



Free Pattern

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

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Materials

- 3X10CM EMBROIDERY HOOPS
- COTTON FABRIC
- WATER-SOLUBLE STABILIZER PAPER
- DMC PEARL COTTON SIZE 5 NUMBER 367
- EMBROIDERY NEEDLE
- EMBROIDERY SCISSORS
- GLUE GUN
- SCRAPBOOK PAPER

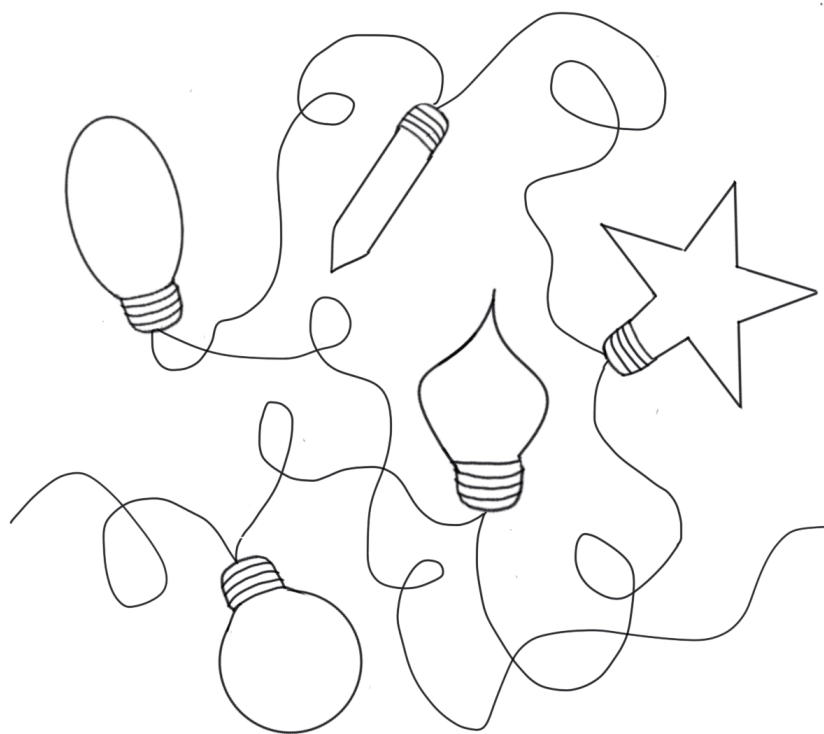
DMC LIGHT EFFECTS SIX-STRAND EMBROIDERY FLOSS.

SKEINS NUMBERS E3821, E334, E316, E677, E3849, E3837, E415





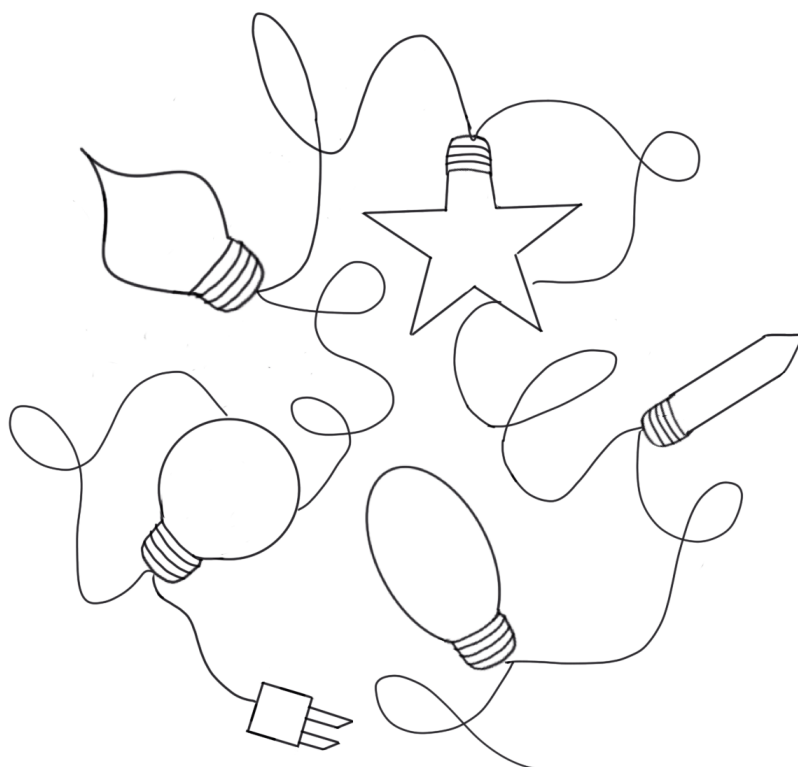
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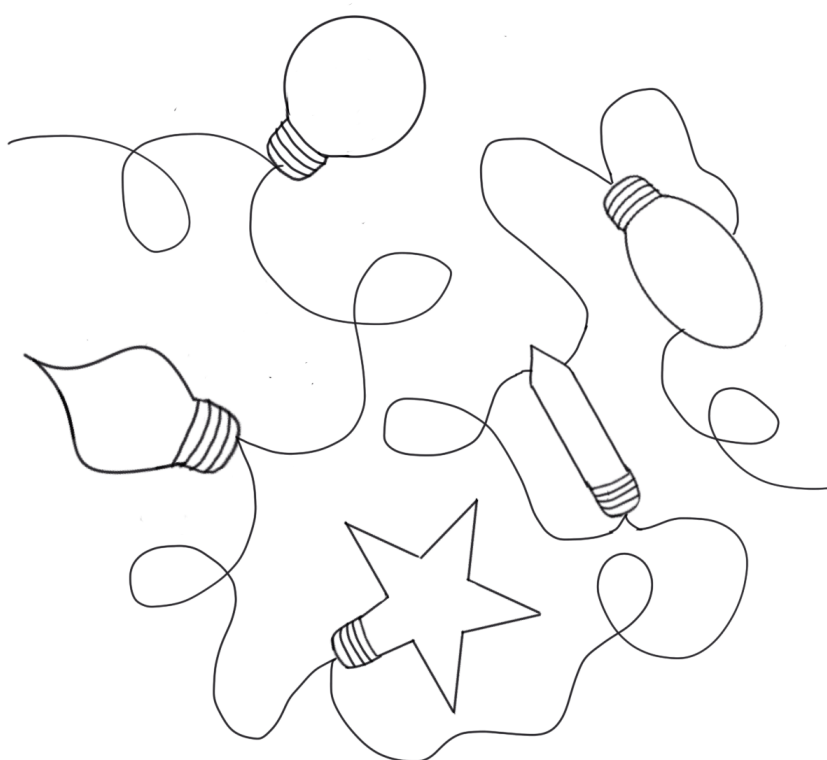
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Transfer Guide

