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It was fun to come down in scale a little from my more usual designs to stitch this two little cactus hoop - guaranteed to be maintenance free and suitable for even the least green-fingered among us!

I chose a vibrantly coloured linen fabrics for the background, against which the cactus really pops.

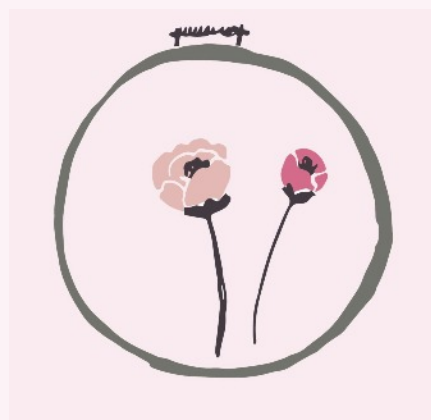
The design uses a variety of stitches including satin stitch, French knots, basket weave stitch and cross stitch.

Shown mounted in 4" hoop.



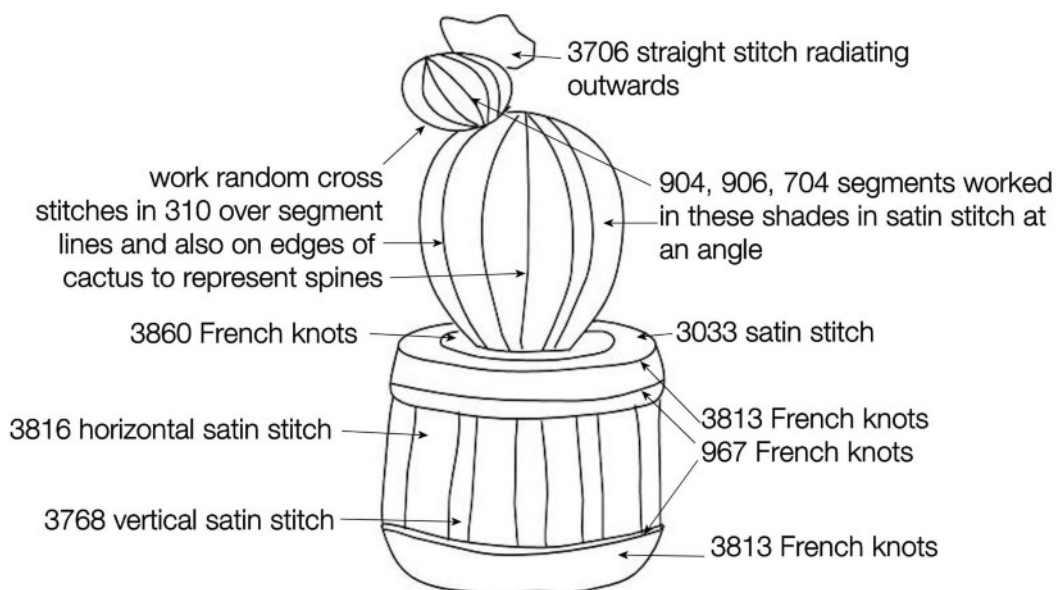
Materials

- 6" square background fabric - cotton, linen or a blend of the two is nice, but any non-stretchy fabric that's heavy enough to hold the weight of your stitching (no lighter than quilting cotton) is fine
- For the hoop on purple linen you will need DMC stranded cotton floss in colours 310, 704, 904, 906, 967, 3033, 3768, 3813, 3816, 3860
- 4" embroidery hoops



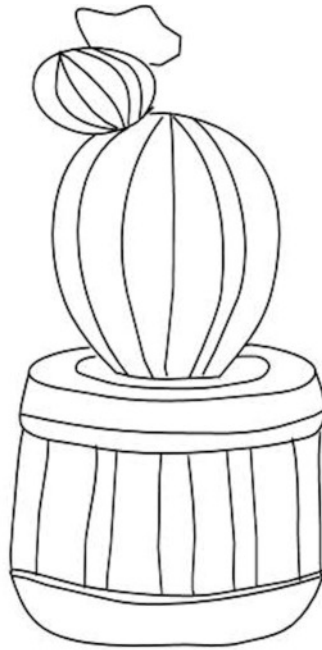
Stitching Guide

- Use two strands of floss throughout.
- Follow the stitching instructions on the next page.
- Iron your fabric well before transferring your design. Make sure the fabric is taut in the hoop, but not so tight that it will distort and spoil your stitching.
- Don't carry your thread across large areas of stitching at the back - it's better to fasten off and begin again.
- When finished remove from the hoop and press (not iron this time) lightly on the reverse. Use a padded surface so that you don't flatten your stitches.
- When pressing hold your iron still, then lift it to transfer it to the next area to be pressed rather than using a backward and forwards movement - that's ironing and again may distort your work.



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Template is full size



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