

Introduction

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May you find inspiration in these patterns to bring your own unique brand of style into your home.

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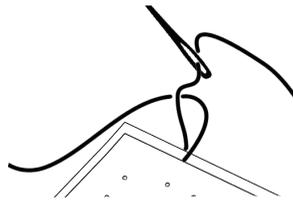
Qty	Item
8	5" Mat Base
128	Hearts - 1/2" Cream Floss, Needle, & Instructions

Stitches Needed

Blanket Stitch

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The starter stitch begins between the



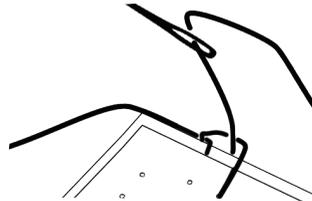
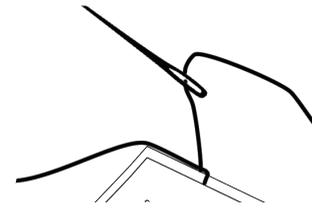
two layers of wool felt. The needle is inserted between two layers, then down through the bottom layer and up over the tail.

Pull the thread tight which will set the knot between the layers.

Insert the needle down into the fabric, through both layers, and up inside the loop. Then, pull tight.

Repeat this along the edge of the fabric until you have completed the edging.

The stitching should be evenly spaced and have the loop along the seam between the two



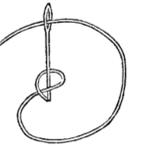
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Insert needle from rear side into the front. Then reinsert it as shown a short distance away with the loop under the needle. Pull tight to form the first link and repeat.



French Knot

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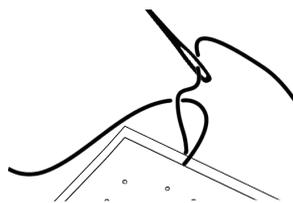
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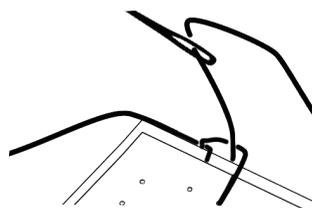
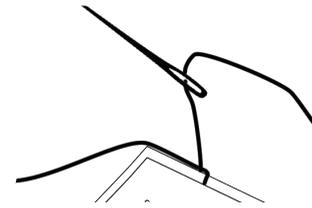
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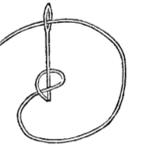
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Flower:

Each blossom is formed with four hearts. Depending on your kit, you should choose red floss for cream colored flowers and cream floss for all flower colors. Using the floss for your color flower, bring the needle through to the top side of the base in the center of the lobe. String each heart by folding the heart in half and inserting the needle through the heart $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the tip. Repeat putting all 4 hearts on the needle. Pull the hearts down to the mat, fan them out, and go back through the mat base near the center of the blossom. Adjust the petals as needed to form the blossom.

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Without cutting the floss, add the three "birds foot" lines to each petal as shown in the picture, anchoring each petal to the mat. Cut and tie off.

Optionally, add three yellow French Knots to the blossom as shown.

Repeat for each blossom.

Vines

Using green floss, chain stitch add decorative vines out of each blossom. This is a place where you can demonstrate your creativeness in the curlyness and placement of the vines.

Assembly

Pin the 2nd base layer behind the first. The floss you should use is cream the pink mat, green for the mats using mulberry or blue flowers, and blue floss for the mats with blue flowers. Blanket Stitch using the selected floss along the outside edge of the mat.

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