



Spend a summer afternoon stitching . . .

. . . and you'll have a pretty pillowcase ready for bedtime. Embroidered all in one color of embroidery floss, this simple design uses only three stitches—stem stitch, satin stitch, and French knot—for a modern take on a very old-fashioned flower.

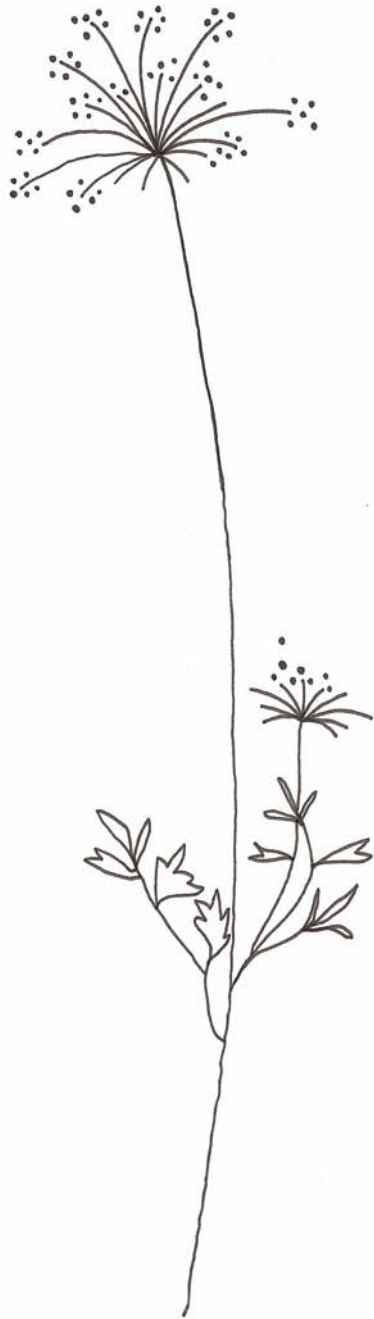
Materials:

One pair ready-made pillowcases in a dark color
 DMC cotton embroidery floss in color #3865
 Sharp embroidery needle
 4" (10cm) embroidery hoop

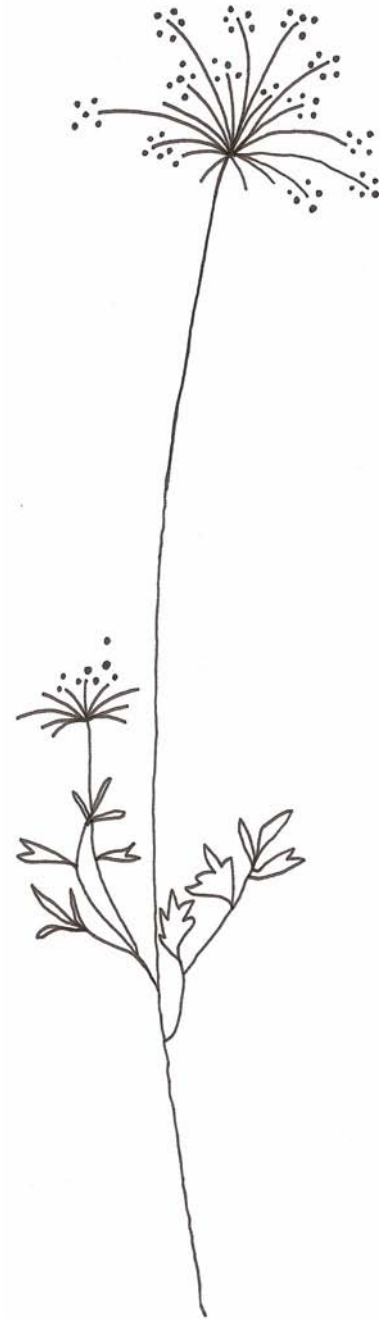
Wax-free dressmaker's chalk transfer paper in white
 Ballpoint pen
 Sakura Pigma Micron Marker, .50mm size in black
 Embroidery templates (these are already at 100%)


posie *rosy little things* homemade by Alicia Paulson

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For left-facing pillowcase



For right-facing pillowcase

To make the pillowcases:

1. Wash and dry your pillowcases on normal cycle and press them smooth. To transfer the design, first cut it from the paper, leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) margin around the line-art. Lay the transfer paper with the chalk side down on the pillowcase hem. Lay the design right side up on top of the transfer paper, about 1" (2.5cm) from the top edge of the pillowcase. Trace the design by drawing with ballpoint pen directly over the lines of the drawing, pressing firmly so that the chalk will adhere to the fabric.

2. Remove the design and the transfer paper. Trace lightly over chalk lines with the Micron marker so that you'll be able to see them while you're embroidering (the chalk tends to brush off before you're finished, and the marker will give you a very fine line). Using 2 strands of floss, embroider the design using stem stitch for the stems and stamens, satin stitch for the leaves, and French knots for the tiny flowers around the stamens. Press the embroidery by laying a terrycloth towel on the ironing board and pressing the embroidery face down into it. The terrycloth will keep the embroidery from being crushed.