Lace Spiderweb Doily

Want to haunt your home with a little extra Halloween style this season? This little lace spiderweb doily is just the thing to whip together in an afternoon. Stitched as eight separate pieces, these lace wedges come together to make this sweet and simple spiderweb that's perfect for adding a creepy touch under vases and around the home. Stitching it up is easy and putting it together even more so. Let me show you how!

First you need to download the Spiderweb Doily (Lace) design and stitch up your lace pieces. This kind of lace is a variation on Battenburg lace, so you'll want 30 to 50 weight cotton thread. You'll also want to wind a bobbin for each color used. In this case, a white and a black.

Products Used

Spiderweb Doily (Lace) (Sku: EMP16905-1)

Steps To Complete

Begin by stitching your lace pieces. We recommend using 30-50wt. 100% cotton for this design. Use a piece of heavy duty water soluble stabilizer (such as Vilene or Sulky Ultra Solvy) hooped taut, in the smallest hoop possible for the design for best results. More information on stitching freestanding lace is available here. You can choose to stitch seven plain pieces and one spider, or stitch more spider pieces for a spider-filled web. It's up to you.

The largest design makes a doily approximately 13.5 inches in diameter, the medium design makes an 11 inch diameter doily, and the small design makes an 8.5 inch doily. For this project, I chose to stitch the medium size spiderweb.

Once your lace is stitched, soak away the water-soluble stabilizer according to your package directions. When you're ready, you should have eight pieces, like so. You'll also need some matching thread. You can probably use the same cotton thread you used to embroider the lace.

Roughly piece the web slices together to make your final shape. Take care to make sure each piece is facing right side up. Lace can look pretty darn similar on either side, but there is usually one side that is a bit cleaner than the other, and we'll want to keep those facing up.
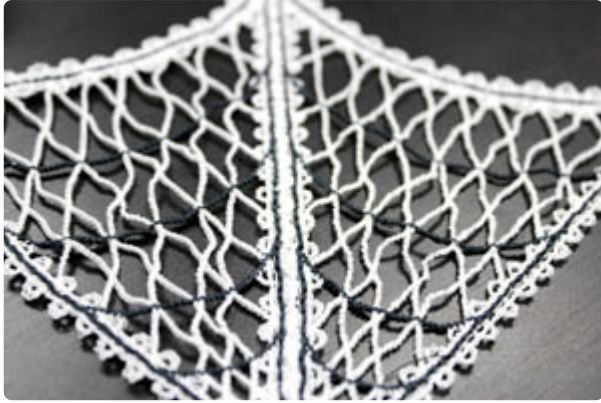
Set your machine to a small zigzag stitch. The goal is to have the zigzag be just a little smaller than the gap between the two black lines of the webbing. On my machine that was about a medium setting.

Use the same color thread as you used to stitch the main body of the lace. In this case, that's white for me. Zigzag your stitches right between the two pieces to stitch them together.

On a side note, do ya dig my vampire colored nails? It's that season, I couldn't resist.

When you're done, you'll see that your zigzag stitch is practically invisible between the two pieces, as long as you managed not to stitch wider than the black lines.

here are probably plenty of ways to stitch these pieces together, but trust me when I say this is the easiest and probably best looking.

Continue adding one piece of lace at a time to your web doily. I found that if I fed the pieces into the sewing machine ever so slightly apart (like shown), it helped prevent the sewing machine from stitching them too close together and zagging over the black lines.

Your last piece should stitch to the other side of your very first piece, forming a completed web circle.

And that's it! Stitched tightly together, these laces pieces aren't going anywhere, and your quick zigzag stitches are invisible.

It's a fun afternoon project to whip up when you need something a little seasonally spooky to put under your vase of black roses, or bowl of trick or treat goodies. Most folks may not even notice right away that it's not a regular doily, until they find the little spider creeping around the web!

It's a season perfect for little surprises like these. Plus it's so easy to make, how can you resist?