BEE-UTIFUL QUILT-A-LONG







BLOCK 13 - BEE ROMANTIC

All steps use 3 strands of floss unless otherwise specified.

Stitches are denoted in *italics*. Colors of thread are in ALL CAPS.

INGREDIENTS

- •10 ½" Square Background Fabric
- •Various shades of six-strand embroidery floss
- •4" or 5" Embroidery Hoop
- •Hand Embroidery Needles
- •Frixion or other erasable thin-lined fabric pen

Step 1:Trace block design on to background fabric using desired method.

Step 2: *Backstitch* the frame of the bicycle and the road using BLACK floss.

Step 3: Outline the seat and the basket using a backstitch done in DARK GRAY floss.

Step 4: With LIGHT GRAY floss, backstitch the spokes, the tire rim, the spring, pedal, and handles. Then using the same thread, satin stitch the small circle at the joint where the bicycle meets the wheels.

Step 5: *Backstitch* the outline of the tire with LIGHT GRAY floss (I choose this color to simulate a white wall tire).

Step 6: I used a variety of colors and stitches for the flowers, keeping them similar to the colors in my bridal bouquet. Feel free to get creative with your bicycle bouquet!

Step 7: Use a satin stitch and GOLDEN YELLOW floss for the bees' bodies.

Step 8: With BLACK floss, satin stitch the bees' heads, stripes, and stingers.

Step 9: Backstitch the bees' wings with LIGHT GRAY floss.

Step 10: Use a running stitch done with VERY LIGHT GRAY floss for the bees' flight paths.

Step 11: Remove block from hoop and press with hot iron under pressing cloth or fluffy towel. Trim to $8 \frac{1}{2}$ " square. If desired, machine topstich a scant 1/8" around all sides to keep from unraveling while working on other blocks.



1 INCH
Do not print to scale.