Embroidery on Paper

With Ashley

Stabilizer choices:

- ✓ Floriani Cutaway Medium Fusible
- ✓ Floriani Fusible Bold Cutaway
- Fiber based rather than nylon
- Hoop stabilizer, float paper, embroider, *THEN* fuse!
- ***Cutaway is your friend! Paper tears, hold it all together!***

Needles for Stitching on Paper

- 75/11 Schmetz Chrome Embroidery Needle

Design Selection

- Open and airy designs, Sketchy designs
- Draw it in Sketch-A-Stitch!

Thread Matters

- Floriani 40wt Polyester perfect for most designs
- Slightly dense? Swap to Flawless 60wt Polyester
- Try the specialty threads like Matte, Variegated and Glow in the Dark! (Glow in the Dark doesn't tolerate high temperatures well, so be prepared to fuse with a low/med temp iron for a little longer.)

Hold it all together in the end with... Press N Bond Ultra!

- Use Press N Bond Ultra to hold Embroidered paper to embroidered paper to create postcards or other two-sided projects.
- Available from Floriani in a 10" x 10 yard roll or Quilters Select in packages of 12 sheets 8.5" x 11"



Design from Floriani Total Control U Free Monthly Designs February 2022

Stitched on Canson Mi-Teintes 60GSM 65% Cotton Rag in Violet with Floriani GL01, GL02, PF0900 on Floriani Fusible Bold Cutaway



Ashley's Note: I prefer to float paper after stitching a placement line, NO Embroidery Perfection Tape; maybe a dab of glue from a Quilters Select Glue Stick to hold the paper in place.

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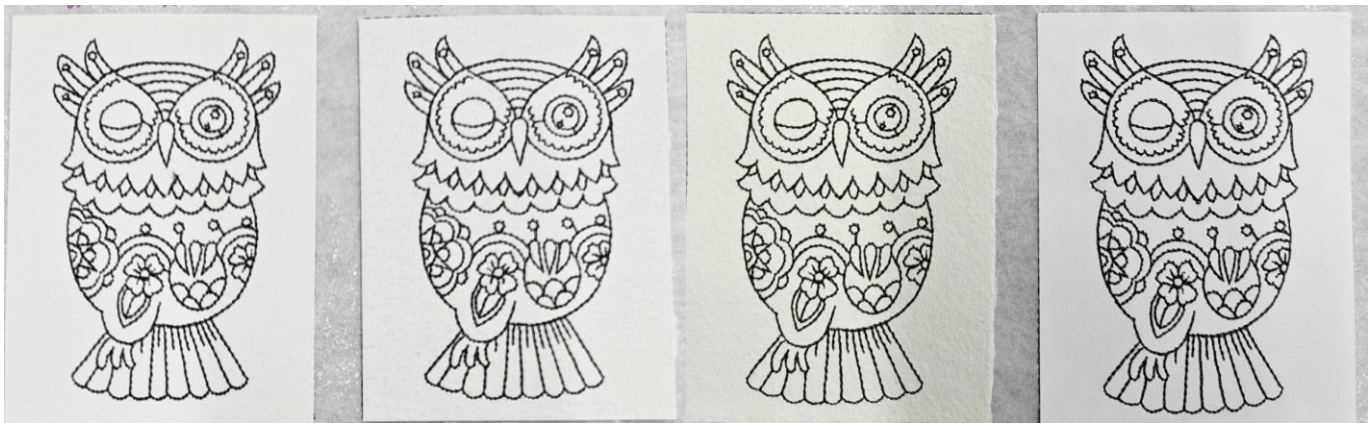
Paper Selection

- 100% Cotton Rag Paper 150/GSM (can also be shown as g/m^2)
  - Khadi <<Ashley's Favorite
  - St. Armand
  - Hahnemüehle (different natural fibers)
- Arches <<likely to find 300/GSM but look for 150/GSM, hot or cold press, cold will be a smoother finish.
- Try different fibers and weights!
  - Hahnemüehle Bamboo Sketch 105gsm, lightweight, but embroiders nicely
  - Hahnemüehle Agave Watercolor
  - Canson Mi-Teintes 65-66% Cotton Rag
- *Budget Option:* BeeInspired Mixed Media or Watercolor (100% wood pulp!) Look for these at the big box combo stores.

