

November 2020: A Free gift for you from Dicraft. Silk Ribbon Embroidery.

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Christmas Poinsettias - a lovely design (c) Di van Niekerk 2020
Embroidered by Emma Kriegler. Available from www.dicraft.com



Notes/instructions, written by Emma Kriegler, edited by Di van Niekerk are on page 5.

List of what she used for this design:

Cotton threads:

- Maxi Mouline 6-strand cotton (or use a similar shade from your own stock) no. **720** and **726** green, **816** brown.
- Rajmahal Art Silk no. **144** and **94** yellow, **255** red.
- Silk Ribbons: Di van Niekerk. 7mm silk ribbon no. **118** green, 7mm no. **60** red, 4mm no. **35** green.
- #15 gold beads.
- Needles: Chenille 18 and 20, embroidery no. 9 or 10, beading needle or embroidery #10.
- The prepared embroidery panel, linen or cotton and a fine cotton voile or similar for backing your design.
- 1 block of white or red felt – enough for the back of the design/s.
- Hoop large enough to fit your design.

Method:

- Trace the design onto your chosen fabric with a water-soluble pen or pigment ink waterproof pen or a sharp HB or 2B pencil
- or print the design in full colour. Refer to the sections about *how to copy and print the image onto fabric* in my books as follows:

♥ [Flower Fairies in Ribbon Embroidery and Stumpwork](#)

♥ [Roses in Silk and Organza Ribbon](#)

♥ Or refer to page 8 - 11 of my [Ribbon embroidery and stumpwork book](#) or [the blue book with the flower sampler on the cover](#).

To find out more about my books, you are welcome to visit my author page on [amazon.com](#) or visit to [this page on my website](#).

♥ To learn more about silk ribbon embroidery do join me on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#). You will meet many other embroiderers there!

I hope that you will enjoy this lovely design – please feel free to [contact me](#) with any queries that you may have.

Till next time, happy stitching, stay safe!

Kindest regards

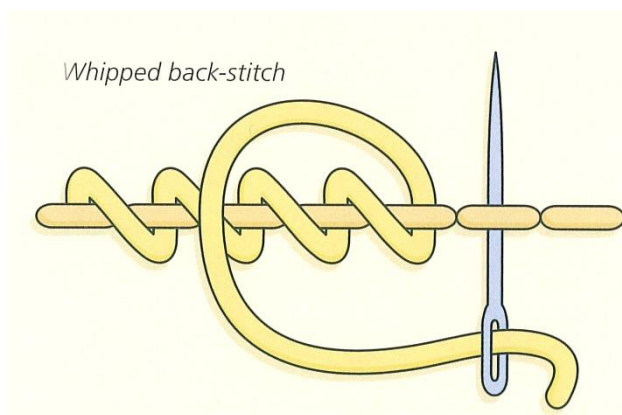
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Picture of completed piece to use as a guide, enjoy!

