

## Centerpieces and Doilies.

### California Pepper Centerpiece Design No. 675B.

The feathery foliage of the California pepper, together with its clusters of brilliant red berries, makes a most satisfactory subject for silk embroidery. It is not difficult to handle as shading and stitch directions are the simplest. In common with so many of the newer centerpiece designs the edge is finished with Battenberg lace instead of the conventional border. This gives a dainty setting to the



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embroidery and is most effective on pieces designed for use on a hard wood table. The braid should be very carefully basted to the pattern and all joining very neatly made, as this is the right side of the piece when finished. In rounding curves always baste on the outer edge, passing the thread from one side of the braid to the other, may be necessary. The last stitches used are Plain Russian Sorrento Wheel, Straight Bar, and Sorrento Bar with Lattice.

*Berries.* — The California pepper, as its name implies, is distinctly a Western grower. Its clusters of berries are prettily

worked in Satin stitch with Filo Silk, Red B. & A. 2060b, 2061, 2061a, 2062, 2063. They should first be slightly padded with silk of the same shade as used for covering. Now in working these berries do not make the mistake of using three shades in a single tiny berry. You have a good line of colors, and by deepening from tip to base a good color effect is obtained. The tiny stems are outlined with Filo Silk, Green B. & A. 2050.

*Leaves.* — The leaves of the pepper tree are similar to the willow, but of a more intense green. There is no pronounced vein, so the slant of the stem is from tip to base. For greens use B. & A. 2050b, 2050a, 2050, 2052, 2053. These and three shades may be used in some leaves and in others only one. The stems are to be outlined and the larger ones worked in a slanting Satin stitch of dark shade such as 2053 is best for these. (Not difficult.)

*Materials:* Filo Silk, 1 skein each B. & A. 2060b, 2061, 2061a, 2062, 2063, 2050b, 2050a, 2050, 2052, 2053. 12 yards Battenberg Braid No.

**THE B. & A. SILKS ARE PRE-EMINENTLY FAST COLOR.**