Mylar Halloween Owl

This set has 12 lighthouse designs that have been digitized specifically for use with mylar to add sparkle to your project.

If you haven't done any mylar designs before, these instructions will help you. For more information, you can also check this page:

http://www.CharmingStation.com/MylarDesigns.html

Supplies

Fabric   You can choose any garment or fabric that you like for these designs.

Thread colors   You can alter the thread suggested colors to match your fabrics.

Stabilizer   These designs are light enough to use most any stabilizer; we used a light weight diagonal mesh

Mylar   We recommend using the mylar that is made for embroidery and can withstand washing and a pressing with a press cloth.   For more information on mylar and what the differences are, please visit this website:

http://www.heirloomsbysharon.com/

This site has some very interesting background on mylar and how it is made and sells the kind of mylar that can be washed safely.

Tip for sewing on dark fabric

Because mylar designs have less density (the rows of stitching are farther apart to allow the mylar to sparkle through), if you use a dark fabric or garment for the background, that color will show through when your design is finished. If you don't want that to happen, you can create a "color blocker" to place on your fabric before you embroider the design.

Use one of these methods:

1. Try White Mylar, available from http://www.heirloomsbysharon.com/

2. Use a piece of "**Hide It**[1]" that is the same color as your main design. If you don't have this product, you can use stabilizer with one of the techniques below.

3. If you have software that will print out a template of the design in it's actual size, print out the design and use this as a template to cut out the shape from a medium weight cutaway stabilizer.
Or
4. Hoop a piece of medium cutaway stabilizer and sew out the first color of the design you plan to use. Remove this from the machine and trim just to the inside of the stitching all the way around.

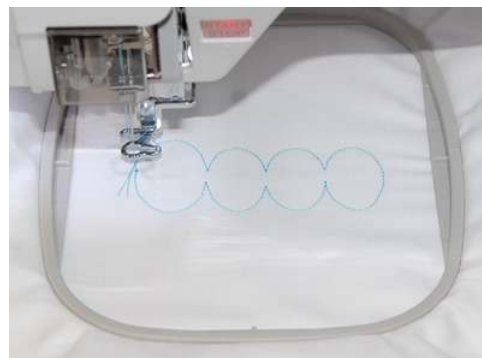This piece of stabilizer will be your "color blocker" for use in the steps below.

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[1]We purchase this product from http://www.nancysnotions.com//

Embroidery Steps

Since these designs were created for mylar, please take a minute to read through these steps, even if you have used mylar designs in the past.

Note: The first two colors are the outline and tack down stitches for your mylar. To save color changes, you can use the color listed as the 3rd color for each of these 3 steps. If you decide to make your designs a different color, use that color for the first three color changes. Then follow the steps below to avoid having to change colors:

- Hoop your fabric/stabilizer

- The first color will sew out an outline for the mylar. Use the color in the color sheet for color #3 here.

- If you are using a dark or printed background, lay your "color blocker" or "Hide It" on the outline you just sewed. If your background is light or white, just skip this step.

- Place a piece of mylar on top of the hoop, making sure that it covers the entire outline sewn in the previous step (and your "color blocker" if you want to use one).

- You can use small pieces of tape to hold this in place if you want - I find that the mylar may bunch up a little if you don't tape it down.

- Sew the second color (use the same color as in step 1). This will tack down the mylar for you and hold it while you sew the filler parts of the design.

- Do NOT try to trim at this point. There is a much higher rate of tearing the mylar that will be under the design at this step. For these designs, we suggest you trim after the design is sewn.

- Sew out the remaining colors.

- Remove the hoop from the machine.

- Remove the excess mylar by gently pulling it back toward the stitching. The needle has perforated the mylar for you so it will be very easy to remove. If you have any little pieces sticking out you can remove those with tweezers.

That's it, that's all you have to do to make these fun designs!

Little Charmers - Mylar Halloween Owl

The colors listed here are only suggestions - feel free to use the colors that you prefer.   All of these designs have been sewn out several times on different machines using one layer of mesh stabilizer.

The first two colors in each design create an outline that you will cover with the mylar, and then tacks the mylar down for you. We used color #3 for each of these so that we didn't need to change thread colors too often (no matter what the color changes below may show).

