



⊗ HAND EMBROIDERY
SKILL LEVEL: **EASY**

ABBREVIATIONS

SS = Satin stitch
Bst = Back Stitch
Wbs = Whipped Back Stitch
FKnots = French Knots

MEASUREMENT

5½" (14cm) diameter

INSTRUCTIONS

Notes:

- All the elements use less than the full 6 stands of thread, split the length of thread before beginning each design element.
- For this design we began with the font and used 0403 BSt, 3 strands.
- The plants can be stitched in any order, this is just the way we did it.

Featuring Anchor® Embroidery Floss spools

It's a jungle out there! Get carried away embroidering pretty plants with Anchor® Embroidery Floss

MATERIALS

Anchor® Embroidery Floss Spools: 1 of each color



Anchor® Embroidery Hoop. Medium weight, close weave cotton fabric. Embroidery/Crewel needle, Size 7 or 8. Fabric pen for transferring pattern.

PADDLE CACTUS (BOTTOM LEFT)

1. Beginning with the solid green 0262, 3 Strands, SS. Complete all of the green parts of the Paddle cactus before adding the detail.
2. It's easier to start with the sections at the base of the cactus (nearest the hoop edge)
3. Work L-R on each segment of the cactus to create a neatly curved segment.
4. To add the 'spines' of the cactus use 0887, 1 strand, single stitches. You have to carefully come up between the satin stitch you just did, trying not to disturb it and leave gaps. Single stitches in a V shape create the spines.



5. To add the cactus blossom, use 1007, 2 strands and around 4 single stitches all next to each other to create the impression of a flower.

MONSTERA

(SWISS CHEESE PLANT)

1. Both of the Monstera leaves use the same technique.
2. Use 0245, 3 strands and SS. The Monstera leaves aren't a regular shape but they use a SS at a slight angle to create the shape and texture of the leaves (see picture).
3. Begin at the tip of the leaf and work to the center stem. Stitch one half of the leaf and then the other (rather than switching between sides). Use shorter stitches when working around the holes in the leaves and follow the lines you've drawn on your fabric to make sure you stick to the leaf shape.

HANGING PLANT

(TOP LEFT)

1. For the brown stems use 0277, 3 strands, BSt. The brown stems won't be very visible after you've added the French knots but that is intentional, to look as natural as possible.
2. For the Fknots, use a combination of 0214 and 0268 to give a 3D effect. We would recommend doing all of one color and then filling in the gaps with the other. Use 3 strands (twice around the needle) for the Fknots.

LEAFY BRANCH (RIGHT)

1. Begin with the brown stem and use 0358, 3 strands, Wbs.
2. For the leaves use 0861, 3 strands and SS. Similar to the Monstera leaves, it's an irregular shape, so just follow the lines you've drawn on your fabric. Again we found it easier to do the longest stitch first (first tip of the leaf to the base) and then work down one side of the leaf and then the other.

PILEA (BOTTOM RIGHT)

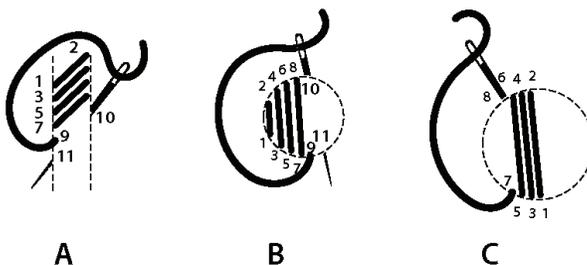
1. Begin with the solid part of the leaf which is 0266, 3 strands, SS.
2. Next, use 0268 to outline the leaves - 2 strands, Bst. Try to use the same holes as the satin stitch as you go around the leaf so there aren't any gaps. Use this color also to do single stitches for the stems.
3. Detail each leaf with a single Fknot using 0386, 3 strands, twice around the needle. Again, you'll need to be careful bringing the needle up between the SS of the leaf so you don't create gaps or pull the SS.



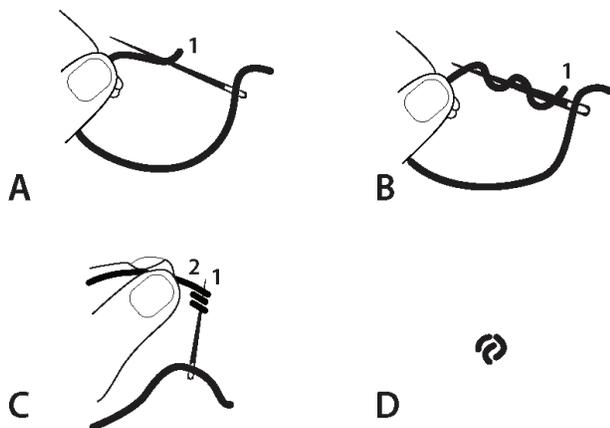
STITCHES

TIP: To separate the floss into strands, cut an 18" length. Hold one end and run the finger of your opposite hand between the strands allowing them to untwist. Thread the needle.

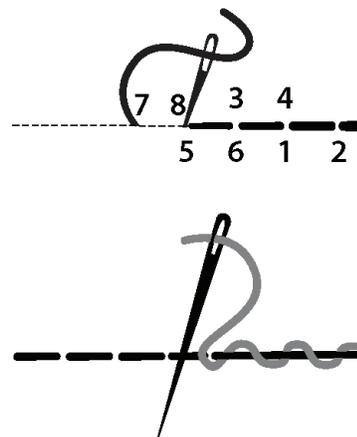
SATIN STITCH



FRENCH KNOT



WHIPPED BACK STITCH



BACK STITCH

