

FSL Funny Easter Eggs - Whimsical Easter Tree Display

Project Overview

SKU: AP01-APE1181

Brand: Ace Points

Skill Level: Intermediate

Time Required: 3-4 hours (includes stitching + assembly)

Finished Size: Varies by design (approximately 2.5" - 3.5" per egg)

Project Description

Transform your Easter decor with this charming **Whimsical Easter Tree Display** featuring six adorable free-standing lace (FSL) funny Easter eggs! Each egg showcases a unique, playful expression that will bring smiles to guests of all ages. These delicate lace eggs look stunning displayed on branches in a decorative vase, creating a conversation-worthy centerpiece for your Easter brunch table, mantel, or entryway.

Unlike plastic Easter decorations, these handcrafted lace eggs become treasured heirlooms you'll display year after year. The openwork FSL technique creates an ethereal, almost magical quality that catches light beautifully. Perfect for gifting to embroidery enthusiasts, new homeowners, or anyone who appreciates handmade holiday charm.

What You'll Make

A stunning Easter tree centerpiece featuring 6 FSL lace eggs with funny faces, displayed on decorative branches in a ceramic vase or mason jar. The finished display stands approximately 12-18 inches tall and becomes an instant Easter focal point.

Materials Needed

Designs (Included in Bundle)

- **AP01-APE1181** - FSL Funny Easter Eggs Design Pack (6 designs total)
 - Funny Egg 1: Surprised expression
 - Funny Egg 2: Happy smile
 - Funny Egg 3: Silly face
 - Funny Egg 4: Playful wink
 - Funny Egg 5: Cheeky grin
 - Funny Egg 6: Sleepy expression

Embroidery Supplies

- **Stabilizer:** Water-soluble stabilizer (WSS) - 2-3 sheets minimum
- **Thread:**
 - White or ivory rayon/polyester embroidery thread (main color)
 - Pastel accent threads (light pink, baby blue, soft yellow, mint green, lavender) for facial features
 - Optional: Metallic gold or silver for decorative highlights
- **Needles:** Size 75/11 embroidery needles
- **Machine:** Any embroidery machine with 4" x 4" hoop capability or larger

Display Materials

- **Branches:** 3-5 decorative branches (real dried branches, faux branches, or curly willow)
- **Vase:** White ceramic vase, mason jar, or decorative container (6-8" tall)
- **Filler:** Decorative moss, Easter grass, or small rocks to secure branches
- **Hangers:** Thin ribbon, fishing line, or metallic thread to hang eggs
- **Optional:** Fairy lights (battery-operated) to weave through branches

Tools

- Scissors (small embroidery scissors)
- Spray bottle with warm water
- Bowl for soaking stabilizer
- Paper towels
- Tweezers (optional, for precise trimming)

Step-by-Step Instructions

Step 1: Prepare Your Materials (15 minutes)

Gather all supplies before starting. Cut your water-soluble stabilizer into pieces slightly larger than your embroidery hoop. If using a 4" x 4" hoop, cut stabilizer pieces approximately 5" x 5".

Pro Tip: Label a small container or egg carton with numbers 1-6 to keep your finished eggs organized by design.

Step 2: Hoop the Stabilizer (5 minutes per egg)

Place one piece of water-soluble stabilizer in your hoop, making sure it's taut like a drum. The stabilizer should be smooth without wrinkles but not stretched so tight it distorts.

Important: FSL designs stitch directly onto the stabilizer—no fabric needed! The stabilizer becomes your “fabric” and will be removed later to create the

free-standing lace effect.

Step 3: Load and Stitch the First Design (20-30 minutes per egg)

1. Load the first Funny Easter Egg design into your embroidery machine
2. Thread your machine with white or ivory thread for the main egg
3. For the facial features, you have two options:
 - **Option A:** Let the machine stop for color changes and switch to pastel threads for faces
 - **Option B:** Stitch entirely in white/ivory for a classic look
4. Begin stitching
5. If doing multi-color: When the machine stops for color changes, switch to your chosen accent thread for the facial features

Pro Tip: Use the same color thread in your bobbin as your top thread for the cleanest look on both sides.

