

HOW TO MACHINE ASSEMBLE EDGINGS THAT ARE NORMALLY ASSEMBLED BY HAND

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MATERIALS USED FOR TESTING OF THESE DESIGNS:

- Embroidery Thread: Floriani Poly 40 weight
White: PF801 – Off White: PF850 – Light Bronze: PF421
- Bobbin Thread: if you wish your lace to look the same on both sides... use the same thread in the bobbin as on top.
- Water Soluble Stabilizer: Wet N Gone water-soluble stabilizer (1 layer) for embroidering the edging pieces and Wet N Gone Tacky remnants if you have some for the assembling. (If you don't have Wet N Gone Tacky, you can replace this by using your water-soluble stabilizer, preferably a fibre like kind, and temporary spray adhesive... I do recommend the Wet N Gone Tacky though if you have any kind of pulmonary issues or if you prefer not to have to bother with cleaning after using the spray)
- Needle: Size 90/14

Assembly of a delicate edge by machine:

1. When trying to assemble delicate pieces such as these, it is often recommended to assemble them by hand because the pieces are too delicate and unmanageable under the foot of a machine. Even when slipping a piece of regular water-soluble stabilizer underneath won't do because the pieces are simply too delicate to allow you to guide them properly under the foot. BUT... all that has changed since now there is this wonderful product called Wet N Gone Tacky. It's a water-soluble stabilizer with a sticky side that allows us to stick projects to it and allows us to stitch without the parts moving under the foot.

Using your remnants here is a good idea, since we won't need a lot of it.

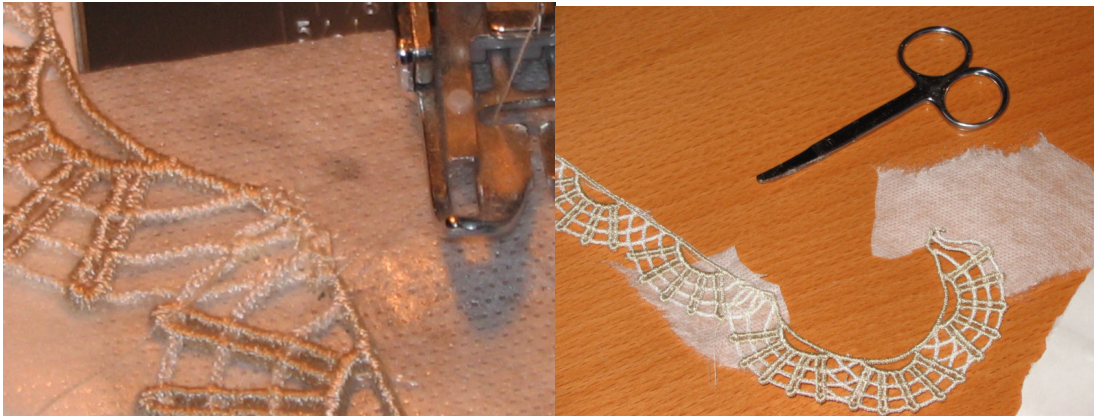
Separate the protective sheet from the water-soluble stabilizer.



2. Stick your first piece to the Wet N Gone Tacky. Take care to really shape your lace piece properly then overlap the next piece and stick it in place as you did for the first piece as shown here...



3. Take the work to your sewing machine and using a zigzag stitch, assemble them together. Take good care that your zigzag stitch is only a tiny bit wider than what you are trying to stitch over so that you don't create bulk there. Also remember that only a few stitches are enough to hold it together until you actually stitch it to your project. Remove excess stabilizer so that you don't have it in your way when you attach it to your project.



4. When you are finished stitching your pieces together, stitch your edging to your project using the same very narrow zigzag stitch and voila... you are done.



Happy Stitching. Thank You

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