

Floral Applique and Lace Blouse Project
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Supplies:

Plain white blouse

Floral Appliqué and Lace designs from Perfect Little Stitches

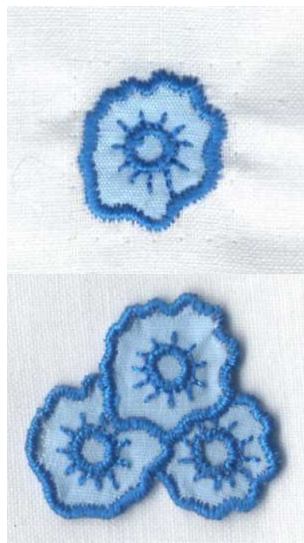
Scraps of batiste, about a fat quarter or 1/4 yard

Water-soluble stabilizer

Green and blue embroidery threads

About 50 pearly beads (3 mm size)

Following the instructions for the Floral Appliqué and Lace designs, using water-soluble stabilizer and the batiste, create six pieces of lace from design Flrlace, create four pieces of the single-flower motif from design Flrlapp1 and four pieces of the three-flower motif from design Flrlapp3. Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry.



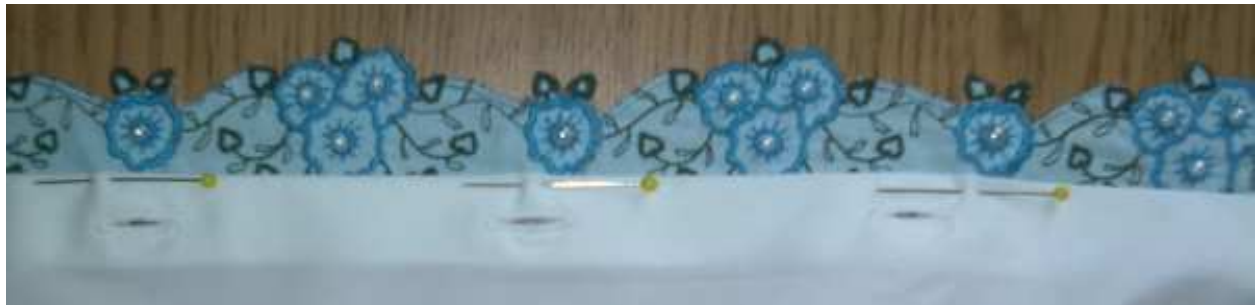
Stitch a pearly bead into the center of each of the flowers in the middle of the Flrlace. Do not stitch beads into the flowers at each end — yet. You only need about three stitches per bead, tying off between beads.



Overlap the Flrlace pieces so that the flower from one end is directly atop the flower from the next end. Sew a pearly bead into the center of the flower on top, stitching through both layers to hold them together. You may also take a few stitches at the edge where the pieces overlap.



Pin the long piece of lace to the buttonhole edge of the blouse front, with about 1/8" of the edge of the lace hidden under the fabric.



Stitch very close to the edge of the blouse front, stitching through the lace inside the satin-stitched edge. The image below shows the blouse buttoned closed.



Embroider the border design Flrlbrd1 onto the left collar, mirror-imaging the design for the right collar. Skip the stitches that form the flower at the end. Sew a pearly bead into the center of each flower. Sew a single flower Flrlapp1 to each end of the design, attaching it by sewing a pearly bead into the center of the flower, stitching through the collar. The flower at the end should just overhang the end of the collar.



Take the 3-flower pieces (Flrapp3) and scatter them in the right shoulder area (as shown in the photo). Pin into place, then try on the blouse. Adjust the position of each piece of lace (taking care to avoid the breast area) until a pleasing look is achieved.

Sew a pearly bead into the center of each flower (three beads per piece of lace), stitching through the blouse to secure the flowers to the blouse.



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