

Free: Thanksgiving Designs - 2016

This freebie set includes 3 designs all optimized for use with mylar:



Design 1 for 4x4 hoop



Design 2 for 4x4 hoop



Combined designs for 5x7 hoop

If you would like a single design but only have a 4x4 hoop, sew Design 1 and then reposition your hoop and sew Design 2 - either above or below the little turkey.

The designs in the 5x7 hoop are slightly larger to fit the hoop.

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. These would be perfect for a holiday pillow
- Thread colors** You can alter the suggested thread colors to match your fabrics. There is a sheet showing suggested colors at the end of these instructions.
- Stabilizer** Because of the text, we used 2 layers of poly mesh stabilizer; you can use cut away or tear away if you prefer.
- Mylar** We recommend using the mylar that is made for embroidery and can withstand washing and a pressing with a press cloth. We used Opal Iridescent mylar for the design.

For more information on mylar and what the differences are, please visit this website:

<http://www.heirloomsbysharon.com/>



Tips for sewing on dark fabric

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/> We have a sample with photos of how this works here: <http://www.charmingstation.com/WhiteMylar.html>
2. 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

3. 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.

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 in the 4x4 turkey design are the outline and tack down stitches for your mylar. To save color changes, you can use the same light thread for each of these steps as color #3 (light beige). 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 same light color that appears as color #3 on the chart. This eliminates the need to change thread colors for the first three color stops.
- 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!

Note for the 5x7 design: The text will sew out first at the top and bottom of the hoop. After the text, the next color (#3) is the outline for the mylar design in the center. The color after that (#4) is the tack down color. We used the light brown (color #5 below) for #3, #4 and #5.

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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 cover with the mylar, and then tacks the mylar down for you.

The text portions of these designs use a different color for each line. This is so that your machine will stop and tie off stitches at the end of the line, then move to the beginning of the next line and wait for you to start it up again. You can continue with the same color thread or switch to a different color if you like.

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4x4 Designs

- 1  Canary Yellow Medium
- 2  Old Gold



- 1  Bamboo
- 2  Palest Ivory
- 3  Bamboo
- 4  Light Brown
- 5  Midnight
- 6  Straw
- 7  Orange
- 8  Bright Orange
- 9  Lemon
- 10  Black



File: 2016HappyThanksgiving.pes
 Stitches: 6460
 Size: 3.91x2.28 "
 Size: 99.2x57.9 mm

Colors: 2/2
 Stops: 1
 Stops: 1

File: 2016Thanksgiving.pes
 Stitches: 6016
 Size: 3.91x3.27 "
 Size: 99.2x83.0 mm

Colors: 9/10
 Stops: 9
 Stops: 9

5x7 Design

- 1 
- 2 
- 3 
- 4 
- 5 
- 6 
- 7 
- 8 
- 9 
- 10 
- 11 
- 12 



File: 2016Thanksgiving-large.pes
 Stitches: 15321
 Size: 4.74x6.63 "
 Size: 120.3x168.3 mm

Colors: 12/12
 Stops: 11
 Stops: 11