

Shabby Fabrics

Country Cottages Block 2



Applique

Cut background to 13 1/2" x 13 1/2". Prepare applique pieces using your favorite method. *We chose to use the spray starch method of applique.* Using a fine-point permanent marker (or disappearing ink) and a light box, trace the embroidery onto the background fabric, house, topiary heart, and windows. Note that in tracing the hearts above the chimney, you must mark a dashed line instead of a solid line as the embroidery is done in a running stitch. Place the house and the topiary on the background 1" up from the bottom edge. Applique all pieces in place. We prefer to use Kimono silk thread, which can be purchased on our website.

Finish the Block

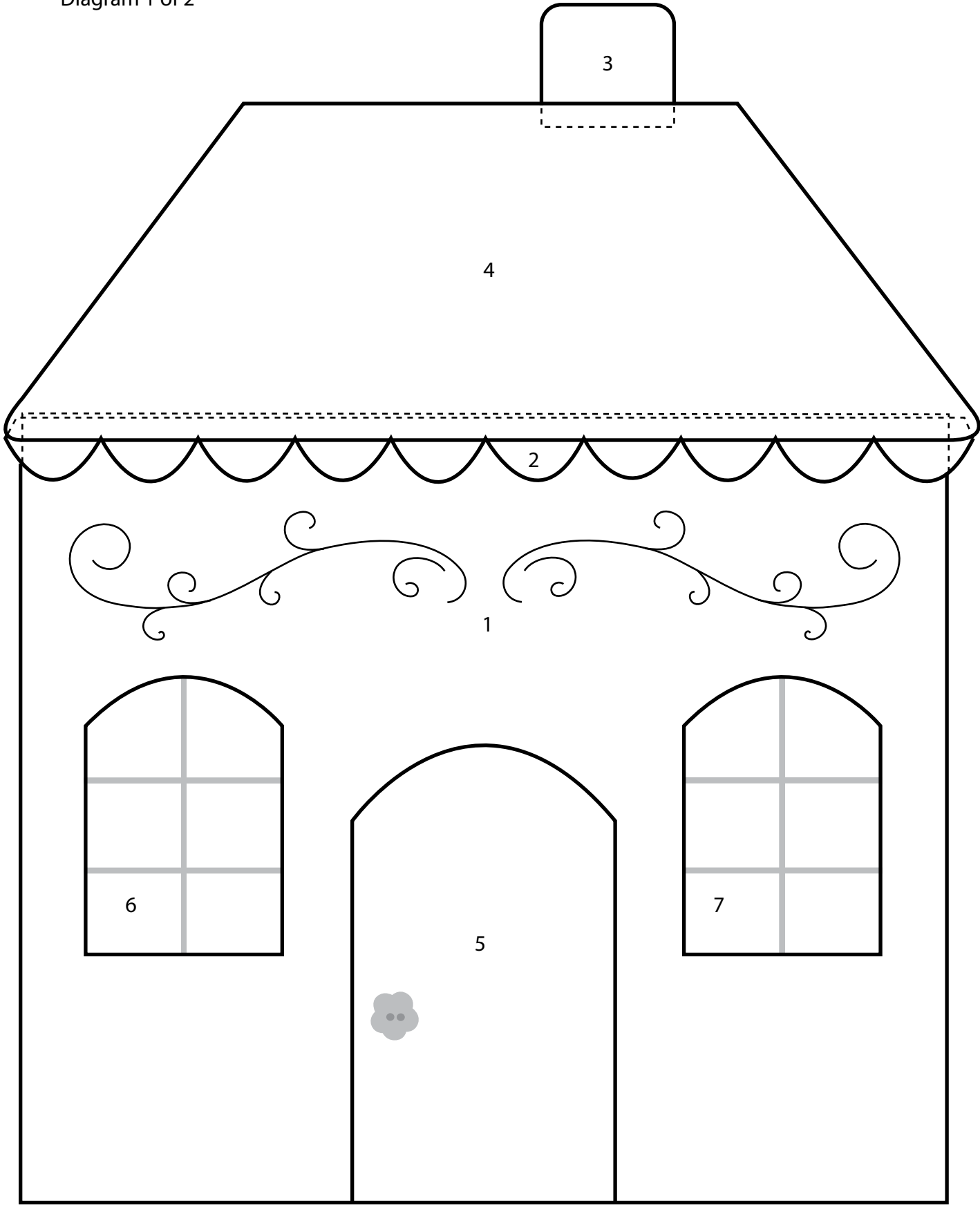
Using two strands of dark brown (DMC 801) embroidery floss, add the detail on the house and the window panes using a back stitch. Using two strands of red (DMC 3721) embroidery floss, embroider the hearts above the chimney using a running stitch. Using two strands of cream (DMC 3865) embroidery floss and two wraps, create the French knots on the topiary heart. Stitch the doorknob button to the door, then add the five heart buttons to the house embroidery. Once all applique, embroidery, and embellishing is complete, trim block to 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" by trimming 1/2" off equally on all sides.

