

Deco Lace Shirt Project by Mary Jane Allen  
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Go from plain to elegant.

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## Supplies:

Cotton camp shirt

Matching cotton or rayon embroidery thread

Matching bobbin thread

Water-soluble stabilizer

Deco Lace 1 and Deco Lace 3 designs from Perfect Little Stitches

Test-stitch a single motif from the Deco Lace 1 designs (following the directions that come with the lace designs). Rinse thoroughly in very warm water and allow to dry. Measure the single motif (it will shrink slightly from the in-the-hoop measurements).

Measure the collar from tip to tip. Use the Deco Lace 1 designs to create a strip the appropriate length, starting with the Decounos design and finishing with the Decounof design. Rinse the lace thoroughly and allow to dry. (Lace will soften a bit more when the garment is washed.) Stitch to the underside edge of the collar using a narrow zigzag stitch over the edge of the lace.



Combine the Decounos, Decouno1 and Decounof designs to create the lace for the top of the pocket. Stitch the combined design, rinse and dry. Stitch by hand to the top edge of the pocket.

Stitch the Decotri1 design twice to create lace tabs to replace the button tabs. Rinse and dry. Remove the tabs and buttons from the shirt sleeves. Unroll the sleeve hem and press out the crease. Fold up 3" from lower edge of sleeve (to the outside of the sleeve). Press. Unfold, then fold lower edge to the crease. Press. Fold up the sleeve edge along the two creases. Stitch close to the upper edge.

Pin the lace tab to the sleeve where the button and button tab once were. Stitch the lower edge into place by hand, on the inside of the sleeve. Tack the point of the tab into place. Repeat for the other sleeve.