

INSTRUCTIONS

YOUR BONUS GIFT
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Use **two strands of thread throughout – each thread length contains six strands** – and refer to the guide on page 88 for step-by-step instructions for each stitch.

01 Separate the hoop, then place the fabric over the inner hoop with the design facing up. Place **the outer hoop** over the top, adjusting the fabric to make sure the design is central. Tighten the screw at the top of the hoop, keeping the design central and pulling the fabric taut.

02 Start by filling in the black sections of the bee with vertical satin stitch. Try to stay within the **printed lines** to outline the curved shapes for the gold thread sections.

03 Next, use black thread and **stem stitch** to stitch over the bee's legs and antenna.

04 Using **gold thread** and vertical satin stitch, fill in the three remaining body sections of the bee, as shown.

05 Stitch the **bee's wings** using gold thread and stem stitch, making sure to cover the lines.

06 Using pink thread, stitch a **woven wheel** in the bottom circle to create a rose.

07 Go over the two flowers at the bottom with **yellow thread** and lazy daisy stitch.

08 To fill in the leaves, use green thread and start with one vertical straight stitch from the top of the leaf to a third of the way down the centre. Then, use diagonal straight stitches to the middle, **following the curve**, until the first side is complete.

09 Repeat Step 8 to fill in the second side, matching the

stitches to the **opposite side** to create a nice curved line down the centre of the leaf.

10 With cream thread and vertical satin stitch, fill in the bee's fluffy bottom. You can also use this thread to **add centres** to the flowers by stitching tiny Xs.

11 To finish the hoop, trim the excess fabric to 2.5cm (1") around the hoop, then work **running stitch** around this. Pull the thread ends taut to create a drawstring at the back of the hoop, then knot the threads to secure them in place.