

## Mylar Candle Ornament

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It's about that time of year where everyone is getting their Christmas Trees ready, getting ready for the Holiday Bazaars and making those special gifts for family, friends, in-laws and outlaws.

With this in mind we thought we would bring you this one of a kind Mylar Ornament that you can use on anything you desire (except Ugly Christmas Sweater contests. Well, maybe those, too, but you have to send us a funny picture).

### Materials:

- Embrilliance Express or any of the Embrilliance Programs
- Mylar Candle Ornament embroidery design
- 4 x 4 embroidery hoop
- Wash-away stabilizer
- 1 x sheet of opal mylar
- 8 or 9 empty bobbins

### Instructions:

1. Open the MylarCandleOrnament2018.BE file in your Embrilliance software.
2. This design was digitized using StitchArtist and created for the 4x4 hoop. These instructions were created to do one design in a hoop at a time. For those who are new to machine embroidery or working with mylar embroidery designs, we recommend following these simple instructions to gain experience.

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Experienced embroiderers may choose to resize or create multiples of the design in a larger hoop - be sure to check out the Essentials playlist on the Embrilliance youtube channel for information on using these program features of you are an Essentials user!

3. Save the stitch file to your machine format (File > Save Stitch File) and open the design at the machine.

The design has multiple color breaks which allow for actual thread color changes and to ensure the machine stops for placement and tackdown as in a traditional machine embroidery appliqué design. As with appliqué designs, the thread color used will depend on your project, and not necessarily match what is listed on your machine.

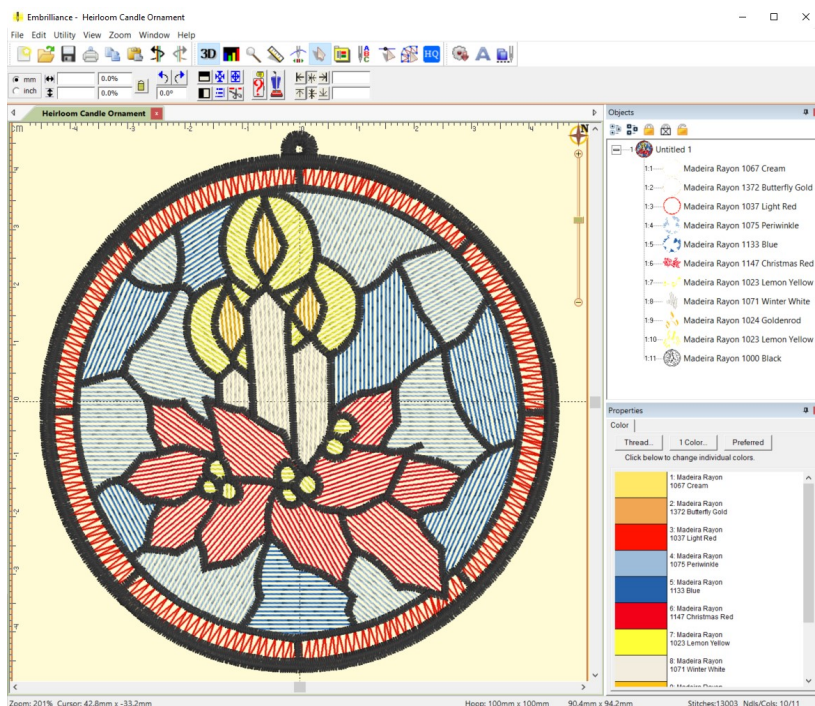
4. Hoop a single layer of wash away stabilizer in the smallest hoop that will fit a 4x4 design.

The “rule of thumb” for embroidery is to always use the smallest hoop possible. This has a few benefits - It reduces wasted stabilizer and makes our “canvas” more stable to hold up during stitching.

5. Are you ready to embroider? On this design I wanted to have a result that was attractive on both sides, so it was “hangable” (I know... what else would you do with an ornament, right?) so I used bobbins wound with the same color thread as the top thread, but if you have decided to use this for a one-sided application standard bobbin thread will suffice

When winding color-matched bobbins for this project, you won’t need to fill them entirely. I used a count of 5 seconds while winding the bobbin and still found that I had bobbin thread to spare.

6. For the first two colors, you can simply use the red thread needed for color 3 as these initial colors are used only for the placement and tacking lines. When the machine stops after the first outline, you will lay down the opal mylar. Make sure it covers the entire circle and then start the machine again. Once the machine stops again, take the hoop off of the machine and carefully tear away the mylar on the outside of the circle.





7. If you are using the “hanging” method, make sure that the top and bottom thread are the same color. After the mylar is torn away just put the hoop back on the machine and hit the start button and let her go.

Once this color is done, you can remove the hoop and replace the bobbin with the next thread. I also use this time to trim the threads on the bottom of the design. It will give you a much cleaner finished design.

8. Now that you have got the first color done, repeat step 7 with all of the remaining colors.

9. Congratulations.... You have created your first Mylar Candle Ornament!! Only 99 to go.; once your friends have seen it, they'll have to have one, too.



10. Now it's time for the last part. Remove the design from your embroidery hoop and rinse away the excess water soluble stabilizer. Whenever I work with wash away stabilizer, I always cut off the excess stabilizer before I rinse away the stabilizer on the design.

Now, CAREFULLY rinse away the stabilizer. Please do not rub the design as this may damage the mylar. Once all the stabilizer is rinsed away, you can carefully blot the ornament dry.



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