Step 4: Remove and Rinse (10 minutes per egg)

1. Carefully remove the stitched egg from the hoop
2. Trim away excess stabilizer around the egg, leaving about 1/4" border
3. Fill a bowl with warm (not hot) water
4. Submerge the stitched egg and gently swish for 30-60 seconds
5. You'll see the stabilizer begin to dissolve
6. Remove from water and lay flat on paper towels
7. Gently pat with paper towels to remove excess water
8. Shape the egg while damp—it should hold its 3D form

Pro Tip: Don't overwash! Leaving a tiny bit of stabilizer residue actually helps the lace maintain its structure. The egg will stiffen more as it completely dries.

Step 5: Dry and Shape (2-3 hours, mostly passive)

1. Place damp eggs on a flat surface lined with paper towels
2. While still pliable, gently shape the egg to ensure it has a nice rounded 3D form
3. Let air dry completely (2-3 hours)
4. Optional: For extra stiffness, you can apply fabric stiffener spray after the egg is completely dry

Pro Tip: Place a small ball of plastic wrap or tissue inside the egg while drying to help it maintain its 3D shape.

Step 6: Repeat for All 6 Eggs (Repeat Steps 2-5)

Stitch all six Funny Easter Egg designs, varying your accent thread colors if desired for a colorful mixed display, or keep them all uniform in classic white.

Step 7: Create Hangers (10 minutes)

1. Cut 6 pieces of thin ribbon, fishing line, or metallic thread, each 6-8" long
2. Thread one piece through the top of each egg (most FSL designs include a small loop or hole at the top)
3. Tie a small knot to create a hanging loop
4. Trim excess

Pro Tip: Using clear fishing line creates a magical “floating” effect for your eggs.

Step 8: Assemble Your Easter Tree Display (15 minutes)

1. Arrange your branches in your chosen vase/container
2. Add filler (moss, Easter grass, or rocks) to secure branches
3. Adjust branches to create a pleasing arrangement with multiple hanging points
4. Hang your FSL eggs at various heights on the branches
5. Step back and adjust until you're happy with the composition
6. Optional: Weave fairy lights through the branches for a magical glow

Pro Tip: Hang eggs at different heights—some close to branches, some dangling lower—for visual interest. Odd numbers (like the 6 eggs grouped as 3 and 3) look most appealing to the eye.

Display Ideas

Easter Brunch Centerpiece

Place your Easter tree as the centerpiece of your holiday table. The height adds dimension without blocking conversation across the table.

Mantel Display

Flank your Easter tree with candles or ceramic bunnies for a complete mantel vignette.

Entryway Welcome

Greet guests with your Easter tree on a console table or entryway shelf—it's an instant mood-lifter!

Window Display

Hang the eggs directly in a sunny window using suction cup hooks—the light shining through the lace creates beautiful shadows.

Gift Presentation

Attach a finished egg to the top of an Easter gift basket as a reusable, treasured keepsake “gift topper.”

Pro Tips for Success

Thread Tension Trick

FSL designs require balanced tension so the stitches lock properly without fabric underneath. Test your tension on a scrap piece of stabilizer first. If you see loops on either side, adjust tension before starting your eggs.

Multi-Hooping Option

If you have a larger hoop (5” x 7” or bigger), you can often fit 2 egg designs in one hooping—just arrange them strategically in your software. This cuts total stitching time significantly!

Storage Solution

After Easter, store your delicate FSL eggs in a small box with layers of tissue paper between them, or hang them on a dedicated ornament tree in your craft room as year-round decor.

Variations to Try

- **Rainbow Collection:** Stitch each egg in a different pastel color for a cheerful rainbow display
 - **Metallic Elegance:** Use metallic gold or silver thread for a more formal, sophisticated look
 - **Glitter Finish:** While damp, sprinkle fine glitter on the eggs for a sparkly effect
 - **Scented Eggs:** Add a drop of essential oil to the water when rinsing stabilizer for lightly scented decorations
 - **Egg Garland:** String all 6 eggs together in a horizontal garland instead of a tree display
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Troubleshooting

Problem	Solution
Egg is floppy after drying	Apply fabric stiffener spray and let dry again
Stitches look loose or gappy	Check thread tension; increase top tension slightly
Stabilizer not dissolving	Use warmer water and swish more vigorously
Egg lost its 3D shape	While damp, stuff with plastic wrap and let dry completely
Thread breaks frequently	Check needle for burrs; replace with fresh needle

Bundle Information

Product: FSL Funny Easter Eggs

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Number of Designs: 6

Formats: All major embroidery formats (with free conversion)

Get the bundle: <https://www.embroiderydesigns.com/productdetails/ace-points/designpack/1/ape1181>

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