

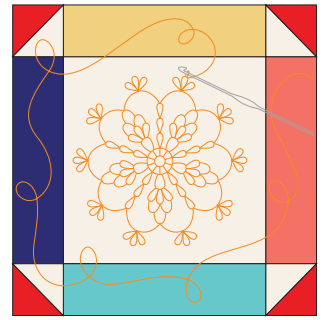
I think of my grandma any time I make anything. She would always crochet doilies. In embroidery, the chain stitch looks exactly like the chain stitch in crochet. For my block, I thought I'd embroider a small doily looking design in the center. A tiny crochet hook like the one my grandma used for her doilies is embroidered on the block as well.

Crocheted Thoughts

for the Splendid Sampler™

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Finished Block Size 6" x 6"

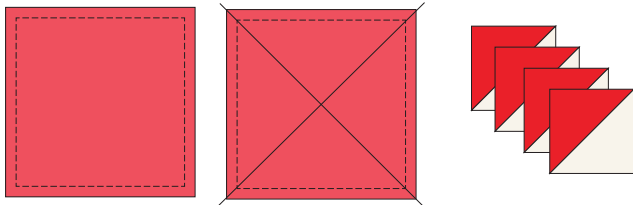


Requirements

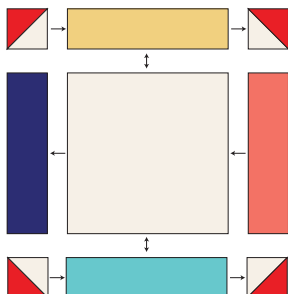
- # 1 - 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" square light color background fabric
- # 4 - 4 1/2" x 1 1/2" rectangles - 2 light color fabric, 2 dark color fabric
- # 2 - 3" x 3" squares - 1 light and 1 contrasting color fabric
- # Embroidery floss in 1 skein each: variegated color of your choice and grey/silver floss for crochet hook. Metallic floss optional for crochet hook.
- # hand embroidery needle
- # small embroidery hoop (optional)
- # stick-on, water-soluble embroidery stabilizer for transferring embroidery design (optional)
- # water soluble marker for transferring embroidery design (optional)

Block Assembly

1. With right sides together, sew the 3" squares on all 4 edges.
2. Cut the sewn 3" squares along both diagonals, creating 4 half-square-triangle (HST) corner blocks.
3. Trim the 4 HST corner blocks to 1 1/2" squares.

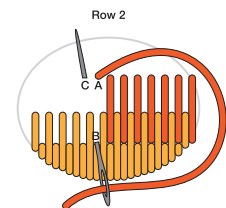
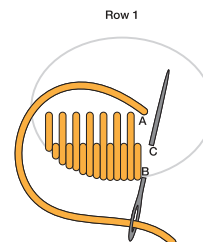
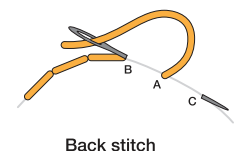
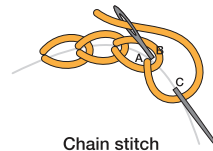


4. Arrange the block into the rows. The light fabric triangles in the HST corner blocks should all point towards the center 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" square.
5. Sew each row. Press the seams of Row 1 and 3 to the right, and Row 2 to the left.
6. Matching seams, sew rows together. Press seams open.

