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## THREAD

-  a) Chameleon stranded silk no. 91
-  b) Chameleon perlé (no. 8) thread no. 91
-  c) Chameleon stranded silk no. 12
-  d) Chameleon stranded silk no. 40
-  e) DMC Precious metal effects no. E168

Note: use one strand of thread unless suggested otherwise.

## RIBBONS

-  1) Di van Niekerk's 2mm silk no. 16
-  2) Di van Niekerk's 4mm no. 94
-  3) Di van Niekerk's 4mm silk no. 55
-  4) Di van Niekerk's 4mm silk no. 40
-  5) Di van Niekerk's 7mm silk no. 64

## WHAT ELSE?

- printed or traced design
- window fabric
- tiny seed beads: blue and pink
- backing fabric
- 10 inch (25 cm) hoop

## STITCHES USED (SEE STITCH GALLERY PAGES 52-58)

Attaching a bead *page 38*; Back stitch; Chain stitch; Detached chain stitch; Feather stitch; Fly stitch; French knot; Grab stitch; Loop stitch; Loose puffed ribbon stitch; Ribbon stitch; Satin couching; Stab stitch; Stem stitch; Straight stitch; Whipped back stitch

## NEEDLES

Crewel size 7 for metallic thread; Crewel size 8 or 9 for silk threads; Crewel size 10 or straw size 9 for beading; Chenille mixed pack size 18/24; Tapestry size 13 or 16; Straw size 3 or crewel size 5 for perlé thread

## BEFORE YOU START, SEE:

- Before you start *pages 23-28*
- Keeping your work clean and useful hints *page 29*
- Stitches and techniques *pages 31-49*
- Stitch gallery *pages 52-58*

**8. Make the clusters of pink flowers:** Use ribbon 2 for the light pink petals and ribbon 4 for the darker pink petals. Form each petal in ribbon stitch working over a spare tapestry needle to form loose/puffed ribbon stitches. Work from the centre outwards, overlapping some petals for a dense texture. Add a pink bead in the centre of each flower. Use ribbon 1 and loose/puffed ribbon stitches to form the green leaves between the pink flowers.

**9. Make the yellow flowers:** Use ribbon 4 and loosely wrapped French knots (three-wraps) for the large yellow flowers near C and D. Use a loop stitch for the smaller flowers near A. Change to thread a or d and add a three-wrap French knot in the centre of each flower.

**10. Make the blue flowers:** Use ribbon 5 and make the large blue petals in loop stitch, the smaller petals in ribbon stitch. Use thread c and tiny stab stitches in the centre of the flower to secure the loops. Add a blue bead in the centre of the flower.

**11. Add-ons: add the silver and pink highlights:** Use thread e or a, whip the stems with the silver or pink thread to add the highlights. Use thread e and make a straight stitch on top of and between the leaves. .

