

Angelic Tree Topper

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Make this delightful angel tree topper using lace embroidery and ribbon stitches.

The featured designs, **100466001** and **100466004**, are the free monthly designs for November 2014. The designs are from PFAFF® collection #466 All About Lace.

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Sewing Supplies:

- 9mm Open-Toe Foot with IDT™ system 820213096
- *creative*™ Elite Hoop 413116502
- INSPIRA® embroidery needle, size 90 620099496
- INSPIRA® Tear-A-Way stabilizer 620120001
- INSPIRA® Aqua Magic stabilizer 620120201
- INSPIRA® In-R-Form batting Alternative 620131596
- 5/8 yard white linen
- 2 yards of 1/8" wide double face satin ribbon
- Cotton sewing thread
- Robison-Anton 40 wt. rayon thread
- 19" square of pattern tracing material

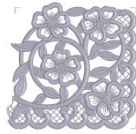
Embroider:

1. Transfer design **100466001** to your embroidery machine.
2. Insert a size 90 embroidery needle and thread with white 40 wt. rayon embroidery thread on top and in the bobbin.
3. Hoop two layers of INSPIRA® Aqua Magic water soluble stabilizer in your *creative*™ Elite Hoop 260x200mm.
4. Embroider the design. We used white linen for the applique portion of the design, but you could also use a tone on tone white cotton.



- When the embroidery is complete, repeat one more time for a total of two identical embroideries.
- Place **one** in the washing machine and wash with hot water to remove all of the stabilizer. Rinse the **other one**, in hot water, in the sink, only long enough to remove the visible stabilizer. Place on paper towel to dry.

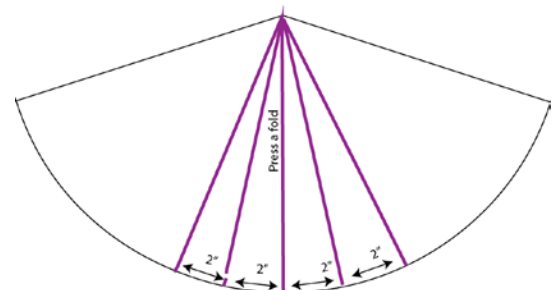
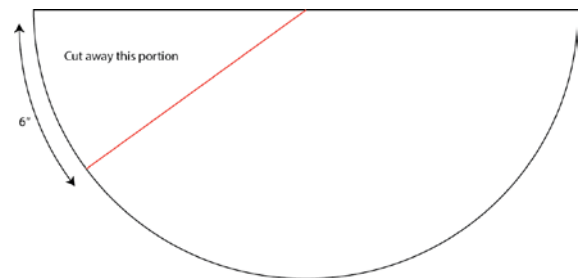
- Load design **100466004**.













- Hoop two layers of INSPIRA® Aqua Magic water soluble stabilizer in your *creative*™ 120 Square Hoop 120x120mm.
- Embroider the design.
- Rinse in hot water to remove most of the stabilizer. Allow to dry.

Make the circular pattern:

- Fold the 19" piece of pattern tracing material in fourths, like a napkin. Mark 9½" from the point, out, creating a circle.
- Cut out the circle.
- Fold the circle in half, and cut on the folded line to create half a circle.
- Using the half circle pattern, mark 6" along the curve as shown.
- Draw a line to the circle center.
- Cut away the portion indicated.
- Place the pattern on your linen. **DO NOT CUT IT OUT**. Trace it onto the fabric.
- Fold it in half, finding the center, and press a crease.
- Mark a line as shown, 2" out from the center, and again, 2" out on each side.




Embellish and Construct:

1. Toggle to **Sewing Mode** .
2. Select ribbon stitch **6.5.8** .
3. Snap-on your 2A foot as directed.
4. Place Tear-A-Way stabilizer underneath the fabric.
5. Whenever you are sewing out ribbon stitches, there are two important things to do.
First, touch **Quick Help** . This will give you step-by-step instructions on how to sew the stitch and where to place the ribbon. Second, always use your **Start/Stop** button, not the foot control. It's too easy to get confused when using the foot control as to whether you stopped the machine, or it stopped by itself.
6. Sew the ribbon stitch on the marked lines.
7. Select stitch **4.1.8** .
8. Sew the scallop all the way around the bottom edge.
9. Select stitch **4.2.1** .
10. Touch **Sewing Programs** . Select **Single Stitch program** .
11. Touch **Tie-off Options** . Select **Thread Snips** .
12. Snap-on the 9mm Open-Toe Foot.
13. Begin sewing at the center of the scallop. Stitch one pattern repeat inside each scallop.
14. Trim outside the scalloped edge.
15. Cut ¼" from each straight edge, leaving a ¼" seam allowance.
16. Thread with sewing thread top and bobbin.
17. Select stitch **1.2.4** .
18. Press the dress piece well. This is the last chance for a really good pressing.

19. Fold the dress right sides together and sew the back seam.
20. The stiff lace piece will become the wings. Set it aside for now.
21. Take the other large lace piece (100466001) and fold it around the dress as shown, forming the bodice and sleeves.
22. Hand tack the bodice and sleeve piece in place.
23. Place the wings on the back of the angel. Hand tack in place. Fold, to bring the wings towards the front. Tack in place as needed.
24. To create the head and halo, trim out the edging and center flower as shown, from the last design you stitched (100466004).
25. Form the flower/edging piece into a circle, and tack in place as the head.



26. Using the same pattern you used for the linen cone, cut one from In-R-Form. Fold matching the straight edges.
27. Select zigzag stitch **1.1.5** . Sew on and off the edge of the In-R-Form to join the edges and form a cone.
28. Slide the cone inside the angel; trim the bottom as needed if it shows.

Place your angel, with love, atop your Christmas tree and enjoy! She does stand by herself, and if desired, could be a beautiful center piece as well.