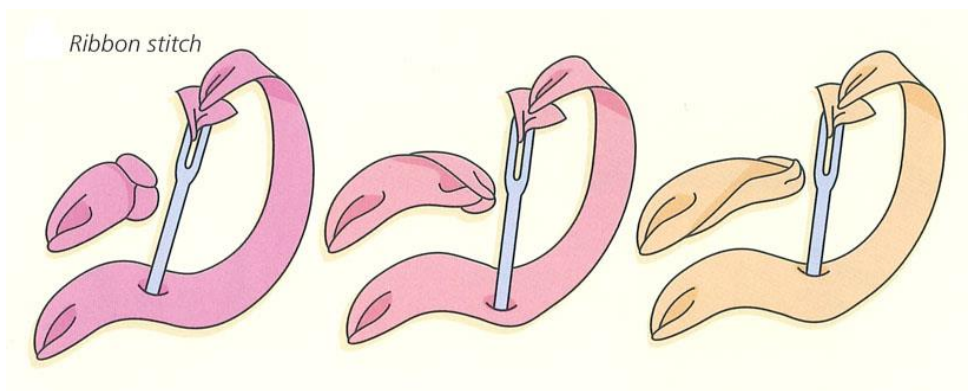


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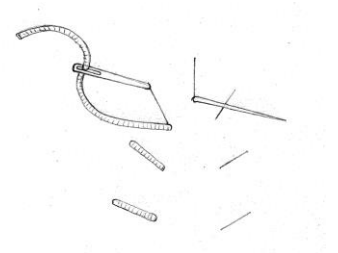
1. Line up the design and backing fabric and insert both layers in a hoop. Stretch the layers taut to remove the creases. **Hint:** Roll and pin the corners out of the way so they do not bother you as you stitch.
2. Use one strand of the brown no. **816** thread (separate one strand out of the six) and make back stitches to form the twirled stems of the ivy. Use a gentle tension as you stitch, making small stitches to form neat curves. Come back and whip the stitches with the same thread for a neat finish.



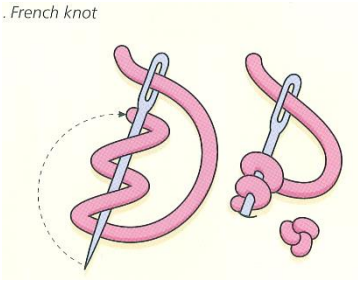
3. Thread up with **7mm** no. **60** make ribbon stitches for the red petals. Use a gentle tension as you stitch so the stitches are soft and rounded.



4. With the red Rajmahal thread, no. **255**, make tiny straight/stab stitches on the outer tip of the petals to secure the ribbon and to help reshape the stitch. Then add more straight stitches, working from the centre to halfway down the petal.



French knot



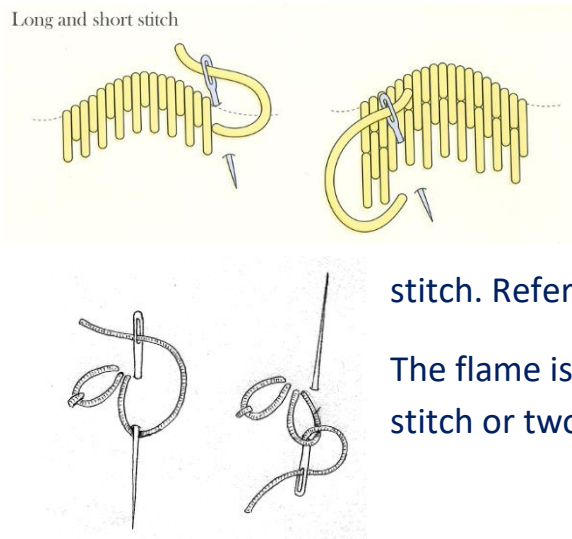
5. Use a fine needle and one strand of **726** green thread. Add gold beads in the centre of the Poinsettias. Add a few 3-wrap French knots in between the beads using the same **726** thread.

6. Change to **7mm** no. **118** and make the big leaves in ribbon stitch as you did for the petals. Make the smaller leaves with the **4mm** no. **35** ribbon. Work in three sections, middle leaf is longer and two on either side are shorter.

7. Use two strands of **720** thread. Make the veins on the leaves with small straight/stab stitches. This is to secure the stitches and to create the detail at the same time.

On the small leaves, use one strand of the Rajmahal no. **94** thread to secure and add detail at the same time.

Long and short stitch



8. Stitch the candles with two colours Rajmahal thread. **94** and **144** Yellow. First use two strands of the **94** thread and make long and short stitches to fill in the shape. Then add the darker lines/shadows with no. **144** thread and straight stitch. Refer to the colour picture as a guide.

The flame is a Lazy Daisy stitch in no. **144** and add a straight stitch or two in the centre to fill the shape.

9. To complete the project, measure the shape of the design and add a 6mm seam. Cut a piece of felt to fit the back, adding a 6mm seam. Fold both seams inwards and stitch along the sides with tiny hem stitches, leaving a gap to fill with a bit of wadding, toy filling or roving. Close the gap. Optional, you can also stitch a bit of lace or needle lace along the edge of the design as shown in the picture. A fine trim would also look good.

Voilà

Hope you had fun! Love Di and Emma