

Heirloom Baby Blanket-orange, purple and lime

By Di van Niekerk

You will need

- Di van Niekerk's hand-painted pure silk ribbons
- **4mm** pure silk-number **54 x 2 PACKETS**
- **4mm** pure silk-number **51 or 57 x 2 PACKETS**
- **2mm** pure silk-number **96 x 1 PACKET**
- **2mm** pure silk-number **36 x 2 PACKETS**
- Water-soluble fabric **40cm length**
- 40cm** green thread
- 40cm** red thread
- A beautiful pure cotton blanket
- Instruction sheet, pattern and stitch diagram
- Colour picture of completed design.

Note: You will be able to order the white satin binding from us, or you may prefer to make your own binding. Use pretty floral printed cotton at the back or purchase an extra baby blanket without the pattern instructions from us.

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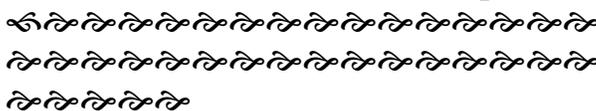
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Embroidered by Di van Niekerk

Use 1 strand of thread unless stipulated.



-Lay the water-soluble fabric diagonally across the pattern so the entire design fits on the water-soluble fabric. Trace the pattern supplied onto the water soluble fabric. Use a ruler for the straight lines. Be careful that this fabric does not come into contact with any moisture. Use a black Pigma or uniPIN fine line pen. These pens are available from most art or pen shops. Ask for the finest water/ fade proof **pigment ink** pen. I use the number 0.1 or 0.2 uniPIN pen in South Africa.



Note: once the embroidery is complete, the blanket is immersed in water to dissolve the water-soluble fabric and the black pen lines disappear along with it. This method is fabulous when you are not able to use the direct trace technique.

- Pin the tracing on the top of the blanket leaving a large enough seam for the bias binding.
- Tack in place with long back or running stitches.

Hint: There is no need to use a hoop for this project. But do remember to use a gentle tension as you embroider so the blanket does not pucker out of shape. However, if you do wish to use a hoop, add fabric strips along the edge so that the section you wish to embroider fits nicely in the hoop. The strips can be removed later.

- Use a size 8 or 9 crewel needle and for the thread and size 22 or 24 chenille for the 2mm silk ribbon. The 4mm silk ribbon uses a size 20 or 22 chenille needle.
- Follow the codes/ legends on the pattern and refer to the colour picture as a guide.

Please note: As you start and end each time, end off well. End off with back stitches or run the threads under adjoining stitches. Use the thread to anchor the ribbon tails securely at the back. Always take into account that loose ends may unravel and harm the baby.

You will place a backing fabric at the back of the blanket once you have completed it, so the stitches will not be visible at the back.

- Remove the excess water-soluble fabric, by cutting it a short distance away from the stitches.
- Remove the tacking threads.
- Immerse the blanket in a basin of tap water and allow the water-soluble fabric to dissolve for 5 to 10 minutes. Gently rub the embroidered area to lift the sticky residue off the fabric.
- Place the blanket between two towels.
- Gently pat the blanket dry to get rid of some water and hang up to dry.
- Press while still damp with an iron on a cotton setting. Press on the wrong side.
- Be careful not to touch the embroidery stitches. Use the sharp tip of the iron between the stitches to remove the creases.
- Gently pull the blanket back into shape so the chain stitch line is more or less straight as it will have distorted a bit with the embroidery.

Place a background cotton fabric (I used another baby blanket behind mine.) These are available from us as a single entity without instructions or pattern. Place wrong sides together and complete with bias binding along the edges.

