

Snow Flurries Mobile

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Snowflake Artwork by Dover Publishing



Supplies

Wash Away Stabilizer (wss) such as Vilene

Mylar

Fishing Line

Peltex or some other heavy weight stabilizer like what is used to make fabric bowls

White thread

¼" wide ribbon 13" in length

Painter's tape

Temporary adhesive spray such as KK2000

Embroider snowflakes.

8 large snowflakes

10 small snowflakes

Thread your machine with white thread.

Use white thread in the bobbin

Hoop wss.

If you have a large hoop and can stitch several snowflakes at a time, hoop 2 layers of the wss (I was able to stitch all the snowflakes in 2 hoopings) otherwise 1 layer is good.



Color 1 is the placement line for the Mylar (stitch this with white thread).

Stitch color 1, then place Mylar down covering the placement line.

Continue stitching to complete the snowflake.

Gently rinse the snowflakes to remove the excess wss. You want the snowflakes to be stiff.

Let dry.

When all the snowflakes are complete set aside and we will work on the hanger.

Embroider design ATWKMC0829—we will call these standards

This fits a 5x7 hoop.

Color 1 is the placement line for the Mylar (stitch this with white thread).

Stitch color 1, then place Mylar down covering the placement line.

Continue stitching to complete the standards

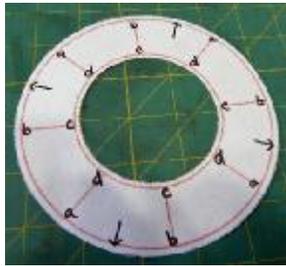
Gently rinse the standards to remove the excess wss.

Let dry.



Print ATWKMC0830-Template

Cut out of the Peltex using the black lines. Save the template, you will need it later.



This is Peltex—thick, heavy stabilizer



Embroider design ATWKMC0830—This is the ring.

This design needs at least a 6x6 hoop.

Hoop 2 layers of wss.

Embroider Color 1 – this is the placement line

Remove hoop from machine. DO NOT UNHOOP.

Turn hoop to the back and place Mylar over the placement line making sure to cover the entire area. Use painter's tape to secure in place.



Turn hoop to the front, spray temporary adhesive on Peltex ring and place the Peltex ring in the placement area.



Cover with a second piece of Mylar.



Return hoop to machine and stitch color 2.

Stitch color 3 – these are placement lines for the standards.

Remove hoop from machine. DO NOT UNHOOP.

Remove excess Mylar from front and back of design.

Place standards at their placement lines with end of standard even with edge of ring. Secure with painter's tape.



Return hoop to machine and stitch color 4. Watch carefully as it stitches to make sure the foot does not catch on the standards.

Remove hoop from machine. DO NOT UNHOOP.

Remove painter's tape and then stitch color 5.

Remove design from hoop.

Cut wss close (do not cut the satin edge) to inner and outer edge of the ring, then wet a paper towel and rub edges of the ring to remove excess wss. Do not rinse.



Put the ribbon through the ends of the standards, then tie a knot close to the standards to secure them.

Tie ends of ribbon together to form a hanger.



On the template, cut on the red lines and then insert template onto ring with arrows at the standards. Pin in place.



If you have somewhere to hang this that is not too high it will make it easier to attach the snowflakes.



Attaching the snowflakes

Attach fishing line to the snowflakes by creating a tiny hole in the snowflake, pushing the fishing line through and then tying a square knot. Trim the fishing line about $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the knot. Then cut the approximate lengths needed to hang the snowflakes. Longer is better ---it gives you more room to adjust.



A---4 large snowflakes with approximately 5" of line attached

B---4 large snowflakes with approximately 9" of line attached.

C---4 small snowflakes with approximately 3 ½" of line attached.

D---4 small snowflakes with approximately 13" of line attached.

E---1 small snowflake with approximately 4 ½" of line attached. This one will hang in the middle of the standards

F---1 small snowflake with approximately 8 ½" of line attached. Attach this one to the bottom of E.

Start with the A snowflakes.

Thread a needle with the fishing line attached to the snowflakes.



Push needle up from the bottom of the ring and pull fishing line through to the top at the A position on the template right next to the satin stitch.



Remove needle and tie a single knot in the fishing line approximately 1" from the end of the fishing line.



Do this for all the snowflakes B-D at their marked positions on the template.

Remove template.

Attach E to the standards where they come together. Adjust so that it hangs in the middle of the standards.



Adjust F so that it hangs in the middle of the rest of the snowflakes.

Adjust the snowflakes by moving the single knots until you have an arrangement that is pleasing to your eye.

Tie a second knot on top of the single knot to secure the knot and then trim the fishing line close to the knot.

All done!!!!

