



## Pretty Little Pots

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### 11. Portia's Pot

Finished size: 4 1/4" x 6 3/4"



#### Requirements:

Background fabric: 6" x 8"

Wool: 2" x 2" leaf green, medium green, 3" x 3" purple,

80 weight thread (or similar): neutral

Batting: 3" x 3"

Cotton for pot: 3 1/2" x 4"

Freezer paper



## Cutting:

1. Cut out the background fabric 5  $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 7  $\frac{3}{4}$ ".  
The block will be trimmed when finished to 4  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 7  $\frac{1}{4}$ "
2. Cut out the pot (M) in cardboard and batting
3. Cut out the fabric for the pot allowing approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance around all edges.

## Making: Little Pot

As before

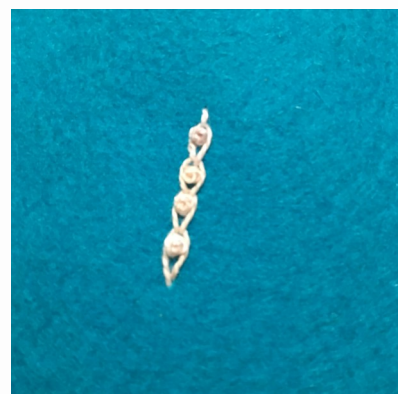
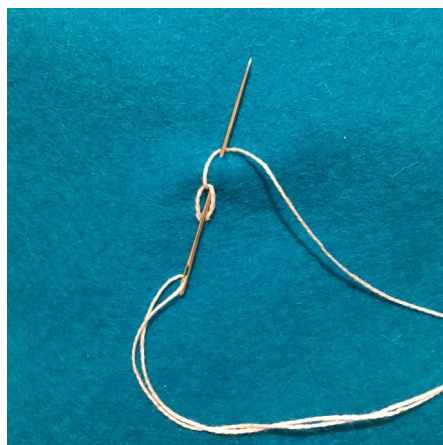
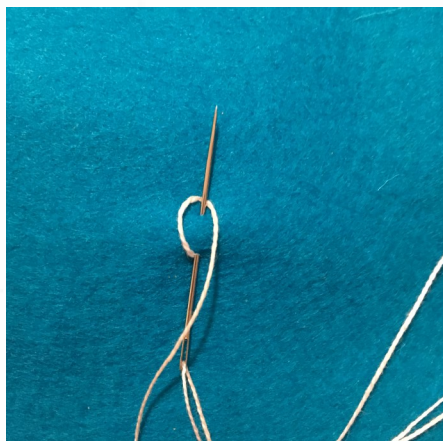
1. Place the batting onto the cardboard pot shape.
2. Place the fabric over the batting and glue to the underside of the cardboard. Try to fold the fabric over as tight as possible.
3. Press the fabric from the right side and then again from the underside. Allow to cool and then carefully remove the 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.

## Flower, leaves and stems:

1. Trace the patterns for the flower and leaves onto freezer paper and cut out. You could use 'perfect circles' templates for the flower. You could also try cutting your leaves free hand. If they differ slightly from mine that would be OK.
2. Cut out the wool using the freezer paper patterns. Cut a circle 'hole' in the centre of the smaller circle using the template as a guide for the size.
3. Stitch the 2 circles together with whip stitch. Fill the 'hole' in the centre with colonial knots, Variegated thread works well for this.
4. Pin and then stitch the flower to the background with a row of fly stitch. Note that the fly stitch starts in the background fabric approx.  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the outside edge of the circle.
5. Stitch the row of colonial knots around the centre circle in between the Fly stitch tails. Stitch another row of colonial knots in the 'v's of the fly stitch around the outer edge of the flower.



