

Butterfly Lace Sweatshirt Project  
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Why not simply embroider the butterflies onto the sweatshirt? The lace has a bit of dimension that plain embroidery cannot capture. It would be quite difficult to get the exact placement to create a continuous line of butterflies. It's prettier this way!

Supplies:

Plain, solid-colored sweatshirt (or t-shirt or sweater)  
Butterfly Lace designs from Perfect Little Stitches  
White cotton embroidery thread (or variegated thread)  
Water-soluble stabilizer

Measure 1-1/2" from neckline seam (where ribbing attaches to the sweatshirt). Mark with pins all around the neckline. Use a tape measure to determine the length of the imaginary line formed by these pins. In the example shown, the length is 28".

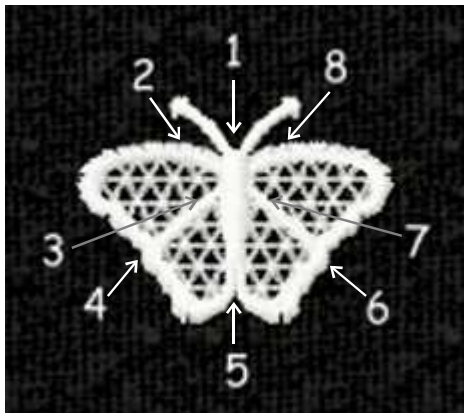
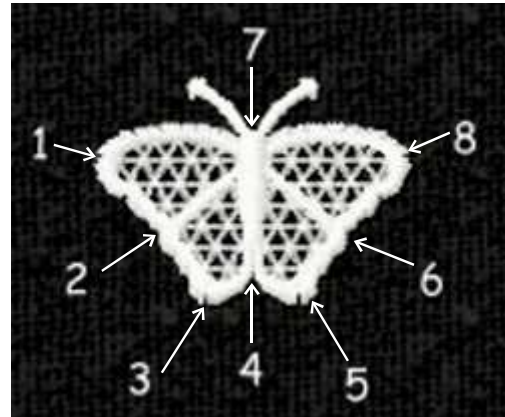
Stitch Butterfly Lace designs as directed in the ButterflyLace pdf file. Stitch as many long lengths as you will need (6 butterfly pieces, if your hoop is large enough, or 4 butterfly pieces if you are limited to a 4" hoop). You may also need a shorter length of lace to create the desired amount. Calculate one butterfly per inch to determine exactly how much lace you will need.

Stitch five single butterfly motifs. Rinse all lace thoroughly and allow to dry, shaping the lengths into gentle curves.

Pin the lengths of lace around the neckline, centering a butterfly at the center front of the sweatshirt, with the tops of the wings placed 1-1/2" from the neckline seam. Once the front is all pinned, arrange the butterflies around the back of the neckline so that a continuous line of butterflies is created. This may require you to shift the lace a bit closer to or further from the neck. Pin the lace into place.

Hand stitch (gasp!) the lace to the sweatshirt, using thread to match the color of the lace, stitching in the order shown at right. Repeat until all the lace is stitched.

Pin the single butterfly motifs as shown in the picture. Remember that when the sweatshirt is lying flat, the sides will end up under the arms, so avoid placing the motifs too close to the side. Once you are pleased with the arrangement, try on the sweatshirt. Check that none of the butterflies are too far to the side, or appear to be flying off the tip of your breast.



Stitch each motif in the sequence shown at left, adding one last stitch over the first one.

You're done!

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