

CHRISTMAS EUCALYPTUS

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Fabric Requirements

6" square of fabric for background
4" square fabric for flowers

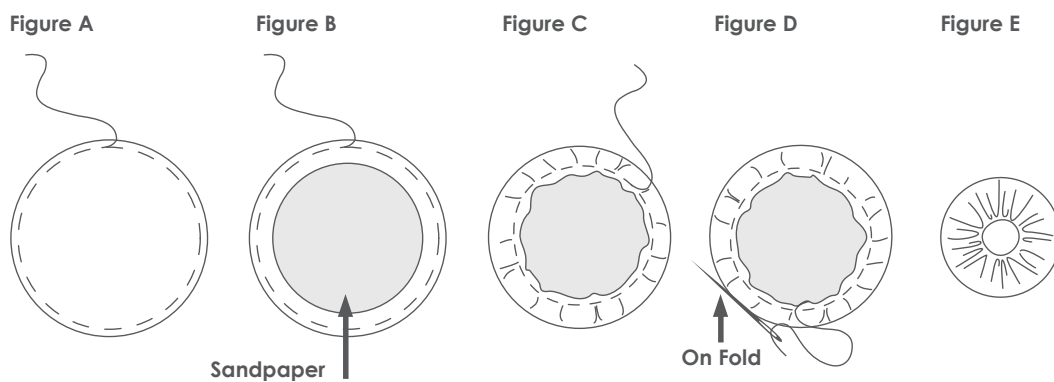
DMC Stranded Cotton

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| Leaves | 531 & 469 | 2 Strands |
| Flowers | 350 | 6 Strands |

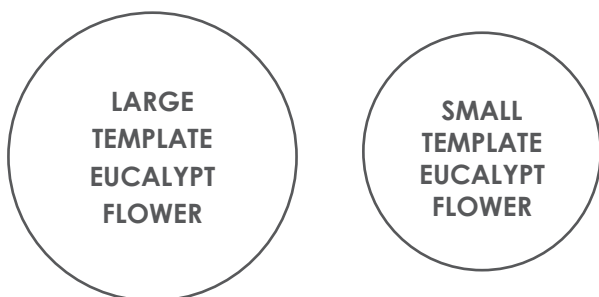
Backstitch is used for the Leaves and French Knots for the Flower embellishment.

Eucalypt Flowers

1. Make a template of each circle diagram provided using medium weight sandpaper.
2. Use to draw two circles onto the wrong side of your flower centre fabric. Add a generous $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and cut out.
3. With knotted thread and needle, sew a gathering stitch around the circle, an $\frac{1}{8}$ " in from the edge. **Figure A.**
4. Place the sandpaper sand side down onto the wrong side of your circle. **Figure B.**
5. Pull up the thread, to bring the seam allowance up and over the edge of the sandpaper template. Press well with a steam iron. **Figure C.**
6. Ease the sandpaper out and reshape using thread. Cut off excess thread.
7. Now with fresh knotted thread and needle, use a gathering stitch to gather up the circle right on the fold as shown **Figure E.** Pull up as you go, and don't use small stitches, otherwise you won't get a nice small circle in the middle.
8. Once you have gathered and pulled up right around the fold, use a few tacking stitches around the gathered circle centre to keep it in place. **Figure E.**
9. Slip stitch flowers onto the block using the photo as a guide.



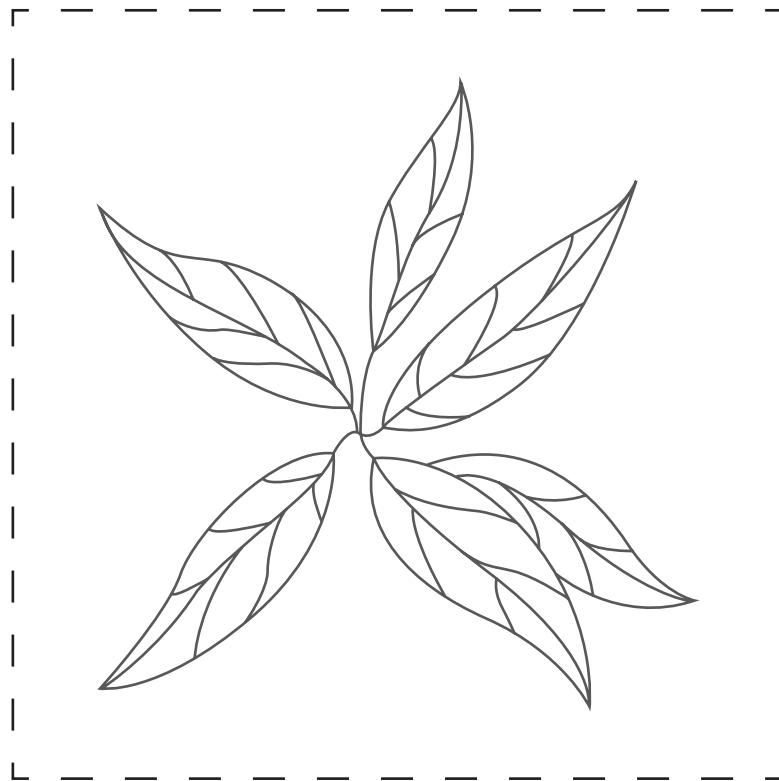
Please see the Chrissy Under the Australian Sun quilt in the kit section on www.chandlerscottage.com as an idea for using this stitchery!





CHRISTMAS EUCALYPTUS BLOCK

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Print at 100% size, to fit a 4" finished block.

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