What will next month's block look like?

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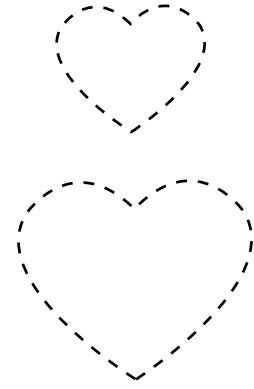
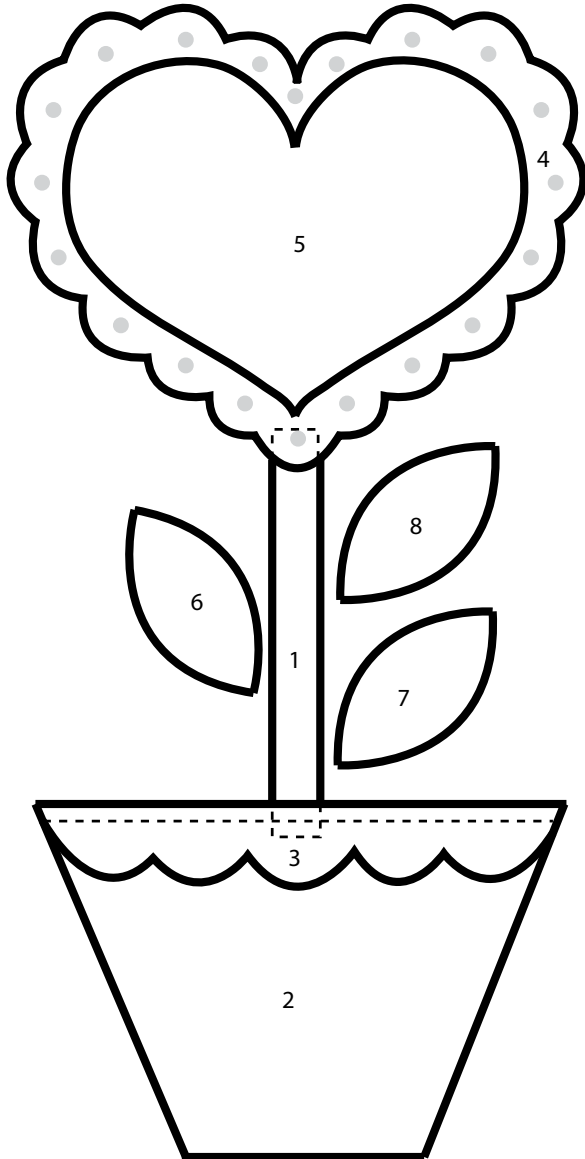
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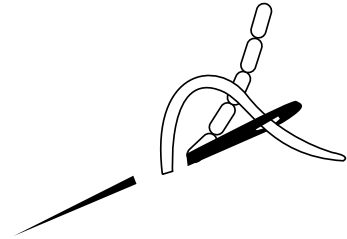
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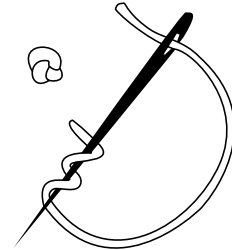


Chimney Detail

Back Stitch



French Knot



Running Stitch