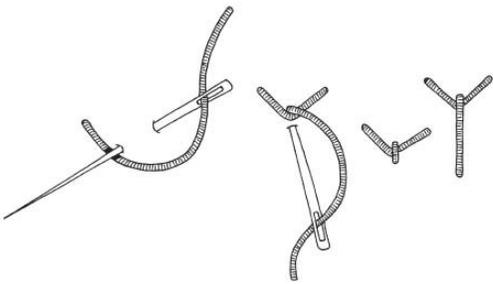
I do hope this happy gorgeous blanket brings much joy to a special Mum and baby!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions; we are always willing to help

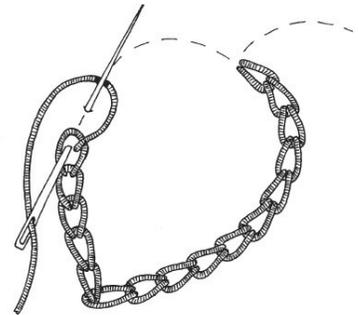
Kind regards

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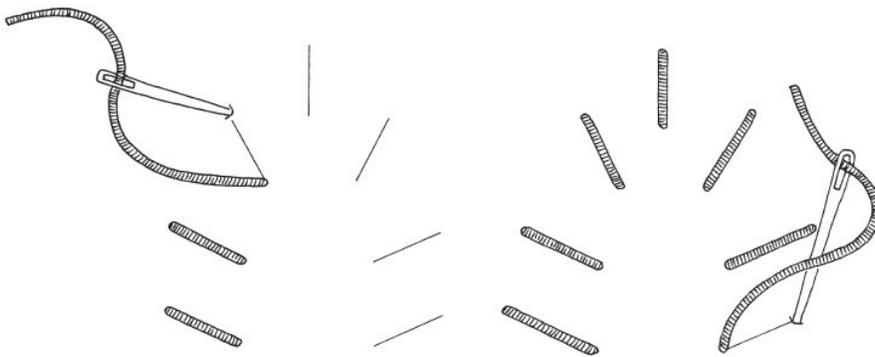
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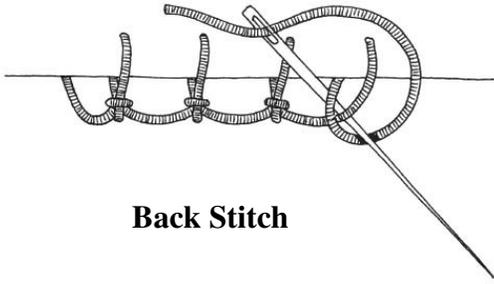
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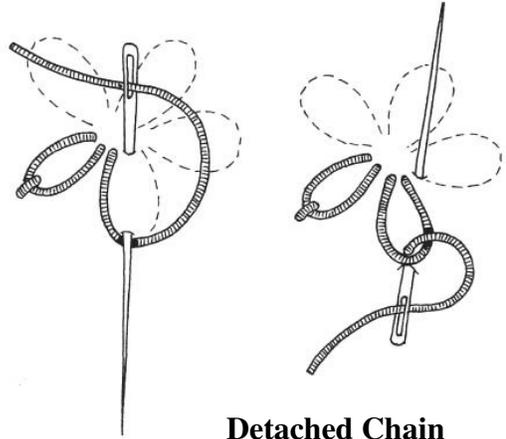
Chain Stitch



