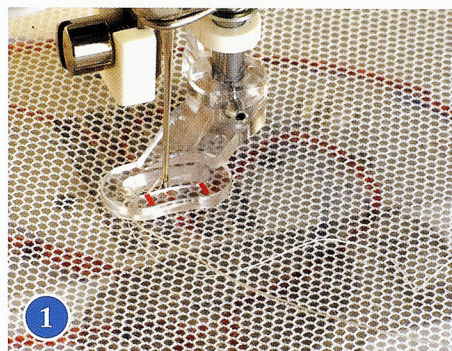


# free-hand stitching — corded lace

*A free-hand stitching technique used to make a delicate Alençon-type lace.*

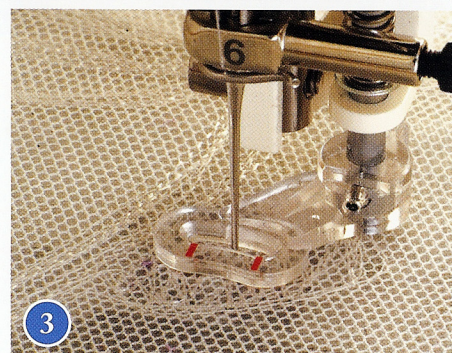
1. Trace your design on water-soluble stabilizer with a water-soluble marking pen. Place the design under the netting and place both layers in the hoop. Lower the feed dogs and bring the bobbin thread to the top and lockstitch the threads. Trim the thread tails before stitching. (#1)



2. Begin outlining the design with a straight stitch. Repeat outlining a second time. Lockstitch the threads at the end. (#2)



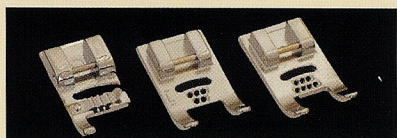
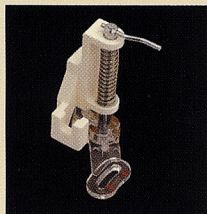
3. Fill in any design details with the straight stitch such as leaves or petals. These are areas that will not be corded. (#3)



4. After the design is completed, pull the cord to the wrong side and clip. Apply a dot of seam sealant to hold. (#4)



**Free-motion  
Quilting Foot  
and  
3-hole Cording  
Foot**



**Stitch:** Straight and Zigzag

**Width:** 0 and 2.0mm

**Length:** Pre-set and 0.8mm

**Feed Dogs:** Lowered; Raised

**Tension:** 2.0-3.0

**Fabric, needles, notions required:**

Cotton netting or bridal veiling; universal or embroidery needle, size 70/10 or 75/11; cotton or heirloom thread for the needle and bobbin; topstitching thread or pearl cotton; water-soluble stabilizer; embroidery hoop; water-soluble marking pen; seam sealant

## TIP

Use the presser foot lifter to move from section to section on your design without clipping threads. Once you have finished sewing, bring any threads to the wrong side and secure with seam sealant.



# free-hand stitching — corded lace — cont.

4. Attach the 3-hole cording foot and thread the topstitching thread or pearl cotton in the center groove. Raise the feed dogs and select a zigzag stitch. Begin outlining the design, couching the heavy thread following the lines. (On a scrap of netting, test the tension to achieve the result desired. The topstitching thread or pearl cotton should lie flat on the surface without pulling or looping.) (#4)



## FOOT FACTS

*Use the hands-free presser foot lifter to maneuver around curves. Also place your left index finger next to the left edge of the cording foot to guide around curves as you are sewing.*

5. Once you have completed the sewing, bring the threads to the back and cut the pearl cotton close. Using a seam sealant, dot the threads to hold. Let the sealant dry before removing the water-soluble stabilizer. (#5)



## TIP

*Be careful not to stretch the netting as you wash away the water-soluble stabilizer. Gently hold the needlelace under the water letting it run through the netting. Do not wring or twist to remove the stabilizer.*