

# Fun with Flowers and Tassels



## Materials List

- Decorative Threads
- Two tap washers (3.5cm diameter)
- Sharp scissors or scalpel
- Free-motion Foot #24 or Darning Foot #9
- Cardboard 10cm x 6.5cm

## Method

### Flower

- Choose coloured threads you would like to use for your flower. Variegated threads are lots of fun or try combining two different types of thread together at the same time.
- Place the two washers one on top of the other.
- Place the thread/threads between the two washers so they are held in place across the diameter of the washer. This makes it much easier to start.



- Hold onto the thread tails and start wrapping the thread around and around so the threads lay beside each other until you have gone all the way round. If you have ever made a pom pom before, it is just the same.



- Set your machine with desired thread top and bottom.
- Attach Freemotion Embroidery Foot #24, this foot allows you to see a lot easier, but you could also use Darning Foot #9.
- Select straight stitch and lower feed dogs.
- Freemotion stitch a circle about 1cm in diameter in the centre of the flower. You can go around a few times on the same line or you can gradually fill in the centre as well. This creates the centre of the flower and holds all the threads in place when it is cut.



- Using either a sharp pair of small scissors or a scalpel, cut the threads around the outside edge of the washer. When starting off, try and get either the point of the scissors or the tip of the scalpel between the two washers.
- When you get about halfway round, it is easier to cut the threads with the scissors.
- Trim off any uneven threads and your flower is ready to be attached. You can either hand sew a broach backing to the back or freemotion stitch it in place.

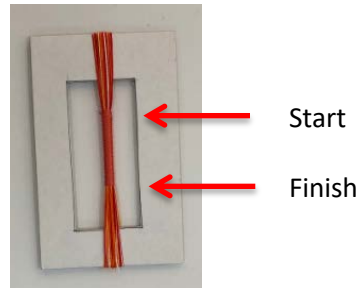
## Tassel

- Cut out a piece of card 10cm x 6.5cm.
- Draw a rectangle in the centre of the card 6.5cm x 3cm.
- Cut out the inner rectangle. I use a rotary cutter as it's a little difficult to do with scissors.



- Make a small nick in the centre of the card at one end. This helps you hold the thread in place before you start winding.
- Wind thread over the centre of the card till you have a nice thickness of thread for your tassel.
- Keep your threads close together and don't go any wider than 9mm.
- Set your machine up machine with desired threads top and bottom
- Attach Foot #24
- Select zig- zag stitch W-9, L- 0
- Drop feed dogs.

- Place card under the foot so that the cutout section is approx. 1/3 of the way down.



- Sew until you reach approx. 1/3 in from the end. Because you are sewing freehand, you may need to go over it several times, so you end up with a nice close satin stitch finish.



- Secure threads by selecting straight stitch and sewing a few stitches along the end of the satin stitch.
- Remove card from under the machine and trim threads.
- Cut threads along both ends of the card.



- You now have what looks like cat's whiskers.
- Fold in half so that the satin stitch ends match up.
- Select zig-zag.
- Place tassel under the foot. Making sure that the tassels doesn't come apart.
- Stitch together by sewing about 6- 8 satin stitches.
- Select straight stitch and secure along edge of satin stitch.
- Trim any threads and even up the bottom of the tassel if necessary.
- Your tassel is now ready to be either stitched or hung on a cord.

