



Free Stitchery Project by Meg Hawkey

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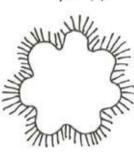
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Summer Stitching Flower :

77–30 Stitch around the flower center circle using a buttonhole stitch with radiating lines that almost fill the petal area to the next petal line.



77-25 Stitch around the inner flower shape using a buttonhole stitch that begins on the inner petal line shown, and points out to ward the outer flower line. Stitch the outer flower line using a little chain stitch.



- 7-13 Stitch around petals using a little chain stitch.
- 77–28 XXX fill in petals.
- 77-18 French knots in the flower center are all 2 wrap French knots.
- 7-11 chain stitch stem and leaf outline. Backstitch leaf veins.

My hints for using this metallic floss successfully!

- Use a needle that will make a hold in the fabric big enough to pull the thread through without fraying it. I use a #7 Scarlet Today embroidery needle. This needle will also have an eye big enough to accommodate the thread without sawing to pieces resulting in fraying.
- \boxtimes When the end of the thread untwists, simply knot off and then knot the untwisted end to begin stitching again.
- \boxtimes When making French knots, slow down a little when pulling the thread through the knot. This is always the rule… but even more so when using metallic thread.
- Relax and have fun!! These threads are actually a joy to work with !!

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