



## Care and Washing Helpful Hints

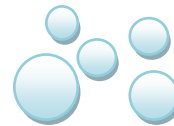
### Washing Floss

Floss has become more colorfast in recent years, however, manufacturers don't guarantee the colors won't bleed. While it is not necessary to wash your floss before you start stitching, you may wish to follow the care instructions provided in this document.

**You Will Need:** A clean sink, soap flakes or dishwashing liquid, vinegar, clean towels

1. Separate the floss into individual groups of similar colors. (Pastels together, yellows together, pinks together, light blues, together, etc.) Keep reds and dark colors separate and hand wash individually.
2. Wash floss in lukewarm water with soap flakes or dishwashing liquid. Be careful to handle gently to avoid tangling.
3. Rinse floss in cold water and distilled vinegar. Use one gallon of water to ½ cup of vinegar solution.
4. Rinse floss in clean cold water and continue to rinse until the water runs clear.
5. Lay floss on towel to dry.

### Care and Washing Cross Stitch Projects



You may not find it necessary to launder your piece before framing or finishing. However, if your piece has become soiled, follow these instructions to wash it.

- Wash your hands frequently to prevent body oils from staining the fabric or embroidery.
- Be sure to remove your embroidery hoop each time you stop stitching to prevent hoop marks from soiling your fabric.
- Always hand wash each embroidery piece separately – **DO NOT** wash embroidered pieces with any other piece or with laundry items.
- Carefully wash embroidery in lukewarm water with a mild detergent or dishwashing liquid. **DO NOT** use specially formulated wool wash, harsh detergents or chlorine bleach.
- Rinse embroidery several times in cool, clear water. If the water becomes colored, replace the water and continue to rinse in clear water. Rinse in new water until the piece does not change the color of the water.
- To dry your piece: Remove excess water by rolling the piece between two clean towels squeezing gently **without wringing**. **DO NOT** allow the piece to touch upon itself. Unroll the towel and spread the piece out flat and **IMMEDIATELY** dry with a blow dryer or iron. **NEVER** leave a damp embroidery folded or in a heap. By immediately drying your piece, you will avoid the possibility of floss dye running into your fabric.
- To iron your piece, place the piece face down between two clean towels and press with warm, **NOT HOT** iron. To remove creases or fold lines from your piece, you may find it necessary to use the steam setting on your iron.
- It is **NOT** recommended that protective coating sprays or other products of this type be used on your embroidery projects. They may cause a chemical reaction with the thread dyes.
- It is also **NOT** recommended that your embroidery be dry cleaned. However, certain fabrics (i.e. wools) may require it. We suggest that you speak to your local dry cleaner and advise them at there may be a reaction between thread dyes and dry cleaning chemicals.