



## Free Lace –Simple Instructions

Welcome to the exciting world of Free Lace Water Soluble Paper! The possibilities are endless for this product – wearable artwork with your own flair.

There are 2 separate pieces to the Free Lace paper. One is the piece that has the tacky adhesive on it, covered by a brown backing. The other is a thin clear sheet that covers your project once all fibers are in place and you are ready to sew.

### Preparation:

**\*\*You may want to sketch out your design or lay the fibers out on the work space prior to placing them on the paper. Once you make a piece, you will be able just to go straight to work.**

**Step 1** - Clear an area to work on your piece. Make sure that there is no liquid close by, as it will dissolve the paper.

**Step 2**- After determining the dimension of your piece, (in this case your piece will roughly be 54" long and 9" wide.) join the pieces of Free Lace together by removing the brown backing, and laying the pieces tacky side up, end to end( on the 9" side)

### Working with the fibers

**\*\* Leave at least ½ inch around the entire tacky backing-so when you are finished with your design, you will be able to lock it in with the clear top paper.**

**Step 3** – You are now ready to create your scarf. Using any type of fibers, lay out your design on the tacky side. You are able to reposition pieces at this time.

**\*\*Suggestion:** you may want to use a ribbon as your perimeter border. This gives the scarf stability and an outline that is easy for you to see. Overlap the corners or fold for a continuous piece.

**Step 4** -Once you have your design, you are ready to place the clear top paper. Gently lay this clear paper over the design, from the center, work outwards pressing to seal all fibers and the ½ inch border. Once this paper is in place, it cannot be removed.

**Step 5** – Sew your piece with clear side up, making sure to catch each fiber with thread. There are many options of how to sew: in a grid, random circles and so forth. You can use all types of thread, depending on how you want the finished piece to look...

### Finishing

**Step 6** – Once all fibers have been sewn down, you are ready to dissolve the paper. Place in room temperature water, and rinse until all paper is removed. You may leave some of the stickiness in, if you want your piece to have some “body” to it. Once you are finished rinsing, lay flat to dry. **DO NOT PUT IT IN THE DRYER!**

It is important to remember that all fibers must be sew over to prevent them falling off

Please know that these are general instructions – experiment! Let your creative juices flow!!

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