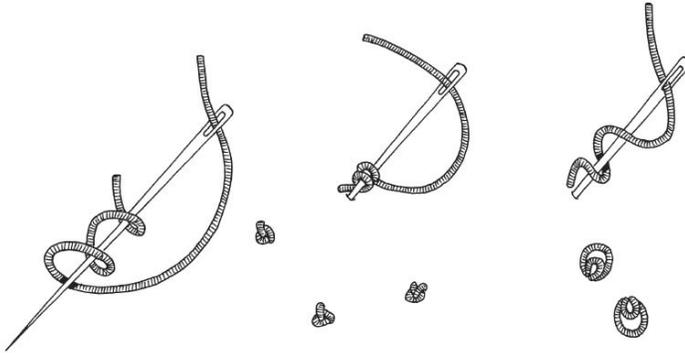
Straight/Stab Stitch



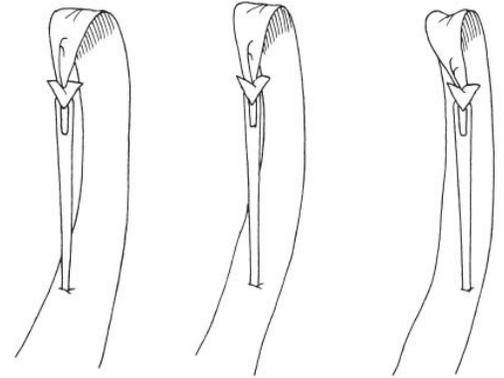
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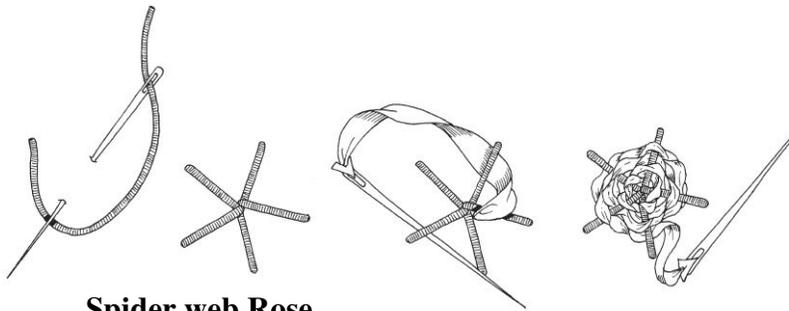
Detached Chain



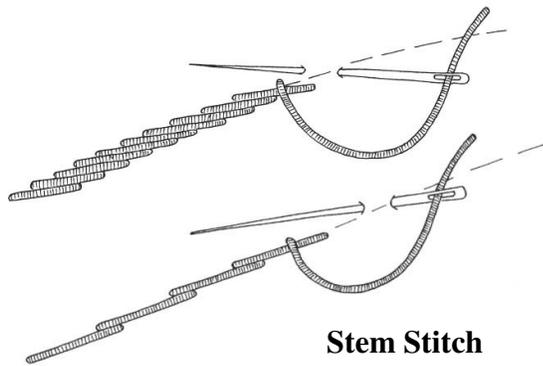
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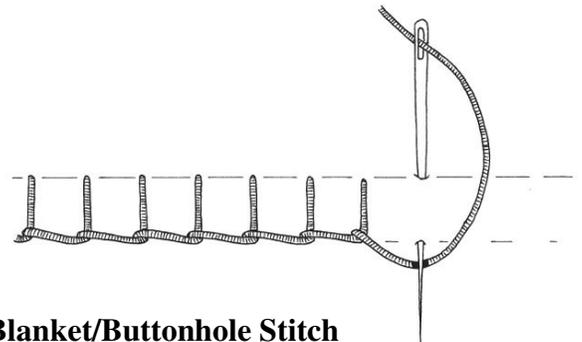
Ribbon Stitch



Spider web Rose



Stem Stitch



Blanket/Buttonhole Stitch

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Ribbon Codes from Di van Niekerk's range of ribbons:

2mm Silk no. 96 and 36
4mm Silk no. 54 and 51 or 57

Threads Codes from Chameleon Threads:

