

Dakota Collectibles Fringe Designs • General Guidelines

Most Importantly

ALWAYS make a test stitch-out of the design. This helps you to select the threads, needles, stabilizers and settings of your machine correctly.

Threads

We recommend using 40-weight thread.

Thread Tension

Fringe designs must have the correct bobbin to top thread tension ratio. You should be able to see a line of bobbin thread on the underside of the design. Stitch a sample, and adjust the tension if needed. We adjusted the tension down (less) when we did our test sew outs. Consult your machine's manual and/or dealer on how to do this.

Hooping

It's very important to hoop the fabric with a stabilizer. If your hoop does not hold the fabric well, we recommend wrapping some type of tape strips around the long sides of your hoop's upper frame.

Important Note

Sew the design to completion. When complete, remove the design from the hoop. Turn to the underside of the embroidery and carefully cut the bobbin thread at the fringe area with a small pair of sharp scissors, being careful not to cut through the fabric. Once all the bobbin thread has been cut, turn to the right side of the embroidery and "fluff" the fringed area to release the ends from the fabric. Once all the threads have been "fluffed" even out the ends with the scissors if you wish.



**Embroider design.
Remove from hoop.**



Cut bobbin thread in fringe areas.



Pull fringe to front of fabric.