

A Daisy Bracelet in Felt and Silk Ribbon Embroidery

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You will need




Ribbon

Di van Niekerk's silk ribbons

	2mm silk	17 x 2 packets
	4mm silk	67

Thread

Note: Use one strand of thread unless directed otherwise.

Maxi Mouline-Circulo		
	874	yellow
	619	blue
Rajmahal Art. Silk		
	421	green

Needles

Embroidery 5/10
CHENILLE 20
CHENILLE 22
FELTING 36



Other

- A cream band - crochet or felted, approximately 18 x 4 cm (7 x 1.57"). Make 3 loops for the buttons. Crochet the loops or use a [detached buttonhole stitch](#).
- 3 small green buttons
- A piece of blue felt a little larger than above.
- Woolly fibre-natural shade, if using a crochet band
- Lining fabric - cream, white (or look for an embroidered linen napkin from a charity shop) or use a multi-coloured cotton fabric a little bigger than the blue felt so that you can turn in seams before stitching onto the back of the bracelet
- A thick sponge if needle-felting the crochet band

Stitches and Techniques

Note: Click on the name of each stitch to be taken to my blog where I have explained each stitch and included a diagram.

[BACK STITCH](#)

[BLANKET STITCH](#)

[CHAIN STITCH](#)

[DETACHED BUTTONHOLE STITCH](#)

[FEATHER STITCH](#)

[FRENCH KNOT](#)

[STAB STITCH](#)



Make the Cream Band

Use a cream piece of felt or crochet a band (with no. 8 mercerised cotton) approximately 18 x 4 cm (7 x 1.57"). Make 3 loops for the buttons. Crochet the



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loops or use detached buttonhole stitch – see stitches on page 2. For the crochet band, use the needle felting technique as follows: work on top of a thick sponge, use the #36 felting needle and pierce the fibre and the crochet band, needle-felting the fibre into the cotton. Be careful not to prick yourself. Work up to the end of the band and pull or trim the excess fibre for neat edges. Stitch three buttons onto the band with two strands of green thread.

Make the Daisies and Leaves

Make the Yellow Centres

Fold the band in half and with the blue water-soluble pen, make a mark for the daisy centre. Measure 4.5 cm (1.77") to the left and the right and make a mark for two other daisy centres. Using the dots as a guide, draw three 8 mm (5/16") circles which will be filled with French knots. With two strands of the yellow thread, fill the circles with French knots, making them close together, and wrapping the thread twice around your needle. Repeat for the other two daisies.



Make the Green Leaves Use the green silk ribbon and use a feather stitch (see stitches on page 2) to make the leaves from centre to centre, edge to edge.

Make the Petals

With the no. 67 silk ribbon make the daisy petals as follows:

Come up close to the yellow centre and measure a distance of about 16 mm (5/8") but instead of making the normal ribbon stitch, pierce only the ribbon as shown. Gently pull the needle through to form a sharp point. Holding the tip so the ribbon lines up nicely, insert the needle to the back close to the centre of the daisy and take it to the back.

Come up to form the next petal. Use the blue thread to tie tails off at the back and to secure the base of the petal with a tiny stab stitch or two. This will prevent the petal from pulling out of shape and will flatten the petal slightly.

If you prefer that the petals lie flatter, use more stitches to hold the shape. Each petal is about 16 to 18 mm (5/8 to 11/16 ") long and make as many petals as necessary to surround the circle.



Add the Blue Felt

Place the band onto the blue felt, and secure with back stitches.



If you have used a cream piece of felt instead of the crochet band, make a row or two of chain stitches along the edge.

At this stage you could decide to use the bracelet as it is, or embellish it as shown in the next few steps.



Embroider the Blue Edge

With the green ribbon, make blanket stitches along the blue felt.



Add the Lining



Choose a lining that will suit your creation and leave enough for a good size seam. Turn in the seams and press flat. With the blue thread make tiny back stitches along the edge of the cream band. Remove the pen marks by wetting a cotton bud and moistening the blue lines. The water dissolves the pen marks.