

# Freestanding Battenburg Lace with Rayon



A mix of Battenburg lace and rayon thread gives these freestanding lace designs a unique combination of textures and colors. See how to make these lace pieces by following the tips and tricks in this tutorial.

## Project Needs & Notes

- Water-soluble stabilizer (Vilene or Sulky Ultra Solvy)
- 30-35 weight cotton thread (and/or 40 weight rayon thread)
- Size 11 or 75/11 sharp sewing needle

Designs used in this tutorial include:

- [M8805, Flourishing Leaf Spray \(Battenburg Lace with Rayon\)](#)
- [M8803, Flourishing Flower Spray \(Battenburg Lace with Rayon\)](#)



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*The video tutorial demonstrates how to embroider Battenburg lace. Instructions for creating the Battenburg with rayon designs are below.*

Battenburg lace designs are embroidered onto water-soluble



stabilizer.

When the stabilizer is soaked away, beautiful lace remains behind.



Battenburg lace is digitized for 30-35 weight cotton thread. This thread brings a classic, hearty, and traditional look to the lace pieces.

30-35 weight cotton thread is found under different names, such as mercerized cotton or all-purpose cotton.

You will use the same thread in the top and the bobbin, too. Wind a bobbin with the cotton thread.



There are two main types of water-soluble stabilizer. One is clear and looks like plastic; an example brand name is Sulky Ultra Solvy.

The other kind is soft and fibrous, such as Vilene. Both will work well. Vilene is used in this demonstration.



Use a size 11 or 75/11 sharp sewing needle, instead of an embroidery needle.

A sharp sewing needle has a smaller, finer point than an embroidery needle. That means it will make smaller holes in the stabilizer.



Hoop the stabilizer firmly. Make sure it is nice and tight with no wrinkles.



Embroider the design. Sew the first color with the cotton thread in the needle and the bobbin.



In this example, 40 weight rayon thread was used as the second color to add extra shine to the flourish.

Then, change the needle and the bobbin for the second color.

This color can be sewn using 30-35 weight cotton thread or 40 weight rayon thread.

The first color, however, must always be sewn using 30-35 weight cotton thread



Continue embroidering the design.



After embroidering, trim away the excess stabilizer.



Then, soak in a bowl of water to remove the rest. Blot the lace with paper towels.



Allow the lace to air dry, then press with a pressing cloth on top.



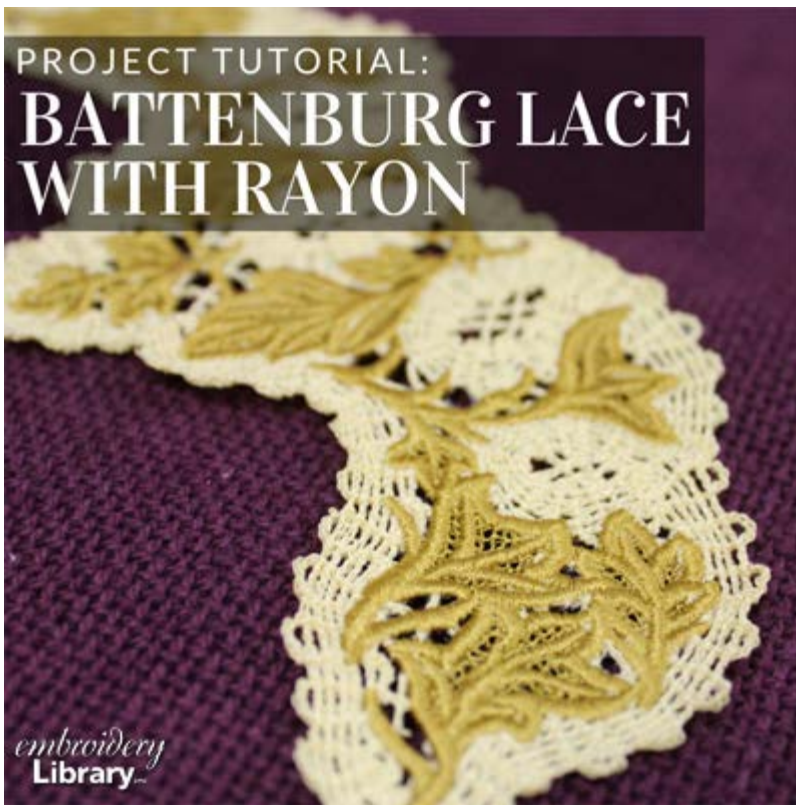
Add this stunning style of lace to your home decor projects, including towels, pillows, and more.



Holiday versions of the designs are gorgeous additions to a Christmas tree (or use them as a stocking stuffer!).



Plus, a beautiful Battenburg lace and rayon snowflake stuns hanging in a winter window.



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