

Introduction

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Kit Contents

Qty	Item
2	Mat Base
8	Leaves
24	Hearts - 1" Cream
8	Hearts - 1½" Purple
4	Hearts - 1½" Yellow
	Floss, Needle, & Instructions

Stitches Needed

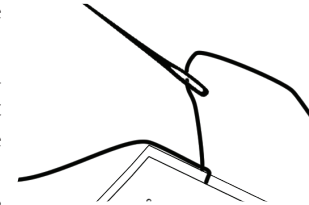
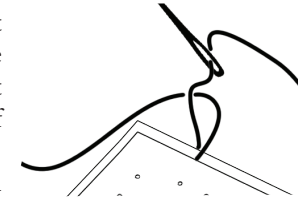
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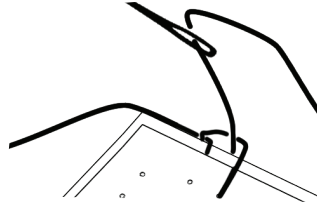
Pull the thread tight which will set the knot between the layers.

Insert the needle down into the fabric, through both layers, and up inside the loop. Then, pull tight.



Repeat this along the edge of the fabric until you have completed the edging.

The stitching should be evenly spaced and have the loop along the seam between the two piece.



Instructions

The Pansy Mat has eight blossoms that are sewn together and splayed out to create the flower. The flowers are then attached to the top layer of the mat. The bottom mat layer is then blanket stitched to the top to hide the stitching and knots of the blossoms.

Full Size Pansies:

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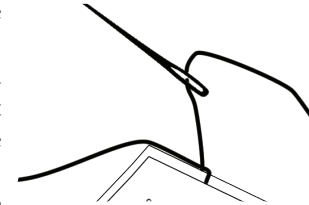
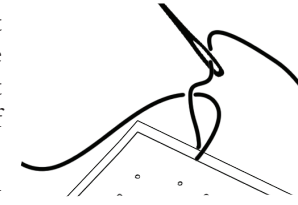
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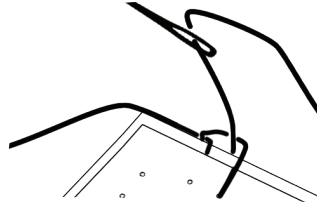
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Fold a second purple/cream sets and chain to the first using the same stitch on the same side of the second petal and pull tight.



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Attach the blossom with a single stitch at the appropriate location in one of the lobes of the mat.

Using the same needle, without cutting the floss, add the three "birds foot" lines which form the flower center to each petal set as shown in the picture. Sew through the mat. This provides a firm anchor for each blossom. Cut and tie off.

Repeat for each large blossom.

Small Size Pansies:

Repeat using three single cream hearts for the four small blossoms. Add two leaves and attach to mat.

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Pin the 2nd base layer behind the first. Blanket Stitch along the outside edge of the mat.

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