



Pretty Little Pots

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3. Polly's Pot

Finished size: 4 1/4" x 5 3/4"



Requirements:

Background fabric: 6" x 7"

Wool: 3" x 3" aqua, 2" x 2" leaf green and 1" x 1" purple

80 weight thread (or similar): neutral

Batting: 4" x 4"

Cotton for pot: 3" x 3"

Perle 8 cotton

Cutting:

1. Cut out the background fabric 5 ¼" x 6 ¾".
The block will be trimmed when finished to 4 ¾" x 6 ¼"
2. Cut out the pot (A) in cardboard and batting
3. Cut out the fabric for the pot allowing approx. ½" seam allowance around all edges.
4. Trace the leaf shapes, petals and circle shapes onto freezer paper and cut out.

Making:

Little Pot

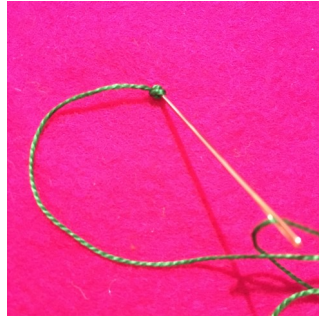
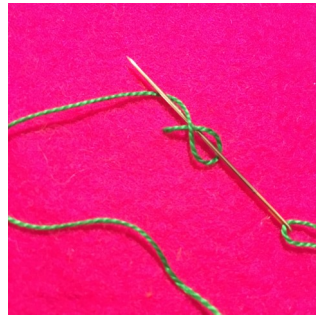
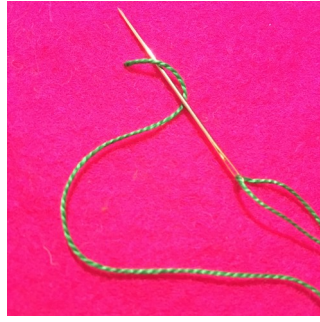
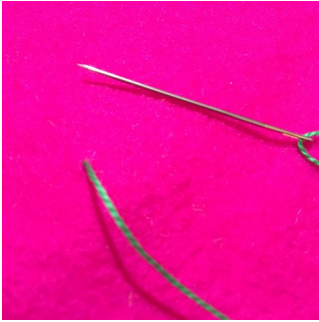
As before

1. Place the batting onto the cardboard pot shape.
2. Place the fabric over the batting and glue to the underside of the cardboard. Try to fold the fabric over as tight as possible.
3. Press the fabric from the right side and then again from the underside. Allow to cool and then carefully remove the cardboard. (a cuticle stick is helpful for this)
4. Using the template as a guide for placement, pin the pot into position.
5. Stitch with small slip stitches to attach the pot to the background.

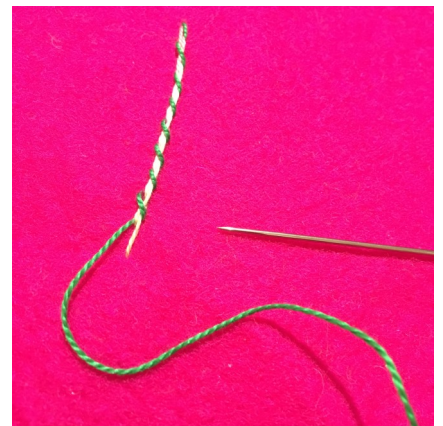
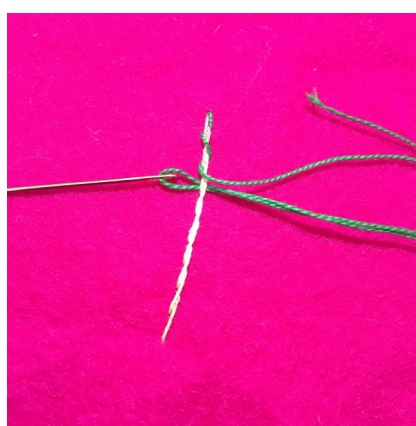
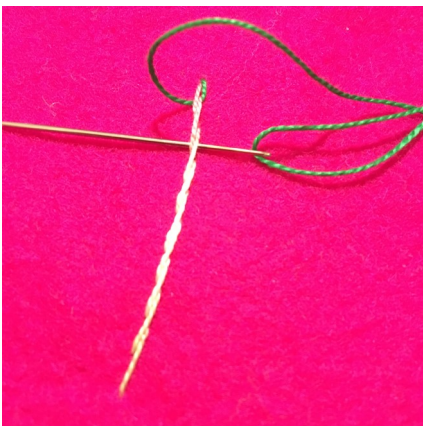
Flowers, stems and leaves:

