

Embroidery Workshop



Apple Blossom

An illustrative story of many magic tricks told by Masha Reprintseva

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Tricks with Twigs



Step by step we are coming to the final and the easiest elements.

As you can see, for stitching the twigs and branch we are going to use only one shade of brown with some addition of french knots done with dark lilac.

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To give the branch volume look we need to arrange the stitches from different angles. Look through the diagram below and you get the idea.



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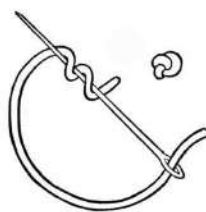


Arranging the stitches in different directions gives the branch a kind of guilloche finish, a bit satin, not much glossy and rather volumized not being stuffed with anything.

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Here it is the time for tiny lilac accents of french knots. For you to remember how to stitch them I give the diagram below.



french knot

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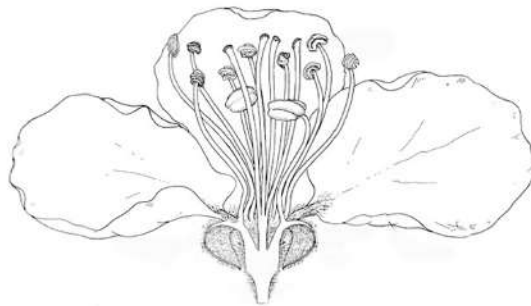


Feel free to arrange the knots where you suppose they fit better. Immagine the moss growing on the apple-tree bark and try to imitate its structure with the stitched knots.

The Stamens & Pistils



Now we are coming to the finishing point of the embroidery. There are some tiny details are left to stitch. You are to choose some golden-green or mustard threads, or even metal (golden or copper).



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Try to imitate the hand of nature by some simple long stitch on working the bodies of stamens, arranging them in each open apple flower at your embroidery.

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If the piece of the embroidery is going to be a decoration for some clothes, I recommend you to chose stitched stamens only adding some french knots or glass beads to emphasize the "antlers".

If your embroidery is going to become a piece of home decor, be ready to continue.