve-Away Mesh stabilizer
Small Styrofoam cone
Silk for wrapping cone
Purchased snowflake ornament for embellishment
Floral wire for attaching the snowflake to the cone
Decorator push pins for decorating the cone
Assortment of Madeira Polyester threads

At the Computer:

1. Open the Interactive program by clicking on the icon on the desktop.
2. On the left side of the workspace click on the Christmas Traditions.



3. On the top toolbar, click on the Interactive icon  Interacti...
4. On the left toolbar, click on CT1 Christmas Designs.



CT1: Christmas Designs

5. Click on the Snowflake tab.
6. Click on Preferences on the top toolbar and set the hoop size to 200mm x 300mm and click OK.
7. To make changes to the snowflakes, click on Twelve Points. From this point forward, anything goes because you can select from one of thousands of snowflakes.
8. Click on Make a Random Snowflake.
9. After you have selected a snowflake, slide the Size scroll bar in either direction so that the width of the snowflake is less than 200mm wide. The size of the snowflake is shown on the bottom right on the Status bar.
10. Make any additional changes to your snowflake at this time. Do not be afraid of moving any of the slide bars. Moving them only increases the possibilities.
11. Click on the Save icon and save your design to the media source that your machine reads in the .pes file format.

Embroidery:

1. With the machine set up for embroidery, retrieve the Snowflake design.
2. Click on the design and place on the workspace.
3. Hoop two layers of the Dissolve-Away Mesh stabilizer in the 200mm x 300mm hoop.

4. Embroider the design using white Madeira thread along with white thread in the bobbin.
5. Repeat Embroidery Steps 1-4 to create another snowflake, using the same design.
6. Cut away the stabilizer close to the outside edge of the snowflake and gently rinse away the visible stabilizer. Lay the snowflakes flat to dry. The snowflake should be stiff.

Finishing:

1. Cover the Styrofoam cone with the silk fabric, using the pins to hold the fabric on the cone.
2. Place the embroidered snowflakes back to back and glue in place.
3. On each side of the snowflakes, glue a purchased snowflake ornament. This will give a 3-D look to the tree topper.
4. Attach the snowflake to the top of the cone using a wire that is attached to the snowflake and pushed into the cone shape.
5. Attach to the top of the tree.

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