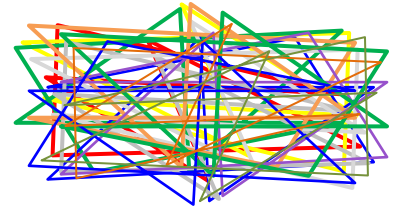


Thread Jumble

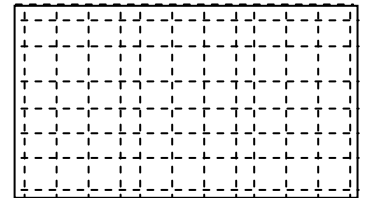
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A Thread Jumble, a decorative element, is made from threads, ribbons, and whatever else you want to add. Start with some water soluble stabilizer, add the threads, more stabilizer and then sew every which way to hold it all together.

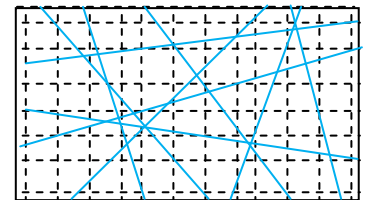


1. Pull a variety of threads off spools or bobbins. Small amounts of narrow ribbon, perle cotton, metallic or rayon threads, and yarn can add interest to your thread jumble.
2. Put a piece of water soluble stabilizer on a flat surface. For the first time you do this start with something small, say 5"-7" square.
3. Pile on a good amount of thread and small amounts of other embellishments (bits of ribbon, fabric, etc.) and distribute evenly on the stabilizer. (optional: place a piece of tulle over the threads to help hold everything in place).
4. Put another piece of stabilizer on top of the threads and pin heavily.

5. Sew across the center of the Thread Jumble in one direction. Then continue sewing in that direction about $\frac{3}{4}$ "-1" away from the first line of sewing; continuing to the edges. Turn and sew across the center in the other direction and then about $\frac{3}{4}$ " -1" away until reaching the edges.



Continue sewing across the Thread Jumble at a variety of angles until it is well stitched. The stitching has to be enough to hold the Thread Jumble together once the water-soluble stabilizer has been removed. Sew around or near the edges several times.



6. Soak the Thread Jumble in water (see directions for the water-soluble stabilizer used), until the stabilizer has dissolved. Rinse well and lay flat to air dry.

