

# Victorian Valentine Sachet

Create a lovely scented sachet to add a smile and a touch of your favorite scent.

**Skill Level: Intermediate**

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**Required Software/Hardware:**

Software for this project is optional but makes the project easier

- Amazing Designs® Digitize 'N Stitch™

**SUPPLIES:**

- Embroidery/sewing machine with 5" x 7" hoop or larger
- Amazing Designs Victorian Valentine design collection (ADC-70J)
- Assorted threads for embroidery, embroidery bobbin and general sewing and basic sewing supplies.
- 5" x 7" ivory lace
- 1/4 yard ivory washable satin fabric
- 1" ivory ribbon - 1 yard
- 1 1/4 yard baby cording
- Potpourri or sachet - if you are using the pellet type sachet, you will need filler. The tops of artificial flowers are pretty showing through the 'window'.
- Small bits of netting or batting to stuff the corners
- Amazing Designs® Stabilize It!™ Medium Wash-Away backing - large size
- Rotary Cutter, mat and ruler
- Beads and beading needle, beading thread \*optional

**Note: It is suggested that you read through all instructions before beginning.**

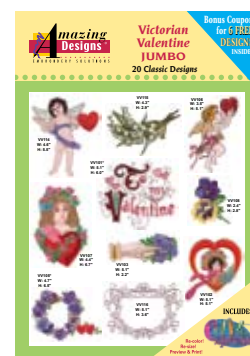
**DIRECTIONS:**

**At the computer:**

1. Open Victorian Valentine Collection/design #VV116. Save it in the format your machine requires.
2. If not using Digitize 'N Stitch, stitch out a sample of the design to use as a planning and seating guide. You will also cut a paper square that measures 4.5" x 5.75" to use as a pattern (template).

**Instructions featuring Amazing Designs software:**

1. Open Digitize 'N Stitch.
2. Click *File* then *New* to open a new project page and select *Normal* as the recipe selection.
3. Click the *Select Hoop* icon and select the 5" x 7" (130mm x 180mm) hoop or larger.
4. Check the *rotate 90 degrees* box, if needed, so that the hoop displays horizontally, and click OK.
5. Merge VV116 from the Victorian Valentine collection so it is displayed on the current project page. If your background is not white, click *Tools/background>color* and click the white color box and then OK.
6. Click *Tools/Environment* and select English. Click the *Grid tab* and check *cross grid* as OK.
7. Click the *Applique Wizard* icon. Click *Next*. Click the ghost icon and the design appears in color. If you find it easier to see the gray, click the ghost again. Click *zoom* 1 time. Click the *add path* icon and move the cursor to the bottom center circle of the lacework. Each click will set a segment of the stitch path you are creating and appears as a dot. Click following the innermost circle of satin stitches as a guide. Hold the *Ctrl* key as you click along this inner circle moving counterclockwise. Place 5 'dots' or clicks in each quarter of the design.



7. (continued) If you make a mistake, fix it after completing the path. When the cursor is back at the first 'dot', click then right click to finish the path. Holding Ctrl while you click gives the path nice curves rather than straight segments. To adjust any misplaced 'dots', click the edit path icon and click and drag 'dots' into place. Click Next then Finish.
  8. Click the *Applique Wizard* icon again and then click Next. From the Shapes box, select the *Square* and then click *Add*. When the square appears, enlarge the square to surround the lacework and make sure the square fits within the displayed hoop size.
  9. Click the *center* icon. Click *Next*, then *Finish*.
  10. In Digitize 'N Stitch, click the *Color Advance* 1 time to display the applique square. Right click and select *Preserve as Stitches*. This will separate the placement, tackdown and satin stitches of the applique. Continue with the color advance to arrive at the circle applique. Right click and select *Preserve as Stitches* again.
  11. Click *All Colors* to show all colors. Using *Color advance*, move to the satin stitches of the square, right click and select delete. Continue to click the color advance until you reach the satin stitch of the circle. Right click and select delete. Click *All Colors* to view the entire design.
- Now that your design is ready, click *File/Save as* and name and save the design in your machine's format. Print a template of your design.