Cotton or Silk Stranded - Pine Needles no. 61, Ruby Red no. 65

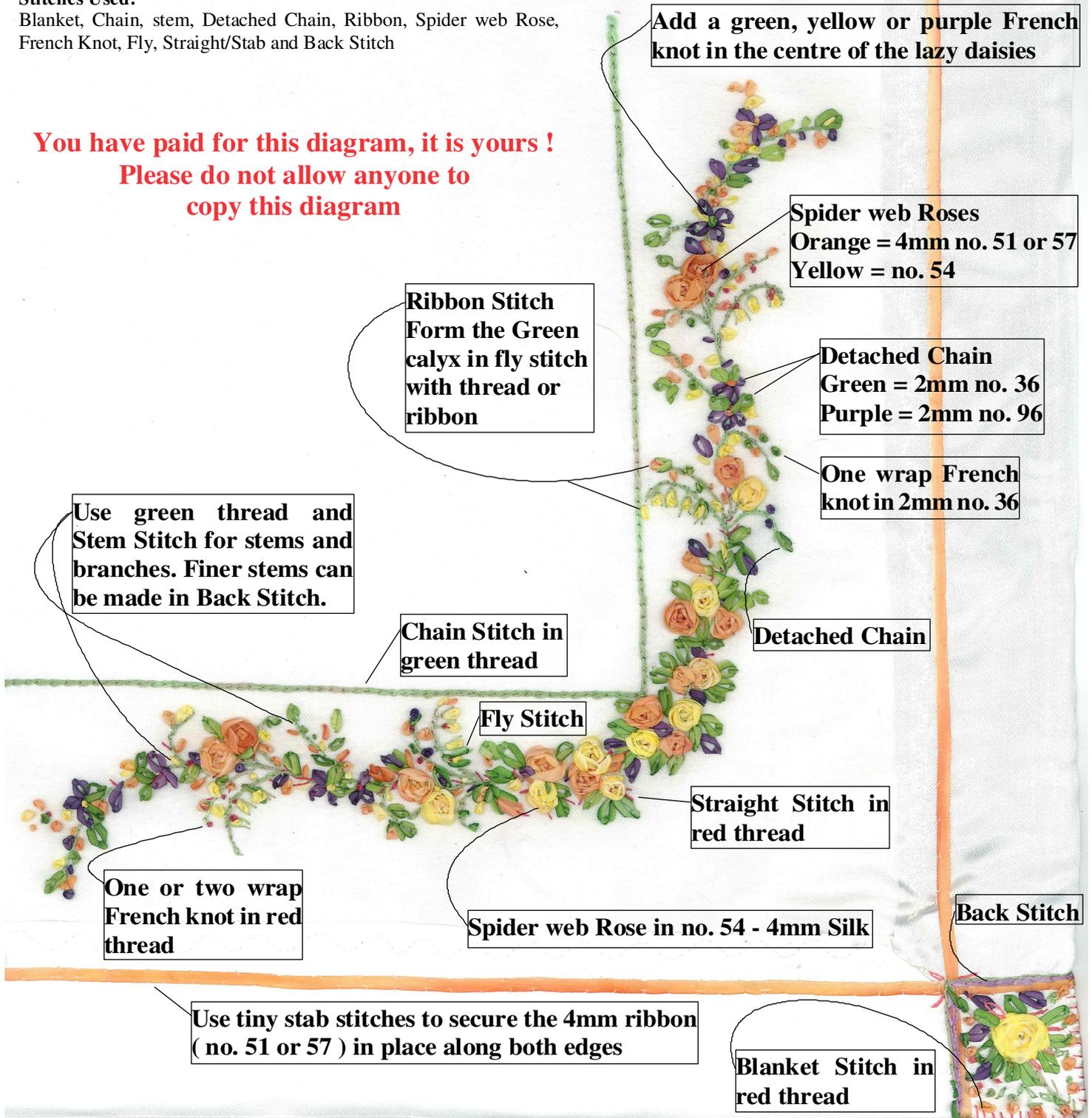
DMC Equivalent = 989 or 988 (green), 309 or 3831

*Use two strands of thread if you are using DMC + Stranded Cotton
Use one strand of thread if you are using Chameleon Stranded Silk*

Stitches Used:

Blanket, Chain, stem, Detached Chain, Ribbon, Spider web Rose, French Knot, Fly, Straight/Stab and Back Stitch

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Add a green, yellow or purple French knot in the centre of the lazy daisies

**Spider web Roses
Orange = 4mm no. 51 or 57
Yellow = no. 54**

**Detached Chain
Green = 2mm no. 36
Purple = 2mm no. 96**

One wrap French knot in 2mm no. 36

Detached Chain

**Ribbon Stitch
Form the Green calyx in fly stitch with thread or ribbon**

Use green thread and Stem Stitch for stems and branches. Finer stems can be made in Back Stitch.

Chain Stitch in green thread

Fly Stitch

Straight Stitch in red thread

One or two wrap French knot in red thread

Spider web Rose in no. 54 - 4mm Silk

Back Stitch

Use tiny stab stitches to secure the 4mm ribbon (no. 51 or 57) in place along both edges

Blanket Stitch in red thread

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 = Spider web roses in 4mm no 54 and 51 or 57

 = Stem or Back Stitch in thread (one or two strands)

 = Detached chain/lazy daisy in 2mm 36 or 96

 **over**  = Fly Stitch in thread or ribbon with a ribbon stitch inside the fly stitch. Use 4mm no 54, 51 or 57

 = French knots in thread or ribbon. Use one, two or three wraps

 = Chain Stitch in 2 strands of thread

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