TRACING

Place your fabric over the design. Using a fabric pen follow the lines. You can use a light box or even a window!

CARBON PAPER

Place a carbon paper over the fabric. Then place your design over the carbon paper. Follow the lines with a sharp pen.

STABILIZER PAPER

It has the firmness and feel of fabric. Print your design on it (with your home printer). Remove the back paper and stick it on the fabric. Once you've done stitching, wash it away and it will vanish with water contact.





Stitch Guide

For transferring the design onto fabric use a water-soluble paper. Print your design directly on it (using your home printer) stick it to the fabric and once you've finished stitching, wash it and the paper will vanish with water contact.

This technique is very easy and fast, perfect when the design is complex and with lots of details (or when you are just too lazy to draw).

Place the fabric in the hoop. Unscrew the hoop and separate both parts, then place the fabric between them like a sandwich and make sure it's well taut. Tighten the screw and you are ready to start!





Stitch Guide

Here comes the funniest part, time to embroider. Use DMC Pearl Cotton 367. Cut the thread at the length of your elbow and knot the end. Use satin stitch to fill the shape of the plug.



With the same thread, create the cable effect using stem stitch. Bring needle up and down creating a single short stitch. Bring needle up again halfway between your first stitch, just slightly above of it and repeat.

Tip: for curves, make small stitches to maintain a rounded look.





Stitch Guide

For the golden base of the light bulb use DMC E3821. Light effects floss can be challenging because they are more rigid than cotton floss and they tangled very often.

Be patience, use shorter threads and be very gentle when pulling out the thread.

Use back stitch with 6 strands. Make short stitches, bringing needle up and down, following the lines and without leaving any spaces between stitches.



Use 2 strands and fill in the shapes using satin stitch. Here I used DMC E334.





Stitch Guide

Combine different light effects colors for the rest of the lights bulbs. Use satin stitch with 2 strands of DMC E415 to finish the plug. Repeat this process for the other 2 hoops. Your design is almost ready!



Wash your fabric until the stabilizer paper is gone and let it dry.





Stitch Guide

Put your fabric back in the hoops.

Use DMC Pearl Cotton 367. Cut off a long piece of thread and from behind of the hoop bring needle up.

Pull it until the thread is out and leave some of it hanging.

Bring the needle down in the next hoop, linking them by the thread.

Knot the thread and cut it.



Repeat this process until the 3 hoops are linked.





Stitch Guide

To finish the back of your hoops, trim around the excess fabric, leaving at least 2 cm of it. Use a glue gun to stick the fabric to the hoops.



Embellish the back of your hoop using a nice scrapbook paper. Trace around the hoop onto the paper using the outer hoop as a template.





Stitch Guide

Using a glue gun, stick the scrapbook paper into the hoop.

Repeat this process for all of the hoops and your work is ready to enjoy!





About

H&E

Hoops & Expectations isn't just embroidery, it's a lifestyle. H&E is an expression of creativity that was born in Houston, Tx in June 2017 from the love of hand made things and DIY crafts.

I want to show you how fun and trendy embroidery can be. Check out my patterns, DIY kits and custom backpacks at etsy.com/shop/hoopsandexpectations

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