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Halloween Freebie - 4x4

File: HalloweenOwl.pes
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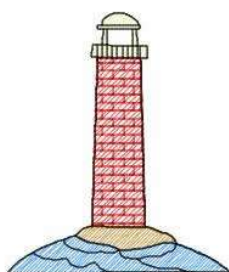
Halloween Freebie - 5x7

File: HalloweenOwl-5x7.pes
Stitches: 7718   Colors: 11/12
Size: 5.69x5.00 "   Stops: 11

Mylar Lighthouses (4x4 hoop)

1 Pale Yellow
2 Palest Ivory
3 Pale Yellow
4 Blaze Medium
5 Old Gold
6 Mild Windsor
7 Black

File: Lighthouse01.pes
Stitches: 2650   Colors: 6/7
Size: 3.32x3.91 "   Stops: 6

1 Snow White
2 Palest Ivory
3 Snow White
4 Blaze Medium
5 Pale Yellow
6 Medium Blue
7 Palest Ivory
8 Black

File: lighthouse02.pes
Stitches: 2872   Colors: 6/8
Size: 2.87x3.90 "   Stops: 7

1 Snow White
2 Palest Ivory
3 Snow White
4 Mild Windsor
5 Deep Green
6 Pale Yellow
7 Black

File: lighthouse03.pes
Stitches: 3149   Colors: 6/7
Size: 2.79x3.90 "   Stops: 6

1 Snow White
2 Palest Ivory
3 Snow White
4 Blaze Medium
5 Palest Ivory
6 Medium Blue
7 Dark Grey
8 Black

File: Lighthouse04.pes
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Size: 3.21x3.92 "   Stops: 7
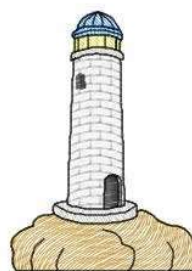
1 Palest Ivory
2 Snow White
3 Palest Ivory
4 Old Gold
5 Medium Blue
6 Steel Gray
7 Black
8 Bayberry Red
9 Green

File: Lighthouse05.pes
Stitches: 3879   Colors: 8/9
Size: 3.20x3.87 "   Stops: 8

1 Snow White
2 Palest Ivory
3 Snow White
4 Palest Ivory
5 Gold/Yellow
6 Mild Windsor
7 Old Gold
8 Midnight
9 Black

File: Lighthouse06.pes
Stitches: 3120   Colors: 7/9
Size: 2.83x3.90 "   Stops: 8

1 Snow White
2 Palest Ivory
3 Snow White
4 Blaze Medium
5 Gold/Yellow
6 Dark Grey
7 Black
8 Black
9 Green

File: Lighthouse07.pes
Stitches: 2797   Colors: 8/9
Size: 3.34x3.91 "   Stops: 8

1 Snow White
2 Palest Ivory
3 Snow White
4 Old Gold
5 Ultra Marine
6 Green Ice
7 Mild Windsor
8 Gold/Yellow
9 Black

File: Lighthouse08.pes
Stitches: 3586   Colors: 8/9
Size: 2.81x3.92 "   Stops: 8

1 Dark Grey
2 Palest Ivory
3 Zinc
4 Winterberry
5 Gold/Yellow
6 Medium Blue
7 Old Gold
8 Black

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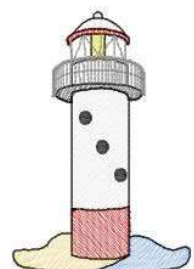**Stitches: 4270**   Colors: 8/8
Size: 3.85x3.91 "   Stops: 7

1 Palest Ivory
2 Snow White
3 Palest Ivory
4 Blaze Medium
5 Ultra Marine
6 Gold/Yellow
7 Black
8 Green

File: Lighthouse10.pes
Stitches: 3096   Colors: 7/8
Size: 1.77x3.89 "   Stops: 7

1 Snow White
2 Palest Ivory
3 Snow White
4 Blaze Medium
5 Midnight
6 Parchment
7 Medium Blue
8 Gold/Yellow
9 Black
10 Dark Grey

File: Lighthouse11.pes
Stitches: 3767   Colors: 9/10
Size: 2.67x3.91 "   Stops: 9

1 Snow White
2 Palest Ivory
3 Snow White
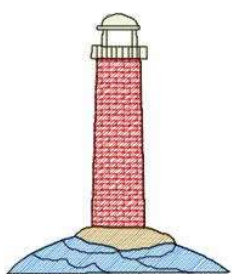4 Brownstone
5 Gold/Yellow
6 Blaze Medium
7 Black
8 Green

