

"Egg-Cetera's"

Christmas Poinsettias

by Jim Suzio



Supplies:

Embroidery machine (and necessary supplies: hoop, embroidery unit, etc)

"Egg-Cetera" embroidery design disk by Jim Suzio

Fabric for petals & leaves (Velvet was used for petals, and satin for leaves in sample shown).

Florist wire, size 24, approx 18" per petal/leaf

Floral centers

Floral Tape (to wrap stems)

Permanent markers (in colors of fabric), optional

Tear away stabilizer

Bobbin thread

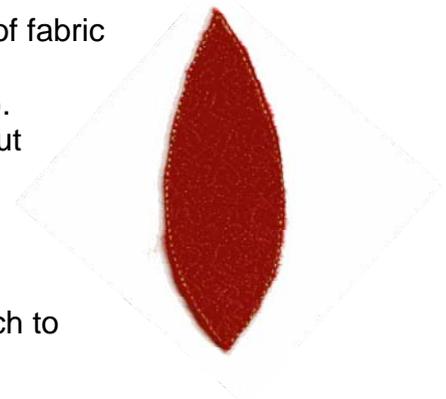
Embroidery threads to match fabrics * Optional: contrast thread (gold) for decorative stitching

Machine needles, bobbins

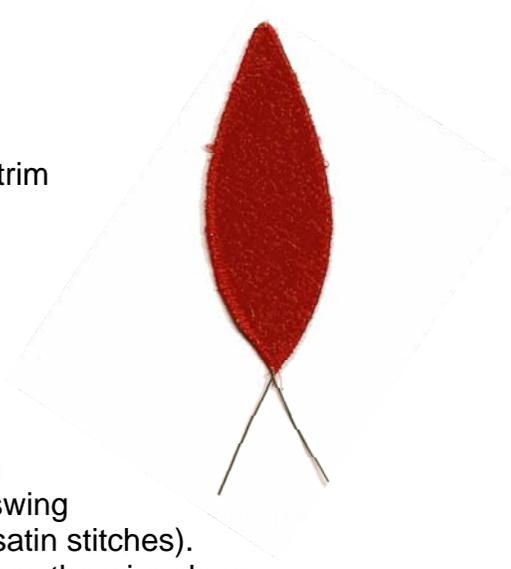
Spray Adhesive (like KK2000)

Basic Directions (for both leaves & petals):

1. Install design into embroidery machine (as per manufacturer's directions). Select one of the "Appliqué" designs (as they have only the outer shape stitching as well as the decorative stitching within the panel).
2. Hoop tear away stabilizer (ONE piece) into embroidery hoop.
3. Cut three additional pieces of tear away stabilizer and lay on top of the hooped stabilizer.
4. Cut piece of fabric to fit within the hoop (NOTE: fabric will "float" on top of the stabilizer) and a second to be placed beneath the hoop (attached with the spray adhesive).
5. Thread machine and bobbin (bobbin thread can either match or be standard bobbin thread to embroider out the petals).
6. Clip stabilized hoop onto embroidery arm. Place ONE piece of fabric on top of stacked stabilizers.
7. Embroider out the first color stop (petal running stitches only).
8. Rethread machine with contrasting thread (gold) and stitch out the decorative stitches (NOTE: this step is optional).
9. When complete, (and step eight is also completed), rethread machine with original color, and place second piece of fabric UNDERNEATH the hooped/stitched fabric (spray WRONG side of fabric with adhesive spray and position/attach to the underside of the hooped/stitched stabilizer).



10. Restitch the first colorstop (the original running stitches).
11. When complete, remove hoop from embroidery unit, and trim close to stitching.
12. Color the raw edges of the stabilizer with the permanent marker that matches the fabric color (optional).
13. Remove embroidery unit, and set up machine for standard sewing.
14. Set machine for a mid width zig-zag stitch, mid length.
15. Thread machine and bobbin with matching threads.
16. Zig Zag stitch the raw edges of the petals with the zig zag stitch, having the left swing enter the petal, and the right swing pass over the cut edge (to encase the raw edge with the satin stitches). WHILE STITCHING, you will also stitch over the wire. Place the wire along the cut edge of the petal/leaf allowing the swing of the needle to miss the wire, encasing it within the threads.
17. Once the wire is attached, shorten the zig zag stitches to a tighter (shorter) length (similar to a satin stitch) and re-stitch the edge of the petal/leaf.



PETALS: You will need a total of 12 for one flower.

LEAF: You will need a total of 5 for one flower. Also, for the leaves, you may eliminate the stipple/decorative stitching for the leaves. Set up hoop as for basic embroidery (above) and place leaf fabric on top AND on the bottom (stitching both at the same time). Stitch out the first color stop, then remove from hoop (second color stop is not stitched for the leaves). Trim and stitch the edges as above. OPTIONAL STITCHING: Add a center line of triple stitches down the center of the leaves before you stitch the edges of the leaves.

ASSEMBLY:

Take several of the floral centers and wrap the centers with a piece of floral wire. Wrap five (5) of the petals around the floral center, wrapping each of the petals well (using the wire ends extending out from the petals). Adjust placement of the petals equally around the center (and shape as desired). Take the remaining petals (7) and attach as before beneath the first section. Adjust as desired. Attach the 5 leaves beneath the final 7 petals, wrapping each leaf as was each petal. Cover wrapped wire "stem" with floral tape. Make any final adjustments to flower as necessary. Enjoy!

