

## Joys of Easter Cross

Celebrate all the joy Easter season brings with this colorful cross. With eggs, flowers, and other elements of the season it spread the warmth of the season.

### Skill Level: Basic

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### Supplies:

Easter Appliqué—ADC-162  
 3-1/4 yard pieces Sparkle Organza, each a different color  
 6-Spring color, small print fat quarters  
 Styrofoam cross or wreath  
 Tear Away Stabilizer  
 No-Show Mesh Fusible Stabilizer  
 Small Hoop  
 Medium Hoop  
 Air Erasable Fabric Marker  
 Ruler  
 Rotary Cutter  
 Pinking rotary cutter or pinking shears  
 Small Scissors  
 Assortment of Madeira embroidery thread  
 Small flat head straight pins



### Instructions:

1. Hoop a piece of tear-away stabilizer in the 4" x 4" hoop. Load one of the Easter egg designs onto the machine. Using the fat quarters for the appliqué, stitch as if you were applying the appliqué to the tear away stabilizer.
2. When finished, remove the hoop from the machine and tear away the excess stabilizer. This makes a free standing Easter egg. Repeat for each of the egg designs in this collection, making a total of four.
3. Follow the same steps to make a free standing Easter bunny. EAS203 was used in the sample.

4. Hoop two layers of organza in the 4" x 4" hoop. Load a butterfly design onto the machine. EAS206 was used in the sample. Stitch the design.
5. Remove from hoop and trim close to the stitching around the entire butterfly except the antenna. When trimming around those, leave a scant 1/8".
6. Hoop two more layers of organza into the 5" x 7" hoop. Load design EAS212 onto the machine.
7. Stitch the first three colors of the design, which are appliqué steps for the flowers. Skip past the brown or the stem portion of the design. Continue to complete the flowers.
8. Remove from hoop and trim close to the stitching around the entire flower. Repeat to make a total of 12 flowers using each of the colors of organza.
9. From the remaining fat quarter fabric, cut enough 1" strips to wrap around and cover the cross or wreath. Cut one extra strip to attach for hanging. Use small flat head pins to secure to the Styrofoam. If you are using a cross, cut a square large enough to cover the center of the cross to make covering that area easier.
10. Using small straight pins, and hiding them as you go, attach the eggs, bunny, flowers and butterfly to the cross or wreath in the desired arrangement. Attach the 1" strip with a larger pin and hang on your front door to welcome the joys of Easter.

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