

BEE-UTIFUL QUILT-A-LONG

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of Sweet Little Stitches
for Moda Bake Shop



BLOCK 8 - BEE SIMPLE

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: *Satin stitch* the flower petals using **MAGENTA** floss.

Step 3: Use **GOLDEN YELLOW** floss to make the seeds on the "cone" in the center of the flower with a small *backstitch*.

Step 4: With **AVOCADO GREEN** floss, stitch in between the drawn lines of the flower's stem using a *backstitch*. Then thread the floss back through (this is called a *threaded backstitch*) in an "S" shape, and tack the edges down if desired (be sure to watch my tutorial to see how I've done this stitch). Then using the same color floss, *backstitch* the outline and center vein of the leaf.

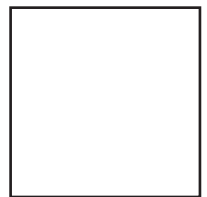
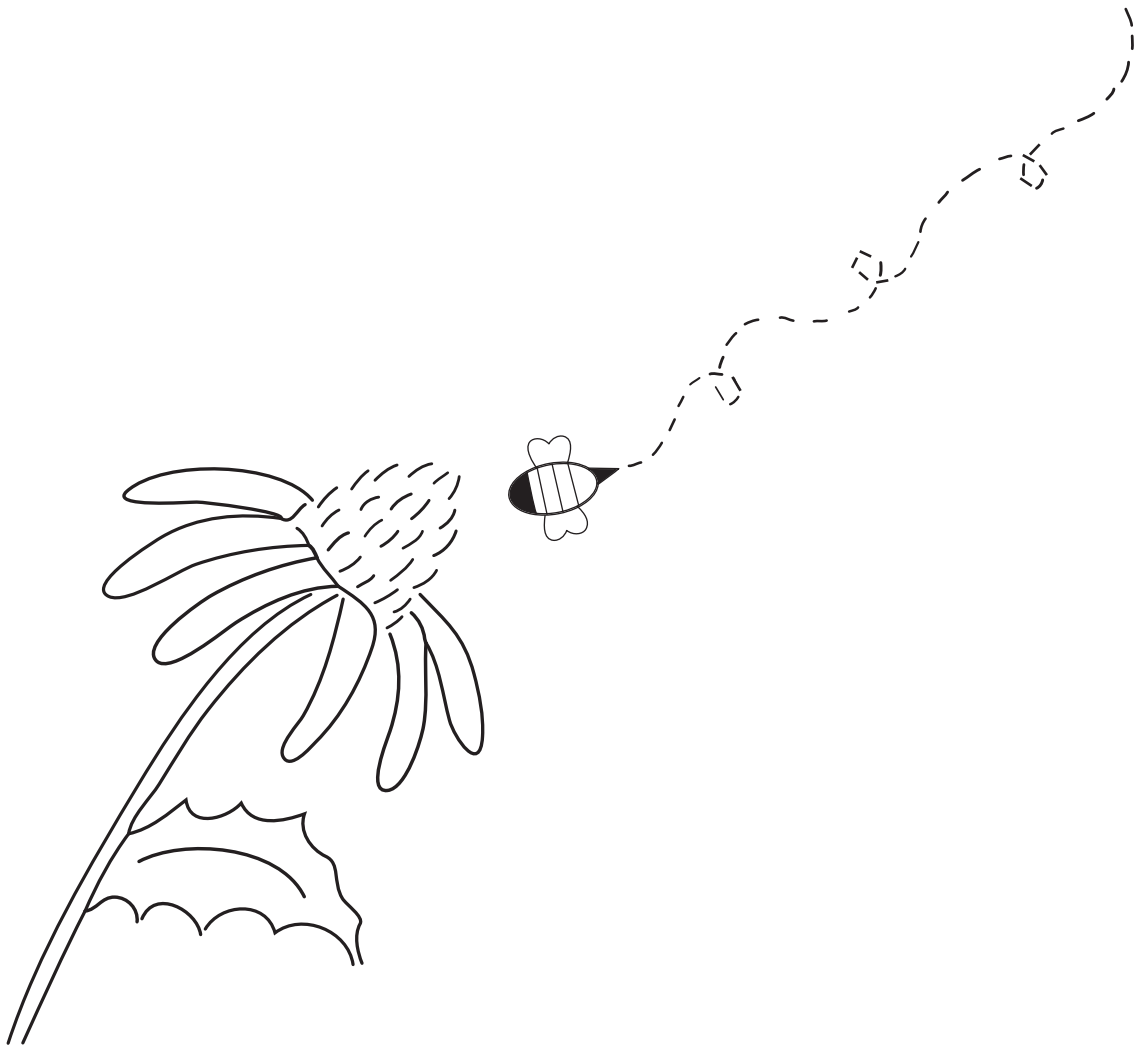
Step 5: With a **LIGHT GRAY**, *backstitch* the bee's wings.

Step 6: Complete the bee's flight path using a *running stitch* in a **VERY LIGHT GRAY** floss.

Step 7: *Satin stitch* the bee's body using a **GOLD-EN YELLOW** floss.

Step 8: With **BLACK** floss, *satin stitch* the bee's head, stripes, and stinger.

Step 9: Remove block from hoop and press with hot iron under pressing cloth or fluffy towel. Trim to 8 ½" square. If desired, machine topstitch a scant 1/8" around all sides to keep from unraveling while working on other blocks.



1 INCH
Do not print to
scale.