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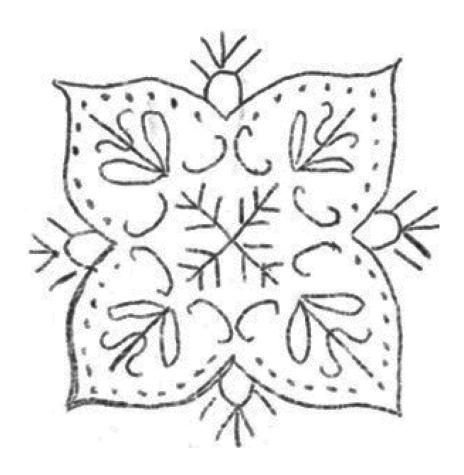




N° 7

You will also need:

- 30 cm white or beige cotton or linen fabric
- Dressmaker's carbon paper or transfer paper
- Small pair of scissors
- 15 cm embroidery hoop











Stitches

- Hungarian Braided stitch (see step by step on last page)
- Stem stitch
- Split stitch
- Whipped back stitch
- French knot
- Lazy daisy

This design uses only 2 colours and is suitable for beginner embroiderers. It's inspired by the architecture of the beautiful city of Coimbra in Portugal. It invokes romantic love and nostalgia and is a beautiful statement in interior decoration or even in clothes.

Getting started

Transfer your drawing onto the linen or cotton fabric. Place the second fabric (calico) underneath. Centre the hoop over the design and secure, ready for stitching. Pull the fabric taut.



Start by embroidering the outline of the tile shape with the Hungarian Braided stitch with the yellow thread – use 3 strands of thread.











Once the tile shape is complete, embroider the internal details with the simple stitches show below and using 2 threads of either blue or yellow according to scheme:



Corner Sections: in Detail



Back Stitch & Whipped Back Stitch

Finishing

Centre your embroidered design in the hoop and pull the fabric tight. Cut away any excess material, leaving a 2 cm border. Glue it to the inside hoop ring, with care so the glue doesn't get close to the stitches.



Centre Section - In Detail





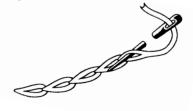




Stem Stitch



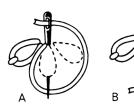
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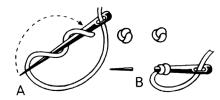
Whipped Back Stitch



Daisy Stitch



French Knot



Hungarian Braided Chain Stitch - Step by step

1. Complete a single detached chain stitch. Then bring the needle back up to the surface just below the point.



2. Take the needle through the holding stitch of the detached chain stitch. Then take the needle back down through the same hole and draw the thread through.





3. Bring the needle back up to the surface just below the point, then pass it under the first chain (two chains back). Take the needle back down the same hole and draw the thread through.





4. Continue along the design and finish in the usual way.through.