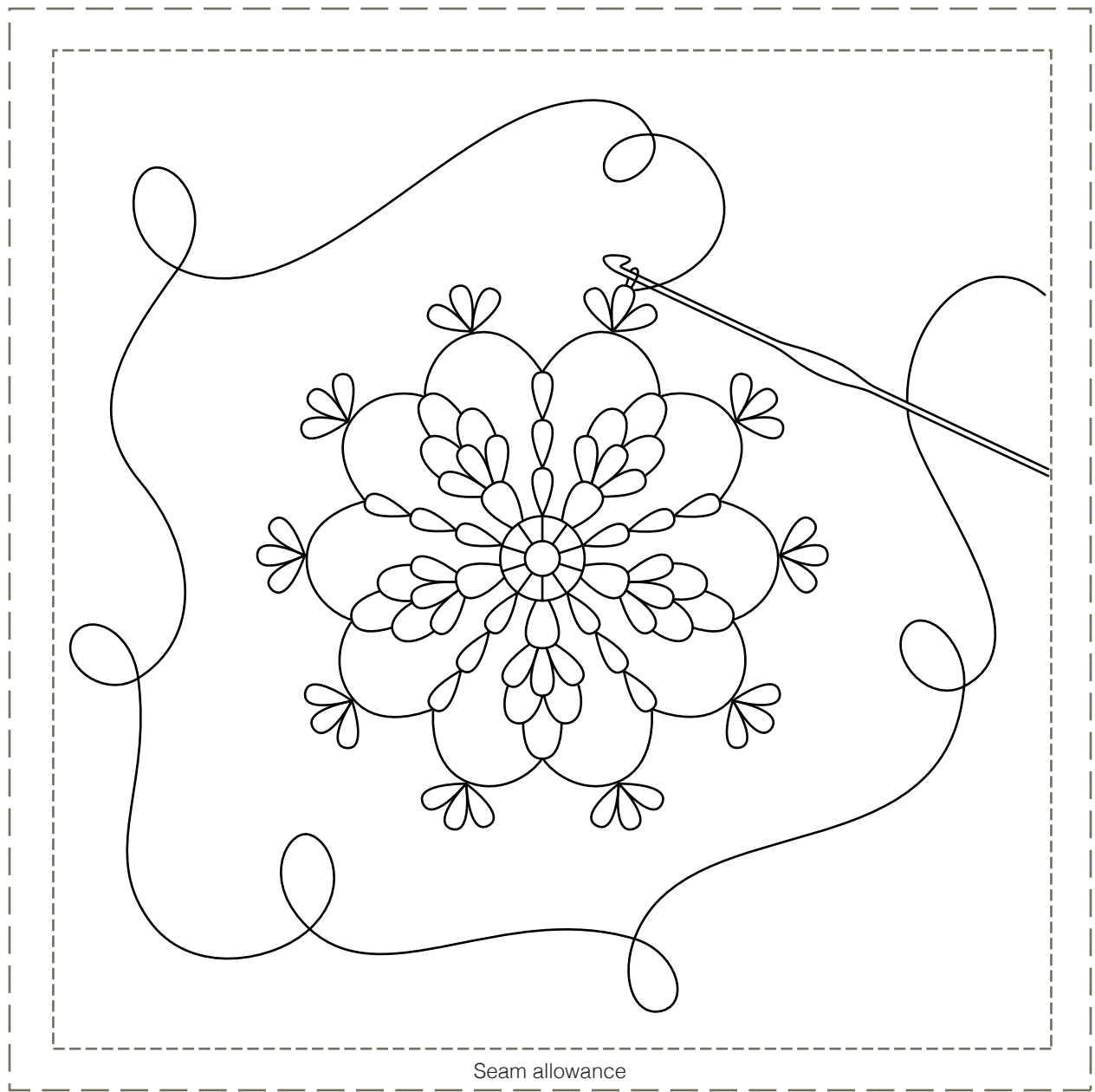


Embroidery

1. Transfer the embroidery design to the pieced block, centering the crocheted doily portion of the design in the center square of the block. Use the embroidery transfer method of your choice. There are two options.
 - Option 1** - Tracing method: Take the embroidery design and place the block on top of it. Trace the design directly onto the fabric with a water soluble marking pen. To help see the pattern through the fabric, use a light table or simply tape the pattern and fabric to a sunny window and then trace.
 - Option 2** - Stick-on, water-soluble embroidery stabilizer method: My preferred stick-on water-soluble stabilizer is Sulky's Sticky Fabri-Solvly in printable sheets that you can feed through your home printer. Print or trace the "Pattern" to the stabilizer. Remove the paper backing and stick the stabilizer to your fabric. Stitch your design through both the fabric and stabilizer. To remove the stabilizer when you're finished stitching, submerge the fabric in warm water and gently agitate with your hand until all the stabilizer dissolves. Rinse in cold water and let the fabric air dry.
2. Using the variegated floss, embroider the doily portion of the design using a chain stitch (see stitch diagram).
3. Continue using the variegated floss and stitch the loopy string border portion of the design with a back stitch (see stitch diagram).
4. Switch to the grey / silver thread and embroider the crochet hook portion of the design using a long-and-short stitch (see stitch diagram).
5. Remove any transfer marks or embroidery stabilizer. Place a fluffy towel on the ironing surface and lightly press on the back side of the block. The towel will help keep from flattening the embroidery stitches. Your Crocheted Thoughts block is complete.



Long and short stitch



Seam allowance

1 inch

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