### Cutting instructions

Cut fabric as follows: Unless otherwise stated the first # is the lengthwise grain and the second the cross-grain:

**(A) Ivory satin (2) 5" x 7" (B) Lace (1) 5" x 7" (C) Ivory satin (1) 1.5" x 44"**

### Sewing Instructions: Back of Sachet (wrong side of front)

1. Hoop 1 piece of wash-away stabilizer and center one 5" x 7" piece of ivory satin on the stabilizer. Pin the 4 corners of the satin to the stabilizer.
2. Center the design template over the top of the ivory satin.
3. Place the hooped fabric on the embroidery machine. Check the path of travel based on your machine so you can make sure the design is centered correctly. If not centered, unpin and reposition.
4. Stitch color #1 (the rectangle stitching line). Remove fabric from the hoop. Carefully cut the stabilizer from inside the square. Set aside the fabric and the piece of stabilizer.

### Sewing Instructions: Top of Sachet (right side of front)

1. Hoop 1 piece of wash-away stabilizer and center one 5" x 7" piece of ivory satin fabric on the stabilizer. Pin the four corners of the satin to the stabilizer.
2. Stitch color #2 (the 2nd rectangle stitching line). Leave the hoop in place.
3. Stitch color #3 (the circular straight stitch of the sachet opening).
4. Remove the hoop from your machine, leaving the fabric in the hoop.
5. Carefully cut out the center of the ivory fabric leaving 1/2" from the sewing (seam allowance).
6. Clip the 1/2" seam allowance. Fold under and baste in place leaving a scant edge beyond the stitching. Replace the hoop on the machine.
7. Stitch color #4 (the 2nd straight stitch circle). Remove the hoop, leaving fabric in place. Remove the basting stitches.
8. Place the scrap of stabilizer set aside from the sachet back) under the opening. Pin it into place. Use the template to be sure the pins are out of the path of travel for the scroll design. Place the hoop over the ivory lace, right side of lace to wrong side of the hooped and stabilized satin. Hand baste the lace to the back of the hoop, following the stitched rectangle as a guide.
9. Stitch color #5 the embroidery design. Remove the fabric from the hoop.
10. Rinse the wash-away stabilizer from the sachet back and front. A couple of drops of liquid fabric softener in the rinse water hastens the removal of the stabilizer.

### Sewing Instructions

1. Cut the long 2" strip of satin in half and use one 22" piece to make the 2 narrow, covered, corded piping strips.
2. Apply piping along the stitched line of both rectangles. Be sure to clip the piping at the corners and cut the cord so that it butts cleanly. Fold under the end of the fabric for a neat join. With a 1/5" seam allowance, stitch the 1.5" satin strip to the top, following the previous line of stitching created by the piping. Clean finish the seam allowance.
3. Clean finish the long edge of the bottom, back and band.
4. Sew the band to the back beginning about 1/2" away from the corner on the bottom and end about 1" past the final (fourth) corner. This will leave an opening along the bottom for filling the sachet.
5. Turn right side out and stuff the corners with netting or batting. Fill with potpourri. Whip stitch the opening to close it.
6. Create a French seam to join the ribbon ends.
7. Bead around the side band if desired. To do this, place the 2 pieces of fabric wrong sides together, stitch a 1/4" seam, trim to 1/8", and fold so that right sides are together. Stitch a 1/4" seam allowance, thus encasing the original seam. Press to one side. Pin the join to the center bottom and bring the ribbon smoothly up the sides and tack at the center top. Measure up 6" from where it is tacked. Mark and stitch across the ribbon. Bring this stitching down to the center tack to create a bow. Tack securely. This leaves a hanging loop.
8. Bead around the side band if desired.

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