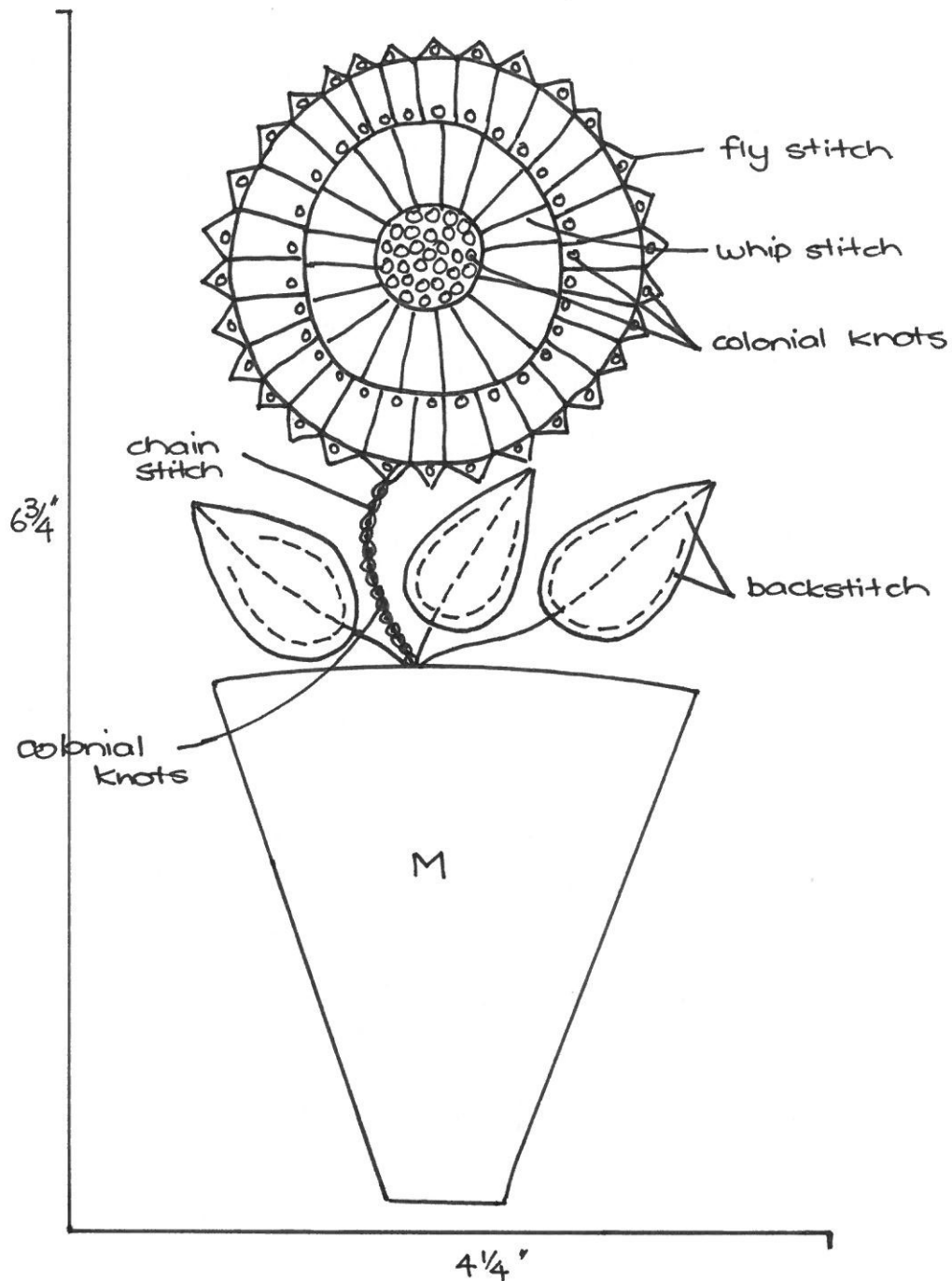
6. Chalk on the line for the main stem to the flower. Stitch this with a row of chain stitch. Stitch a row of colonial knots in between the chain stitches.



7. Pin and then stitch the leaves in place. Stitch with a row of backstitch through the centre of the leaves and continue the row to connect the leaves to the stem at the base of the flower pot. Add another incomplete row of backstitch around the outer curve of the leaf. (refer to the template as a guide).

## 11. Portia's Pot Templates

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

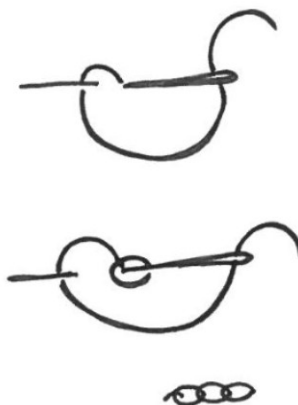


## Stitch guide:

**Backstitch:**



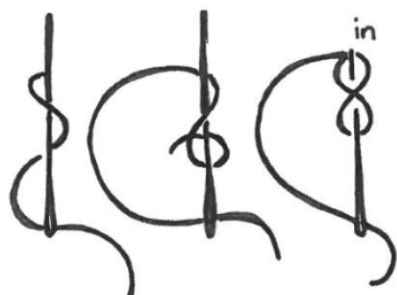
**Chain Stitch:**



**Fly Stitch:**



**Colonial knot:**



**Whip Stitch:**

