

Shabby Fabrics

Celebrate the Year

Block 5



Piece the Heart

From a variety of purple fabrics, cut a total of 7 - 1 3/4" x 10 1/2" strips. Shorten your stitch length, and sew the strips side by side, pressing all seams open.

Applique

Cut an 11" x 11" background piece out of cream fabric.

Using the Heart Diagram and either fusible webbing or freezer paper, prepare the pieced heart for applique. Be sure to add 1/4" all the way around the shape if you plan on turning the edge under.

Follow the instructions from Block 1 for preparing the wool felt doily heart and banner. Applique the wool felt doily heart to the background. Applique the pieced heart to the center of the wool felt doily heart using the applique technique of your choice. Do not attach the banner at this time.

Finish the Block

Remove the paper from the banner. Transfer the month name to the banner using a light box and fine pen. Then draw the flower outlines on either side of the month name. Position the banner on the pieced heart as shown in the photo above. Iron in place. Using three strands of metallic gold embroidery floss, add the stitching around the doily and banner in the same manner as described in Block 1.

Using three strands of DMC 844 (dark gray) embroidery floss, stitch the month name using a back stitch. Using three strands of DMC 3837 (violet) embroidery floss, outline the pansies with a back stitch, and then fill them in with a satin stitch. Using three strands of golden yellow embroidery floss (from Block 4) and two wraps, add a French knot to the center of each pansy. With a needle and thread, add a variety of pearls around the pansies. Once all applique and embroidery is complete, trim block to 10 1/2" x 10 1/2" by trimming 1/4" off equally on all sides.

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Block 5 - May

English

May

German

Mai

Russian

Май

Portuguese

Maio

Spanish

Mayo

Italian

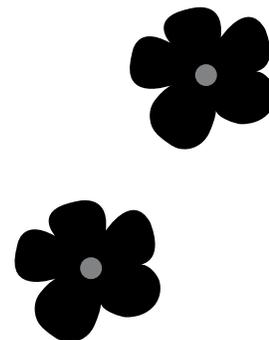
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French

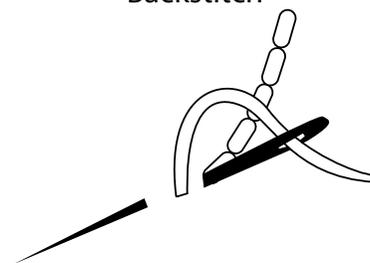
Mai

Dutch

Mei



Backstitch



Satin Stitch

