

# “String Alongs” Ornaments

## INSTRUCTIONS

### Supplies Required:

- Polyester embroidery threads
- Matching Bobbins to thread colours
- 2 layers Water Soluble Stabilizer
- “Hooping Window” of Cut-away Stabilizer



**1.** Choose the Polyester thread colours for your ornament (see design information to determine how many colours are in your ornament) and roll a bobbin of the same thread for each.



**2.** Hoop 2 layers of water soluble stabilizer (H2O Gone, Sew 'n' wash, etc.) Be sure that it is very taut in the hoop. A cut-away “window” can be made and included in the hooping to add strength and stability in the hoop.



**3.** Each of the designs to be chained can be sewn separately in a small hoop or combined and sewn together in one large hoop. If your machine and hoop sizes allow, use your edit mode to change to a larger hoop.



**4.** If a larger hoop has been selected, use the “jog” keys to move the design up in the hoop. Begin sewing design following the colour stops. Be sure to change the bobbin for each colour in the design. Sew each of the designs desired.



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5. When design(s) are complete, remove from hoop and trim water soluble stabilizer around perimeter of the designs. Save the scraps for smaller projects.



6. Rinse water soluble stabilizer following the manufacturers directions. Blot dry with a cloth or paper towel to remove excess moisture. Place under a heavy book for approx. 24 hours to dry flat.

7. Once dry, connect open tab on one character to the closed on another. Connect 2 or more characters to create a “ring” or “chain.”



### TIPS

- If your hoop allows, 2 or more sets can be sewn in one hooping by using your machine’s jog keys. Be sure to stabilize the larger hoop with a cut-away “window”.
- To add sparkle, jewels, beads, sequins, etc. can be sewn or glued to the ornaments.
- Metallic threads can be used for 1 or more of the colours in the ornament but you must match up a polyester colour for the bobbin. Do not put metallic thread in the bobbin.

