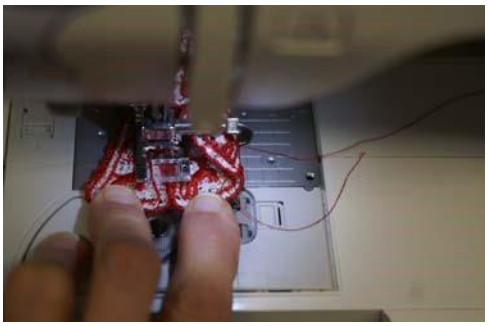
Freestanding Lace Christmas Bells
4x4 Hoop

Hoop with two layers of soluable stabilizer. Sew out the designs, then unhoop and trim stabilizer around the bell being careful not to cut into it.

Soak for about 15 minutes in warm water. Let dry.



Sew five sides together with a zigzag stitch on your sewing machine starting from the center down to the edge of the bell,



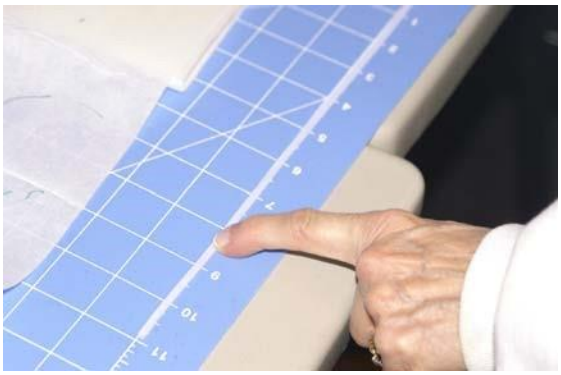


matching the very tips together. (Be sure you match and hold them together at the bottom while sewing, just watch your fingers.) Turn and sew back up the
When you get to the bottom turn and sew back up to the opposite side. The sixth side will have to be hand stitched together to form the bell.

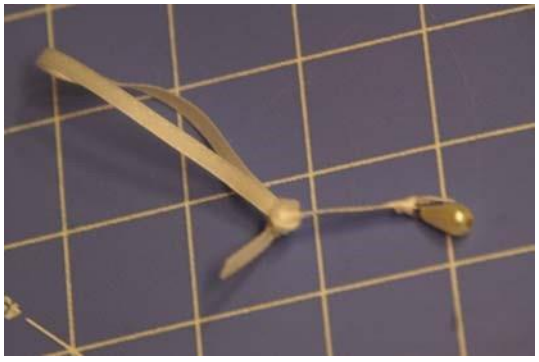
Hint: When stitching to the bottom edge of the bell, pull it together to get more of a bell shape - just be careful not to pull the lace apart.
If you should pull to hard, a small dab of glue will take care of it.

Finishing:

I used white tear drop pearl beads and the thinnest ribbon I could find. Both can be purchased at any hobby shop, like Hobby Lobby, MIchaels, etc.
Then I cut 11 inches of ribbon.



Tie one end to the pearl, folded the ribbon to form a loop and tie a double knot about 1 inch from the pearl drop. Take the hoop and pull it up through the hole in the bell. (Picture #5 - #6 - #7 - #8 - #9)











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