

# GOLDEN WATTLE

## Australia's National Flower

A Brazilian dimensional embroidery design by Delma Moore

Stitches used : Turkey stitch, Bullion, French knot

### Materials:

Iris 069 for the blossoms

Iris 305 for the leaves

Milliners needle #5

### Blossoms:

Embroider the wattle in Turkey stitch, using the thread double and filling in the circles marked on the pattern with the Turkey stitch loops. After cutting the loops and brushing the thread, trim the thread close, trimming slightly under the edges of the wattle blossoms for a rounded dimensional effect.

The lower wattle blossoms are stitched in three-wrap French knots still using the thread doubled.

### Leaves:

Embroider each frond of the leaves in a five-wrap bullion.

### TURKEY STITCH

Without using a knot take your thread into the fabric from the top leaving a tail of about 1cm. Continue taking further stitches leaving 1cm loops of thread on the surface of the fabric. Pull every third stitch tight to make a locking stitch (fig 1). When the area is covered with loops, cut the loops (fig 2) and brush the cut ends until fluffy. Carefully trim into shape with small sharp embroidery scissors.



Fig 1



Fig 2