File: lighthouse12.pes
Stitches: 3638   Colors: 7/8
Size: 2.26x3.91 "   Stops: 7

Mylar Lighthouse (5x7 hoop)

1 Pale Yellow 2 Palest Ivory 3 Pale Yellow 4 Blaze Medium 5 Old Gold 6 Mid Windsor 7 Black	

File: Lighthouse01.pes
Stitches: 4576   Colors: 6/7
Size: 5.00x5.88 "   Stops: 6

1 Snow White 2 Palest Ivory 3 Snow White 4 Blaze Medium 5 Pale Yellow 6 Medium Blue 7 Palest Ivory 8 Black	

File: lighthouse02.pes
Stitches: 5755   Colors: 6/8
Size: 5.00x6.78 "   Stops: 7

1 Snow White 2 Palest Ivory 3 Snow White 4 Mid Windsor 5 Deep Green 6 Pale Yellow 7 Black	

File: lighthouse03.pes
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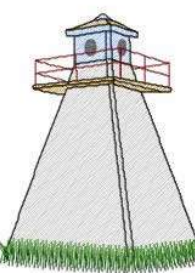**Size: 4.81x6.74 "**   Stops: 6

1 Snow White 2 Palest Ivory 3 Snow White 4 Blaze Medium 5 Palest Ivory 6 Medium Blue 7 Dark Grey 8 Black	

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Size: 5.00x6.11 "   Stops: 7

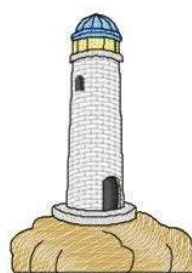|	
1 Palest Ivory 2 Snow White 3 Palest Ivory 4 Old Gold 5 Medium Blue 6 Steel Gray 7 Black 8 Green 9 Bayberry Red	

File: Lighthouse05.pes
Stitches: 7104   Colors: 8/9
Size: 4.93x6.20 "   Stops: 8

1 Snow White 2 Palest Ivory 3 Snow White 4 Palest Ivory 5 Gold/Yellow 6 Mid Windsor 7 Old Gold 8 Midnight 9 Black	

File: Lighthouse06.pes
Stitches: 6712   Colors: 7/9
Size: 4.89x6.73 "   Stops: 8

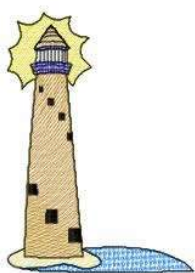|	
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File: Lighthouse07.pes
Stitches: 4479   Colors: 8/9
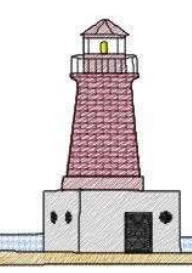**Size: 4.94x5.75 "**   Stops: 8

1 Snow White 2 Palest Ivory 3 Snow White 4 Old Gold 5 Ultra Marine 6 Green Ice 7 Mid Windsor 8 Gold/Yellow 9 Black	

File: Lighthouse08.pes
Stitches: 6605   Colors: 8/9
Size: 4.81x6.74 "   Stops: 8

1 Dark Grey 2 Palest Ivory 3 Zinc 4 Winterberry 5 Gold/Yellow 6 Medium Blue 7 Old Gold 8 Black	

File: Lighthouse09.pes
Stitches: 6297   Colors: 8/8
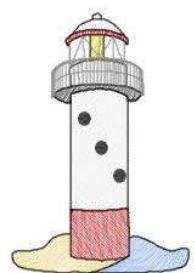**Size: 5.01x5.08 "**   Stops: 7

1 Palest Ivory 2 Snow White 3 Palest Ivory 4 Blaze Medium 5 Ultra Marine 6 Gold/Yellow 7 Black 8 Green	

File: Lighthouse10.pes
Stitches: 6075   Colors: 7/8
Size: 3.00x6.67 "   Stops: 7

1 Snow White 2 Palest Ivory 3 Snow White 4 Blaze Medium 5 Midnight 6 Parchment 7 Medium Blue 8 Gold/Yellow 9 Black 10 Dark Grey	

File: Lighthouse11.pes
Stitches: 6056   Colors: 9/10
Size: 4.04x5.91 "   Stops: 9

1 Snow White 2 Palest Ivory 3 Snow White 4 Brownstone 5 Gold/Yellow 6 Bayberry Red 7 Black 8 Green	

File: lighthouse12.pes
Stitches: 7175   Colors: 7/8
Size: 3.88x6.74 "   Stops: 7