1. Transfer the line for the stem onto the background fabric.
2. Pin the petals in place. Note that the petals will underlap the flower centre by approx. ¼"
3. Stitch the petals with a row of running backstitch around the outside edge.
4. Pin the flower centre circle over the petals. Attach with a round of whip stitch and then a row of colonial knots round the outer edge of the circle. (French knots will look similar).
5. Pin the leaves in place, Stitch the leaves with a line through the centre joining to the stem. These lines and the stem are stitched with a row of stem stitch and then 'whipped'. (whipped stem stitch.) Variegated thread looks especially good for this. I have used 'Razzle' thread from Wonderfil. This is a shiny rayon thread, however, Perle 8 looks great as well.

Colonial knots:

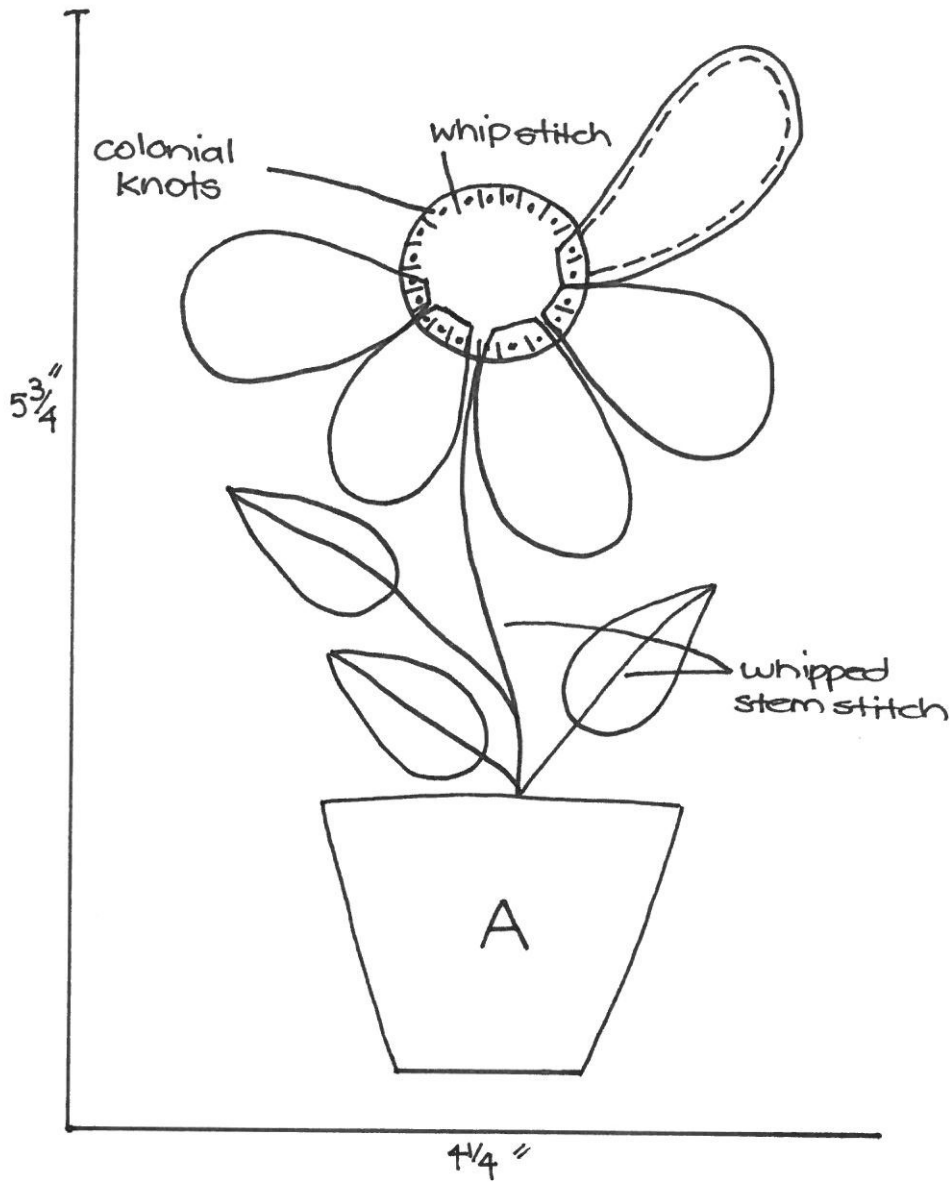


Whipped stem stitch:



3. Polly's Pot Templates

Note- the lines are shown to indicate the correct size as a guide for printing.



Stitch guide:

Colonial knot:



Whipped stem stitch:

