

Teeny Flowers Jeans and T-Shirt Project  
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Supplies:

Fabric, notions and pattern to make pants

Plain t-shirt

Teeny Flowers 2 and Teeny Flowers 4 designs from Perfect Little Stitches

Assorted polyester embroidery threads

Water-soluble stabilizer

Polymesh stabilizer (or other lightweight cutaway stabilizer)

For best results, choose a pants pattern that you have used before so you will know where the hem will be before assembly. The pants shown are made from a medium-weight denim.

Cut out the pattern pieces and clean finish the edges with an overedge stitch. Stitch the side seams of each pants leg, even if the pattern tells you to do that later. Press both seam allowances to the back and top-stitch the seam.





Use a scrap of leftover pants fabric to test-stitch the thread colors. With black denim, the dye is very unstable, so I chose polyester threads to prevent the thread from changing color by absorbing the black dye.



Accepted threads

I chose several bright colors from my polyester thread stash, only to discover that many did not provide sufficient contrast to the black denim. You may prefer the more subtle look, so go with what looks best to you.



Rejected threads

If you have a pair of pants sewn from the same pattern, use them to determine where the hem will be on the pants you are embroidering.. Place pins across the bottom of the pants legs to mark where the hem foldline will be. You will want to embroider above this line.



Spread each pants leg over a flat surface. Use stickers to create an arrangement for the designs. The stickers shown are from the centers of CD labels. These stickers are a tad more than 1" in diameter and the Teeny Flower designs are all 3/4", so by placing the stickers so that they just touch, the embroidered flowers will all be evenly spaced with about 1/2" between them.

Arrange the stickers so that most of the embroidery will be on the front of the pants leg. Mirror the same arrangement for the second leg, using a ruler to be sure the designs will match up.



Mark the center of each sticker with a cross and write the color and number of each design. You will want to arrange the colors and designs so that no two adjacent flowers will be the same color or the same design.

Hoop the water-soluble stabilizer. Pin the pants leg to the stabilizer, placing pins all around, but not over any of the stickers.



Position the first design over the cross on a sticker, matching the thread color and design to the notes on that sticker.



Carefully peel back the sticker before stitching the design.

It will take two or more hoopings to stitch all the designs on each pants leg, depending upon design size and arrangement.

Remove excess stabilizer. Finish sewing the pants.



Flowers from Teeny Flowers 4 have been combined with the stems from Teeny Flowers 2. The combined design is only for sale on CD Teeny Plants.



If you have a white t-shirt, you will be able to use whatever thread colors you want, as they will all show up against the white.

Find the center front of the shirt and place a little sticker at least 2 inches below the neckline. The lower the neckline, the closer the design should be to the edge of the neckline. Mark the sticker with a cross to indicate the center of the design.



Hoop a layer of soft cutaway stabilizer. The polymesh from Madeira is slippery, so strips of rubbery shelf liner have been slipped between the hoops to improve the grip on the stabilizer.

Turn the t-shirt inside out. Pin the t-shirt to the stabilizer, with the sticker centered in the hoop, placing the pins outside of the design area. Center the design over the cross on the sticker, remove the sticker, then embroider the design. Trim the stabilizer close to the stitches.



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