CHRISTMAS WREATH

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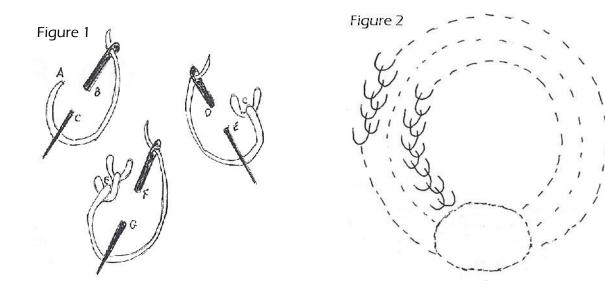


Materials:

- Brazilian Threads: #101 Shaded Red Glory Yellow Glory #165 Green Glory
- Small red seed beads
- Red sewing thread to match the beads

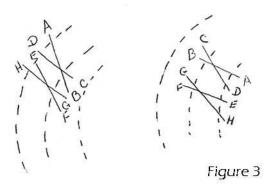
Instructions:

- 1. Base of Wreath—Feather Stitch: Come up at A, go down at B, come up at C. Loop thread under the needle and pull through. Go down at D and up at E, loop thread under the needle and pull through (Figure 1).
- 2. On inner and outer circle, with green Glory, make a row of feather stitches. Do not go into the oval at the bottom of the wreath. These stitches will act as a guideline in keeping a good angle for the pine needles (Figure 2).

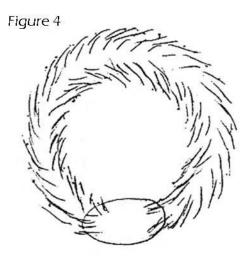


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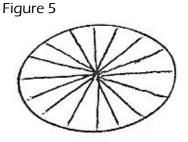
3. On top of the Wreath base, add Pine Needles with Green Glory. Bring needle up at A, down at B, up at C, down at D. Alternate between the inner and outer circle, crossing one another at the centre. This method will leave very little thread on the back of the fabric (Figure 3).



4. Fill in any empty spaces with straight stitches, crossing over the first layer. This will give a more natural appearance. Let some of the stitches cross the outer edge of the oval (Figure 4).



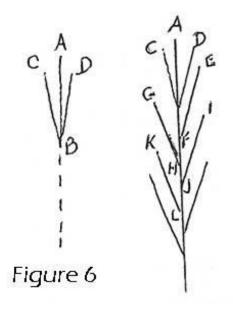
5. For the Flower at the bottom of the Wreath, divide the oval into 16 sections. With Shaded Red Glory, place a straight line (petal) on each spoke (Figure 5).

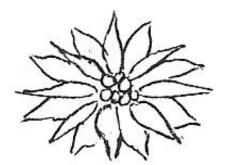


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6. For each of the petals, using the same thread, place the first stitch (AB) about 1/3 of the way down the petal. CB and DB are placed close to AB, but slightly lower. The remaining stitches are worked alternately dropping slightly below the previous stitch (Figure 6).

Stitch AB should be outside the oval and of different lengths on each petal (see photograph).





7. With Yellow Glory, place French knots in the centre of the flower (Figure 7).

Figure 7

 Using red sewing thread, place clusters of 3 beads around the centre of the wreath (Figure 8).

