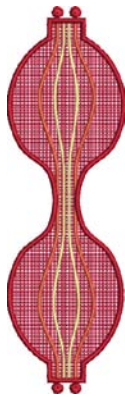


Note: Some designs in this collection may have been created using unique special stitches and/or techniques. To preserve design integrity when rescaling or rotating designs in your software, always rescale or rotate designs using the handles directly on-screen.



12551-01 Bow Center FSL

2.92 X 3.10 in.
74.17 X 78.74 mm
7,861 St. **⌘** **⊗**



12551-02 Bow FSL

2.18 X 7.16 in.
55.37 X 181.86 mm
16,010 St. **⌘** **L**



12551-03 Slim Branch FSL

2.02 X 6.55 in.
51.31 X 166.37 mm
7,107 St. **⌘** **⊗** **L**



12551-04 Wide Branch FSL

3.68 X 6.14 in.
93.47 X 155.96 mm
12,703 St. **⌘** **⊗** **L**

Listings below indicate color sample, stitching order and suggested thread color number. Most numbers indicate Isacord thread. Colors beginning with 20501 refer to YLI Fine Metallics, 7 refer to Yenmet Metallic, 8 refer to YLI Variations Variegated Thread and 9 refer to Isacord Multicolor Variegated.

12551-01 Bow Center FSL

- 1. Bow Center Lace.....1904
- 2. Pink Stripes.....1521
- 3. Yellow Stripes.....0520
- 4. Loop, Knob & Lace Edge.....1904

12551-02 Bow FSL

- 1. Lace.....1904
- 2. Pink Stripes.....1521
- 3. Yellow Stripes.....0520
- 4. Knobs & Lace Edge.....1904

12551-03 Slim Branch FSL

- 1. Berries.....0270
- 2. Lace Branch & Leaves.....5934

12551-04 Wide Branch FSL

- 1. Berries.....0270
- 2. Lace Branch & Leaves.....5934

Isacord Thread Colors Used in “Freestanding Lace Mistletoe”

Collection #12551

- 0270 Buttercream
- 0520 Daffodil
- 1521 Flamingo
- 1904 Cardinal
- 5934 Moss green

⌘ Design contains a loose fill.

⊗ Some solid areas shown are not stitched.

L Design is larger than 5" (127 mm) in either direction.

S Design is smaller than 1.5" (38.1 mm) in either direction.

General Freestanding Lace Guidelines

Supplies:

Embroidery Thread:

- Use the same embroidery thread in the bobbin as the needle.

Needles:

- Use an Organ 80/12 Titanium needle for extended needle life.

Stabilizer:

- Use water-soluble stabilizer or film water-soluble stabilizer.

Handy Hints:

For Stiffer Lace:

- DO NOT rinse away all of the stabilizer for a “stiffer” lace. Note that the thread may appear a shade darker if stabilizer is not removed completely.
- If you happen to wash too much out, easily re-stiffen by diluting some stabilizer scraps in water and dipping the item in the solution.

For Very Soft Lace:

- Cut away excess stabilizer. Remove remaining stabilizer by rinsing under warm running water until all traces of the stabilizer are gone. **Note:** If lace should become too limp to work with, dissolve stabilizer scraps in warm water and apply to the lace.

Drying Lace:

- The lace looks best when left to dry completely. Lay lace piece with right side down to dry. This will minimize the tendency for the lace to curl. Be sure to flatten the piece out entirely and allow ample time to dry.

General Instructions

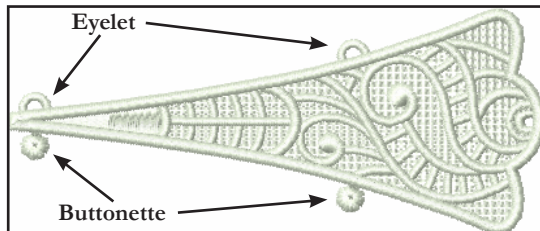
1. Hoop two layers of water-soluble stabilizer.
2. Attach the hoop to the machine and select the design of your choice.
3. Stitch the design.
4. Remove the hoop from the machine and the design from the hoop. Trim excess stabilizer from the design.
5. Rinse away remaining stabilizer and allow it to dry.

Handy Hints:

For 3D Lace Projects:

- Adhere 2 layers of heavy weight stabilizer to back of fabrics with temporary adhesive spray **before** hooping or placing down for tackdown and cut in place. This gives fabric a more rigid structure.
- Rinsing out lace with very hot water can cause wrinkles in some fabrics after it has been embroidered. To prevent this, pre-shrink cotton fabric by washing it in warm water and drying it in a dryer.
- If item becomes too limp to work with, iron the appliqué pieces on the wrong side while applying spray starch. After ironing, spray again with starch and allow to dry completely. This will stiffen the lace pieces nicely and aid in construction.
- A pair of tweezers, hemostats, stiletto or a tiny crochet hook can be extremely helpful when inserting the buttonettes into the eyelets. (Please see **Diagram 1** for explanation of “buttonette” and “eyelet”.)
- Insert the tip of the tweezers, hemostats or crochet hook into the eyelet, grasp the buttonette and pull through the eyelet. Or a stiletto could be used to push the buttonette through the eyelet.

Diagram 1



For the holidays create freestanding lace mistletoe and bow using the Freestanding Lace Mistletoe #12551 embroidery collection. The “save your Christmas kisses” mistletoe can be kept forever. It doesn’t stink or decay. The bow can also be used for gift packages or hair bows. Stitch out more than one and put in special places. They are quick and easy.

Mistletoe – Summary

Requires 1 Bow Center FSL – 12551-01

Requires 1 Bow FSL – 12251-02

Requires 2 Slim Branch FSL – 12251-03

Requires 2 Wide Branch FSL – 12251-04

Supplies

- Embroidery thread
- Wash away stabilizer
- Embroidery machine
- Floral wire
- Floral tape
- ¼" ribbon (to match the color of the bow)



Assembly for Freestanding Lace Mistletoe

- Cut floral wire to the desired length and bend the top to form a hook. **PHOTO 1**
- Arrange the four branches in a pleasing manner. Place hook among the branch ends and sticking out about ¾". **PHOTO 2**
- Wrap the branch ends tight with floral tape. **PHOTO 3**
- Attach by inserting the buttonettes of the bow into the eyelets of the bow center on one end of the bow. **PHOTO 4**
- Attach the other end of the bow by inserting the buttonettes of the bow into the eyelets of the bow center forming a circle. **PHOTO 5**
- Push down center of bow and wrap bow center over bow. Insert buttonette into eyelet of center bow to attach. **PHOTO 6**
- To add shape to bow, pinch the outer ends and the inner area near the wrapped center on both sides. **PHOTO 7**
- Thread a 5"- 6" piece of ¼" ribbon through the back of the bow and tie in a knot onto the bundle of branches over the floral tape. Cut away the extra ribbon. **PHOTO 8**
- Your mistletoe and bow are complete. Hang and wait for those kisses!



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6

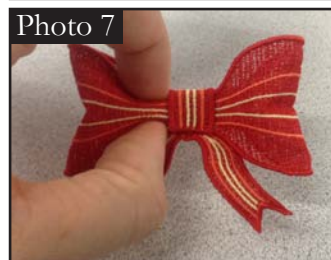


Photo 7



Photo 8