

BEE-UTIFUL QUILT-A-LONG

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of Sweet Little Stitches
for Moda Bake Shop



BLOCK 9 - BEE FRUITFUL

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 watermelon seeds using BLACK floss. Continuing with the same floss, *satin stitch* alternating blocks of the picnic blanket. Use a more widely spaced stitch to complete these blocks, giving them a light, airy feel. Then use a *backstitch* to outline the blanket.

Step 3: Use GREEN floss to outline the watermelon rind using a *backstitch*. Then switch to a LIGHT GREEN floss and *backstitch* the stripes on the rind.

Step 4: With DARK GREEN floss, *backstitch* the grass and the clover.

Step 5: *Backstitch* the fruit of the watermelon

with RED floss.

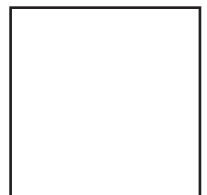
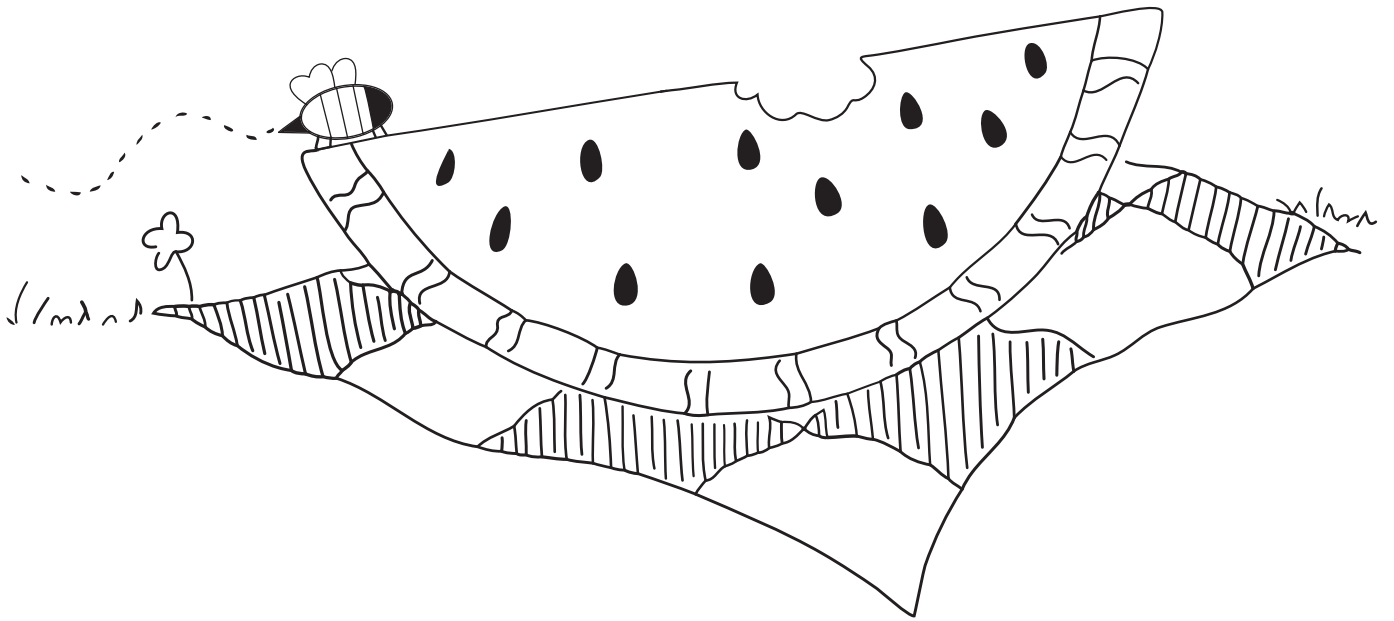
Step 6: With a LIGHT GRAY, *backstitch* the bee's wings.

Step 7: Complete the bee's flight path using a *running stitch* in a VERY LIGHT GRAY floss.

Step 8: *Satin stitch* the bee's body using a GOLD-EN YELLOW floss.

Step 9: With BLACK floss, *satin stitch* the bee's head, stripes, and stinger.

Step 10: 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.



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Do not print to
scale.