Welcome back for Week 2.

Hopefully everyone has returned 😊!

This lesson focuses on rosebuds and forget me nots.

(Please refer to the photo of the finished project above for placement of flowers).

**Rosebuds:**
There are several methods for making a rosebud, but this is my preferred method for making a closed rosebud. It's simply one lazy daisy stitch.

Thread your #26 crewel needle with the darker rose color silk ribbon.

Bring needle up at the place where you want the base of your rosebud to be. Remember to leave a 1/4" tail to the back.
Insert needle at the same point making sure to slightly catch the tail at the back but do not pull through. Bring needle point to front making that stitch as long as you want your rosebud to be. Again do not pull through.

As you wrap your ribbon between fabric and needle point be sure to watch your ribbon. Make sure the ribbon on the left of the needle shaft is laying flat as you wrap it under the needle point. The ribbon will bunch a little or even twist once and that’s okay.

Now flatten the ribbon as you bring it down, laying flat to the right side of the needle. Pull through.

Insert the needle point a scant 1/8" up from where your needle came up, pulling through to the back of your work. You have looped over the tip of the bud tip. (Photo 4)
You have completed the base of your rosebud.

At this point (or later when you've completed all three of your rosebuds) thread the #10 embroidery needle with 2 strands of green floss.

Make a fly stitch around the base of the rosebud.

Then a straight stitch from base of the rosebud 1/2 to 2/3rds up the bud. Make sure the two sections slightly overlap as you pierce both ribbons and pull the floss to the back.

At the tip of your bud make an uneven fly stitch.
Give yourself a hand—you’ve made a pretty rosebud!

**Forget-Me-Not:**

The forget-me-nots for this project are made of 5 French knots (1 wrap).

Thread your #26 crewel needle with the blue silk ribbon and make your 5 French knots.

I've had students frustrated (myself included) with floppy French knots. The key to happy French knots and stitchers is that after you have wrapped the ribbon around your needle make sure the wrapped ribbon is tight against your base fabric. If wrap is sitting a little up the needle shaft you will end up with a floppy knot.

For the placement of the 5 knots you can mark 5 little dots so every French knot lands where you would like it to be. If you are into shortcuts like me, stitch 3 knots in a ‘Y’ formation then stitch the last two French knots on either side of the ‘Y’ tail.
To finish off the flower, using one strand of floss matching the color of the bead, stitch a bead in the center.

To secure the bead I like to bring the needle up through the center of the flower.

Thread one bead onto the needle and then onto the floss.

Take the needle to the back, making the bead sit in the center of the flower.

Then I like to bring the needle back up to the front, pass through the bead again and then take the needle to the back and tie off.

We have now completed Lesson 2.

Have a great week and we'll see you next time!!

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