

Cherry Blossom Accent Blouse Project by Mary Jane Allen  
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Supplies:

Plain white blouse

Cherry Blossom Accent designs from Perfect Little Stitches

Seed pearl beads (about 100)

Pearly ball-shaped replacement buttons

Pink embroidery thread

Water-soluble stabilizer

Hoop two layers of water-soluble stabilizer. Pin one cuff to the stabilizer, placing pins at the edges of the cuff where they will not interfere with the embroidery. Decide which cuff designs you want to use, depending upon the length of the cuff and how easy it is to open the cuff flat or the limitations of hoop size. The design should be centered over the cuff, running from buttonhole to button (or button to buttonhole). The blouse in the photos has a 3/4 length sleeve with a really large cuff that was embroidered with Chbcuff (a combination of Chbcuff1, Chbcuff2 and Chbcuff3). Most cuffs will be complete with Chbcuff1 and Chbcuff2. Embroider the design(s). Unpin and remove as much stabilizer as possible.

Hoop more stabilizer. Embroider the first stitch color of Chbcolll. Pin the left collar point to the stabilizer, aligning collar point with these positioning stitches. Embroider the second color, using thread that matches the blouse. These are anchoring stitches to hold the collar point in place. Use pink thread to embroider the design. Repeat for the right collar point using Chbcollr.

Hoop more stabilizer. Pin the placket to the stabilizer. Center the Chbplkt design to stitch between each buttonhole. Center the Chbbtn2 design to stitch around each buttonhole.

Remove all excess stabilizer.

Sew a seed pearl bead in the center of each blossom. This must be done by hand (sorry!). If the blouse has ordinary shirt buttons, replace them with pearly ball-shaped buttons. Be sure they are the correct size for the existing buttonholes.

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