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## Skating Bird January 2022


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## MATERIALS

- White cotton fabric (large enough to fill a $4^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime \prime}$ hoop) plus two $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares for the backing fabric
- Batting
- Mylar
- Exquisite Tear' N Wash stabilizer
- Fuse So Soft



## EXQUISITE THREADS

- Exquisite 40 wt. Polyester Thread:

010 White
020 Black
4627 Persian Green
309 Shrimp
190 Rosewood
571 Holly Red 903 Retro Mint 109 Aqua




Design size: 4" (99mm) x 4" (99mm)
Color changes: 21
Thread colors: 8
Skating Bird has been created using blended fill stitches, giving the resulting design depth and dimension. This technique uses multiple similar shades within a color family to give a gradated color effect. In this whimsical design, three shades of the red family and three
shades of the blue-green family are used. The specific Exquisite Poly 40 thread color numbers and names are provided on the following page, which also shows the segments stitched in each color. Use these colors to get a pleasing result that demonstrates the effectiveness of the gradient fill technique.
You can experiment using stair-stepped shades of other color families to enjoy your own unique blended fill creation.

The first color of the design includes a placement guide for the mylar pond and positioning lines for the backing fabrics. Since the backing fabrics are added in the hoop, at the last colors of the stitching sequence, the mug rug is finished in the hoop. We stitched the placement guides in pink thread for easy identification, but we suggest using thread that matches the fabric for best results.
Occasionally, the threads listed in the color sequence are NOT the intended colors. For instance, the first three colors listed in this design are Persian Green, Golden and White. In reality, each color should be stitched in White.

This is necessary as some machine formats will combine same colors and eliminate necessary stops. In this case, the stops are needed to add and tear away mylar. Please use the colors listed here, not on the Color Sequence page or the colors listed in the design at the machine.


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## PREP THE FABRICS

Apply Fuse So Soft to the wrong side of the white fabric. Fold down $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ on one side of each 4 $1 / 22^{\prime \prime}$ backing square. Press.

## EMBROIDER



Hoop the white fabric with batting. Attach the hoop to the machine and slide a piece of Tear 'N Wash stabilizer under the hoop. Stitch color 1, the placement guide for the mylar and the backing, in Exquisite 010 White.


Cover the mylar placement guide with mylar and stitch color 2, the mylar complex fill, in Exquisite 010 White (shown in Shrimp in the image below). Tear off the excess mylar. bylime
$\square$ Stitch color 3, the mylar outline in Exquisite 010 White


Stitch color 4, the wing in Exquisite 309, Shrimp.

Stitch color 5, the wing shading in Exquisite 190, Rosewood.

Stitch color 6, the wing satin outline, in Exquisite 571, Holly Red.

Stitch color 7, the skates, in Exquisite 020, black.

Stitch color 8, the body, in Exquisite 903 Retro Mint.

Stitch color 9, the body shading, in Exquisite 109 Aqua.

Stitch color 10, the skates, wings and hat, in Exquisite 309, Shrimp.
$\square$ Stitch color 11, the shading in Exquisite 190, Rosewood.
$\square$ Stitch color 12, the satin details, in Exquisite 571, Holly Red.
$\square$ Stitch color 13, the scarf, in Exquisite 903 Retro Mint.
$\square$ Stitch color 14, the scarf shading, in Exquisite 109 Aqua.


Stitch color 15, the scarf details, in Exquisite 4627, Persian Green.
$\square$ Stitch color 16, the eye, in Exquisite 010, White.

Stitch color 17, the beak, skate ties and eye detail in Exquisite 020, Black.

Stitch color 18, eye outline, in Exquisite 4627, Persian Green.


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Remove the hoop from the machine. Place the hoop on a flat surface and carefully tear off the tear away stabilizer.


Reattach the hoop to the machine and stitch color 19, the quilting, in Exquisite 010, White.
Place one prepared backing piece, right side down (RSD) over the block. Aligning the folded edge with the bottom of the placement line. Make sure the excess fabric extends beyond the quilting at the top and sides.
$\square$ Stitch color 20, the tackdown of the upper backing piece.

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Place the remaining prepared backing piece, Right Side Down (RSD) over the block. Aligning the folded edge with the top of the guideline. Make sure the excess fabric extends beyond the quilting at the bottom and sides.

Stitch color 21, the tackdown of the bottom backing piece.


Remove from the hoop. Trim the batting and block fabric close to the outline. Trim the corners. Turn right side out and press.

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Persian Green
4627 Exquisite Thread 40
Length: 0.461 yd
Index: 1, Stitches: 148

White
10 Exquisite Thread 40
Length: 3.867 yd
Index: 149, Stitches: 1138


Rosewood
190 Exquisite Thread 40
Length: 0.740 yd
Index: 2894, Stitches: 272


Holly Red
571 Exquisite Thread 40
Length: 0.373 yd
Index: 3166, Stitches: 178

Black
20 Exquisite Thread 40
Length: 0.428 yd
Index: 3344, Stitches: 229

Retro Mint
903 Exquisite Thread 40
Length: 3.756 yd
Index: 3573, Stitches: 1208

Aqua
109 Exquisite Thread 40
Length: 4.420 yd
Index: 4781, Stitches: 1440

Shrimp
309 Exquisite Thread 40
Length: 2.698 yd
Index: 6221, Stitches: 1030

Rosewood
190 Exquisite Thread 40 Length: 3.582 yd Index: 7251, Stitches: 1454

Holly Red
571 Exquisite Thread 40 Length: 1.797 yd Index: 8705, Stitches: 784

Retro Mint
903 Exquisite Thread 40
Length: 0.695 yd
Index: 9489, Stitches: 330

Aqua
109 Exquisite Thread 40
Length: 0.862 yd
Index: 9819, Stitches: 394

Persian Green
4627 Exquisite Thread 40
Length: 0.445 yd
Index: 10213, Stitches: 206

White
10 Exquisite Thread 40
Length: 0.035 yd
Index: 10419, Stitches: 20

Black
20 Exquisite Thread 40
Length: 0.403 yd Index: 10439, Stitches: 166

Persian Green
4627 Exquisite Thread 40
Length: 0.172 yd
Index: 10605, Stitches: 137

White
10 Exquisite Thread 40
Length: 1.289 yd
Index: 10742, Stitches: 579
Aqua
109 Exquisite Thread 40
Length: 0.270 yd
Index: 11321, Stitches: 119
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571 Exquisite Thread 40
Length: 0.270 yd
Index: 11440, Stitches: 119


