

3 D Blocks

Bobbin Work

Required Items

- ★ Solid fabric for background – 8 ½ “ square
- ★ Fusible web – 8 ½ “ square
- ★ Heavy decorative threads or embroidery floss or yarn
- ★ Backing fabric
- ★ Design template
- ★ Beads – optional

Bobbin Work

☺ Bobbin work creates interesting effects using a variety of threads that are thicker and do not work well as the top thread of a sewing machine because they will not thread through a needle. The thread is wound on a bobbin either by the machines bobbin winding mechanism or evenly by hand. The desired design is copied or traced onto the wrong side of the fabric and placed into the machine wrong side up. The stitching is done by following a design on the wrong side. When turned over the heavier, decorative thread creates the desired design on the right side of the fabric.

☺ Some machines may require some tension changes to the bobbin case in order for the thread to move smoothly.

☺ Select a top thread that complements the decorative thread in the bobbin.

☺ Pull up the bobbin thread to the top of the fabric before stitching and move the tail out of the way – tie & clip after.

☺ Practice on some scraps first to ensure thread is moving well and tension is correct.

Instructions

★ Trace design onto fusible web. Fuse web to background block

★ Following the bobbin work instructions, stitch design using selected decorative threads/floss/yarn

★ Tie ends and clip when each round is completed.

★ Embellishment with beads is optional.

★ If desired, add a layer of lining to block to hide webbing and tied ends

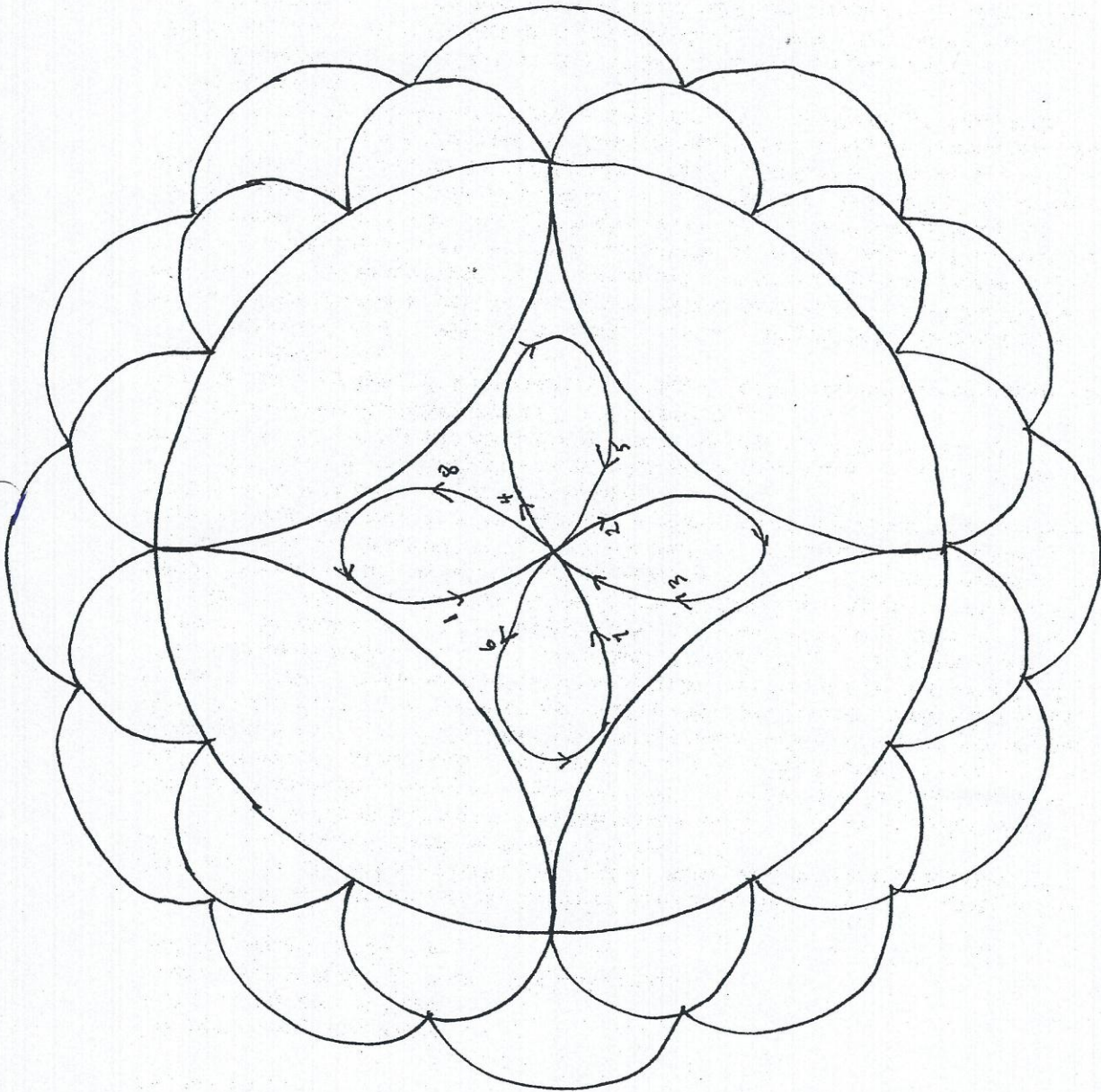
★ Cut 2 – 6 ½ x 8 ½ pieces of dark fabric for backing. Press ½ “ over on one long edge of each piece. Fold again and press to create a finished hem, stitch. Centre the 2 pieces on top of the block, the pieces will overlap like a slip cover for a cushion. Pin on the sides. Trim the top and bottom fabric on block to even it out with backing. Pin top and bottom to secure overlap. Stitch ¼” seam all the way around. Trim corners to reduce bulk. Turn block right side out. Poke corners square with a corner tool or poking tool. Press block to ensure edges are crisp and line up. Topstitch ¼’ from edge with desired thread.



- ✓Centre – Silver – Candlelight Metallic Yarn (on a spool in the thread section)
- ✓2nd & 3rd Rounds – Gold - Candlelight Metallic Yarn
- ✓4th Round – White Flourescent - Candlelight Metallic Yarn
- ✓5th Round – Teal embroidery floss

Finished Block 8 ½ " x 8 ½ "

Original concept from Christie Davidson 2011



BOBBIN WORK TEMPLATE