



### Poinsettia instructions by Jeanette Fischer

Previous experience with Rosalibre might make the instructions more understandable.

The diameter of the flower is approximately 60 mm so each petal is 30 mm long. Start at the base of a petal. Hang bobbins open around center pin. The number of bobbins depend on the thickness of the thread. Here 6 pairs were used with SABA cotton 20/3. Pass a magic thread through all the pairs with the loop facing towards the center of the flower. If you are using a different weaver from the rest of the bobbins, then do not hang it open with the others but to the side of the rest but do make sure that the magic thread goes between the two weaver bobbins.

Work in CTC towards the tip of the petal. At the vein side give two twists with each turn. At the edge side work the last pair CTCT and give an extra twist. Work lines were not drawn in but the pins can be put apprx 3 mm apart using thick thread.

Work so that the last pin ends on the tip of the petal.

Push all the pins down except for the last two pins worked – it looks like two goal-posts.

Turn the pillow through 180 degrees.

Pass all the passive pairs down through the “goal posts” by just folding them over towards you keeping them in correct order.

Pass the worker behind the last pin worked – that will be the pin on the left hand side. Start working down the petal and use the same pins on the edge side – you are going to work to the second last pin worked. Try not to remove the pin completely – pull the pin up halfway, twist the thread around the pin and insert the pin at the proper angle.

At the vein side a sewing will be necessary. All the sewings are very easy to make. Continue until the base of the petal is reached. Pass one of the worker pair through the magic thread loop and pull through a loop and pass the other worker through the loop. Tighten the loop and tie a knot as well. This gives the petal a sharp point at the base. Leave all pins in until the whole flower is finished.

Turn the pillow through 180 degrees. Remove the central pin, reposition the bobbins and make sure the order of bobbins are correct if different threads were used and insert the pin between the worker and the passives , put a magic thread now underneath the bobbins with the loop pointing to the center and work the same as the first petal. A different pair can be used as a worker pair for each petal unless you have chosen to use a different thread as worker.

The center becomes rather crowded towards the end but try to ignore the existing petal and work over it to make the new petal.

When all the petals are finished, leave one thread long and cut other threads about 10 cm from the bobbins. Remove the pins and open the petals. The petals will overlap at the center of the flower. The first petal needs to be attached to the last and this can be done with the long thread on a sewing needle and then the bundle of threads can be overcast in a roll to the center of the flower giving it a very neat finish. End off