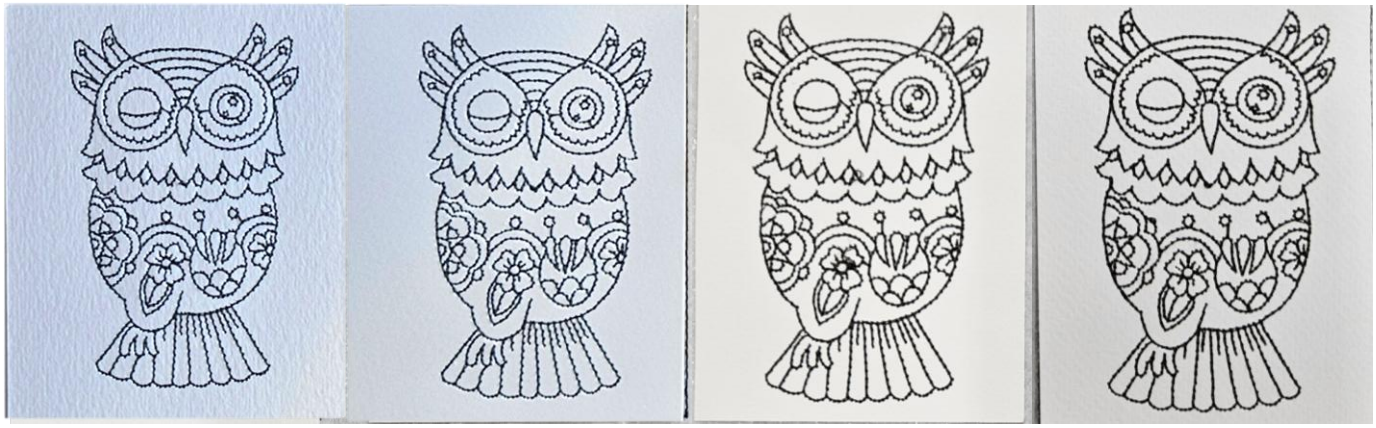
Swatch {sew} It Out!

- Choose a design and keep it consistent! Design: Owl 1 from Trevor and Friends Embroidery Club Year 1

Artist Papers



Arches Aquarelle Fine Grain Cold Press 185gsm | Saint Armand 150gsm* | Kadhi 150gsm | Hahnemüehle Bamboo Sketch 105gsm



Canson Montval Cold Press 300gsm | Canson Héritage Hot Press 300gsm | Canson Mi-Teintes 160gsm | Fabriano Artistico 300gsm

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Hahnemüehle Bamboo Mixed Media 265gsm



Hahnemüehle Sugar Cane Watercolour 290gsm



Hahnemüehle Agave Watercolour 290gsm



Hahnemüehle Watercolour 300gsm cold pressed



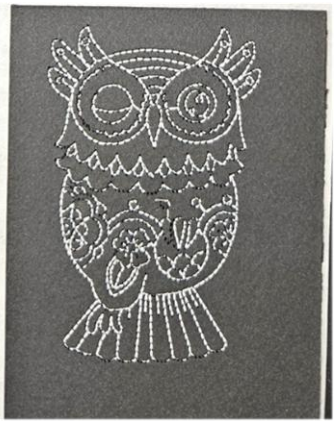
Stonehenge Aqua Cold Press 300gsm



Stonehenge Aqua Hot Press 300gsm**



Stonehenge Colors (Cream) 250gsm**



Stonehenge Aqua Black Cold Press 300gsm



Saint Armand 150gsm*

Ashley's Paper {sewn} Swatch Formula

Machine: Janome Continental M17

Bobbin Case: 10G sewing bobbin case
(doesn't need as much tension as regular embroidery, think quilting)

Stabilizer: Floriani Cutaway Medium Fusible

Thread: Floriani 801-Ice Cap or Floriani 900-Black

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Wood Based Papers- budget options—see additional notes below swatches



Bee Inspired Aquabee Watercolor 300gsm*	Bee Inspired Mixed Media 180gsm*	Strathmore 300 Series Bristol Smooth 270gsm***	Canson XL Black Drawing Pad 150gsm

Additional Notes on Budget Papers:

- A smaller needle may be advisable to create a smaller hole in the paper.
    - If using a needle smaller than a 75/11, you must thread by hand, your needle threader isn't designed to go through that small of an eye in the needle.
- While generally it is not my preference to pre-fuse paper to stabilizer before sewing it may be necessary to keep the paper from falling apart before the embroidery process is complete.
    - Stitch placement, place paper, cover with parchment paper to avoid getting fusible from the stabilizer on the iron and press with a medium temperature iron. Allow to cool and then peel off the parchment paper.
- Needle changes will need to be more frequent.
- These papers will also likely be noisier to embroider.

Thank You!
♡ Ashley

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