



HOLIDAY MAGIC



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PATTERN SERIES



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The “Christ Collection” has so many inspiring quilt designs that it was decided to begin the “Pride of Pennsylvania Pattern Series.” The first pattern was taken from a single appliqued block found in the bottom of a box. The block represents so many designs... a poinsettia...a cactus...plus sprigs of currants.

The “Poinsettia” was associated with Christmas in Mexico during the 16th century. According to legend a poor young girl was instructed by an angel to bring weeds from the roadside and place them at the church alter in celebration of Jesus’ birthday. Bright red flowers grew from the weeds and became poinsettias. It is suggested the star shaped leaf may symbolize the Star of Bethlehem while the red color represents the blood of Jesus during the crucifixion.

The Schlumbergera is a small genus of “cacti” and will grow on trees and rocks which are generally shady with high humidity. They have become popular house plants and have been given a variety of names including Christmas Cactus – Thanksgiving Cactus – Crab Cactus – Claw Cactus and Holiday Cactus

The “Redcurrant” is in the gooseberry family and native to parts of Western Europe. Currant bushes prefer partial to full sun and adjust to any type of soil. It requires low maintenance care and is often used as ornamental decorations. In German speaking areas the syrup is taken from the red currant and added to soda water. This drink is named *Johannisbeerschorle*. The German translation of redcurrants is *Johannisbeeren* or “John’s Berry.”

The art of applique is always magical and all three design elements are used to celebrate the holiday season. They are a delightful representation of charm and elegance. The pattern will allow you as a needle artist to provide extraordinary results using your creativity....help to keep “Holiday Magic” alive.



Cactus



Poinsettia



Currant