

ITH Organza Christmas Tree Suncatchers/Ornaments

Decorate your windows and sliding glass doors with these quick to stitch Organza Christmas Tree Suncatchers. They also make good ornaments for the little ones to hang on the Christmas tree without fear of breaking them.

Materials:
Skill Level : Beginner

Time Required : 02:30 hours

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- 5" x 7" embroidery hoop or larger

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- For Each suncatcher:

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- 4 8" x 6" rectangles of nylon organza for each design (6" rolls from LA Crafts)

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- 2 layers of fibrous water-soluble stabilizer for each ornament

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- Spray Adhesive

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- 1 1/8" clear suction cups with hooks

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- 40wt Polyester thread for the top of your embroidery machine

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- 60wt bobbin thread to match the top thread

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- 100% cotton smooth dish towel

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- Optional T pins

Designs used in this project:

- <https://www.embroiderydesigns.com/productdetails/pat-williams/stockdesign/1/ogzct01>
- <https://www.embroiderydesigns.com/productdetails/pat-williams/stockdesign/1/ogzct02>
- <https://www.embroiderydesigns.com/productdetails/pat-williams/stockdesign/1/ogzct03>

Final Product: What You Will Create



Preface:

The 2 ½ hour time to complete this project is for all three of these designs. Some only take 45 minutes to complete, some take 1 hour to complete. Drying time is not included as it can vary greatly depending upon the humidity in your location.

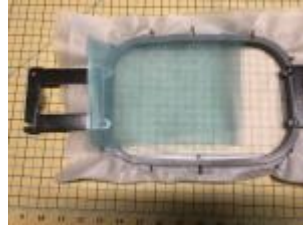
Step 1:

Hoop two layers of fibrous water-soluble stabilizer your hoop. Not designed for stitching on plastic type water-soluble toppers. As there are quite a few stitches in these designs it is helpful to place T-pins in the stabilizer around the top of the hoop. These prevents the stabilizer from being drawn in by the stitching of the designs.



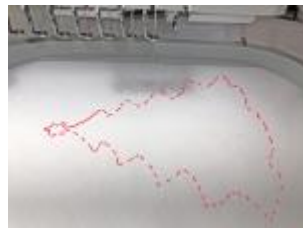
Step 2:

Cut 4 or more 8" x 6" rectangles of organza in the color of your choice. The more layers of organza you use the deeper the color of the suncatcher will be.



Step 3:

All Color stops (CS) may be sewn in the same color thread. Run CS 1 as a placement line.



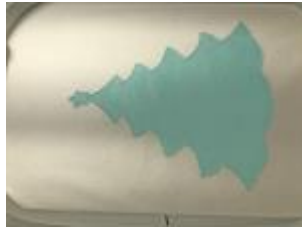
Step 4:

Spray adhesive on one layer of the organza and position over the placement line. Spray each successive layer of organza and align it over the first organza square. Run CS 2 to tack down all the layers.



Step 5:

With sharp ITH double curved embroidery scissors (Kai recommended) trim the layers of organza right up next to the tack down stitches.



Step 6:



Return the hoop to the machine and run CS 3 to complete the embroidery.

Step 7:

Trim away the excess stabilizer about ¼” around the tree.



Step 8:



Hold the ornament under hot running water just long enough to remove the stabilizer. You do want some stabilizer to remain in the project to make it stiff.

Step 9:

Lay the project on a smooth cotton dish towel to dry. Smooth the hanging loop out to it's rounded shape with your fingers.



Step 10:

Complete the other 2 ornaments following the above steps. Let all pieces dry – overnight is preferable. Iron each ornament from the back side with an iron to make sure they are all flat.



Step 11:

Dampen and stick the suction cups to a window or sliding glass door and proudly hang your organza suncatchers or hang on the Christmas tree as ornaments. Congratulations your project is complete!



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