

instead of being sewed through at the same point, and so laying a stitch which shall form the filament to the anther. Often the stamens are dusted over with yellow pollen and it is as well to work in a little of this color in short stitches in order to relieve the black.

Outline the stems before setting up the work; after it is framed work these over with tiny stitches, at right angles, with *split* Filo in a deeper shade. Avoid skipping about on the wrong side with the thread when bringing it back to the stem, because the stitches so laid on the wrong side will show through if the material is thin. Lay some of the stitches all the way across the stem and some on one side only. See Fig. 154.

The silvery leaves are somewhat difficult because so deeply cleft. The principle of stitch direction, however, can be made very apparent in them by considering the base of the whole cluster of parts as the center of the circle and laying the stitches accordingly. See Fig. 155.

A good deal of the grace and nodding character of the poppies will depend on the stems, and the leaf greens, if the right tone, will do much to harmonize the leaves—so the stems and the leaves are important elements.

The Proper Needles for Embroidery.

BY AN EXPERT NEEDLEWORKER.

While some may use the ordinary sewing needle, I believe the large majority of the best needleworkers prefer the long eye or "Lightning needle," and this is one recommended by nearly all the societies of Decorative Art in this country. Nos. 9 and 10 are the proper sizes for one thread of B. & A. Filo Silk, which is to be embroidered into linen lawn, grass linens, or bolting cloth.* For ready stamp-linens use No. 8 or No. 9; for heavier linens use No. 8; and for butchers' pens, or fabrics mounted over linen, No. 7 will be required. No. 7 is the size for heavier work in two threads of Filo Silk. Caspian Floss and Etching Silk require a No. 8 needle, and for Roman Floss a No. 4 needle is needed. For Rope Silk choose a No. 22 Chenille needle.† Lightning needles are the best, I advise all needleworkers to insist upon having them.

* If you cannot buy the needles you want in your city, send 10 cents in stamps to us, and we will send you needles of each of Lightning needles of sizes 7, 8, 9; or by the paper of 25 needles, any sizes 10 cents per paper, 6 papers for 50 cents. Other sizes can be had at the same price.

† Chenille needles for use with Rope Silk may be had by addressing the publishers of CORTICELLI HOME EMBROIDERY and inclosing stamps at the rate of 5 cents for each three needles wanted.

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