

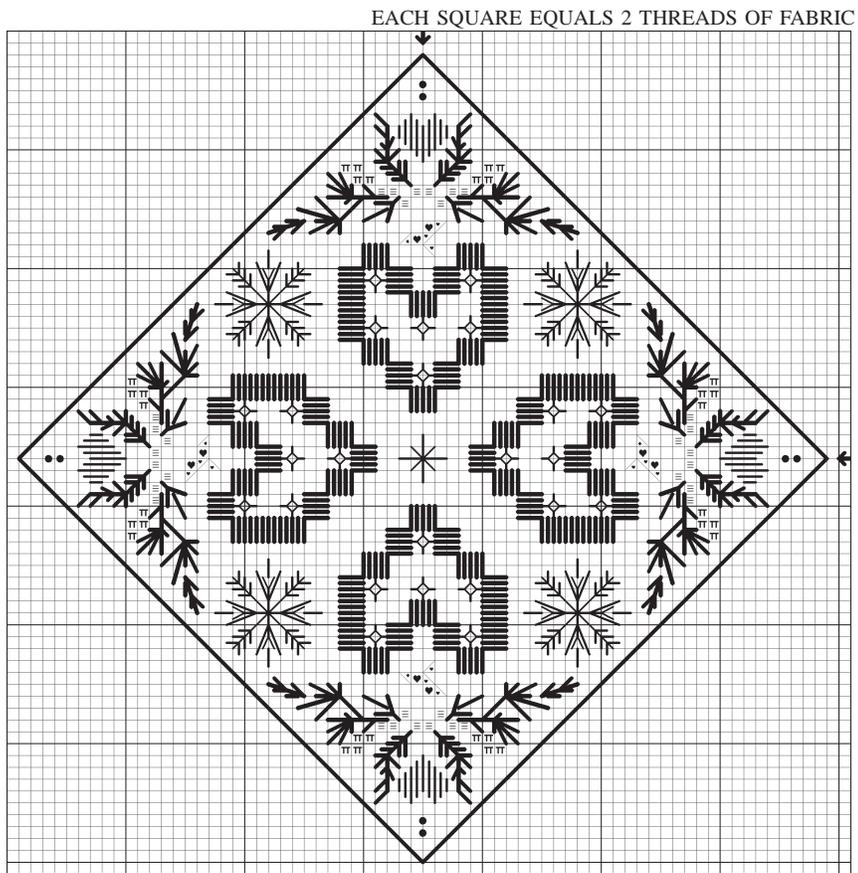
Winter Biscornu!

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Our Summer and Fall Biscornu Contests were so much fun, I've created another Free Pattern for you to interpret for Winter! This is the original new Winter Biscornu Free Pattern for our creative stitchers! To encourage your own creativity, just stitch this design using your own colors of linen and types of thread like flosses, overdyed threads, silk ribbon, perle, linen etc. You can also add your choice of beads or other embellishments to the finished version if you wish. The winning entry will be judged by all of our VSyahoo Group.. according to how well the Winter theme was interpreted, use of color, and general overall beauty. The winner will receive \$50 of VS gifts, and a picture of the winning Biscornu and 'runner up' (including their lists of materials) will be published on our website in the Free Pattern section for everyone to see! Stitch your own version, finish it, and upload a clear large photo in the Victoria Sampler FREE PATTERN WINTER BISCORNU Photo Album in the Main Victoria Sampler Yahoo group for fun! Remember the Contest will end on January 15th, 2010, but you can add your own photo to the album anytime afterwards just for the fun of it. Stitch this beautiful Winter Biscornu today!! - Thea

Design area: 44h x 44w (3.14" x 3.14")

Model: 28-32 ct Linen Smokey Pearl or your choice of colour!
(cut 7.5" X 7.5" for ornament)



MAIN CHART

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Symbols Fibres and Beads

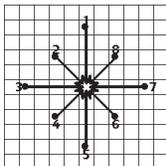
DMC #8 Perle Cotton white or a colour or an overdyed!
DMC #12 Perle Cotton in matching/complementary shade
Silk Floss - white for snowflakes

- TT Silk Floss - brown for pine cones
- ≡ Silk Floss - green med for leaves
- Silk Floss - green dk for pine branches
- ♥ Silk Floss - red for cardinals and/or heart
- ◆ Silk Floss - black for cardinals
- Bead -

Choose your own colours of other silk flosses or perle cottons for other stitching.

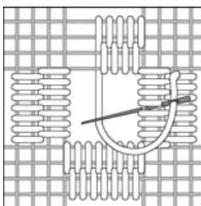
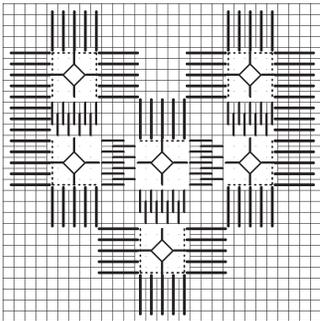
INSTRUCTIONS:

1. CENTER DIAMOND EYELET: Work a Diamond Eyelet in the center with 1 strand of DMC #12 Perle Cotton white (or other color). Do not pull.

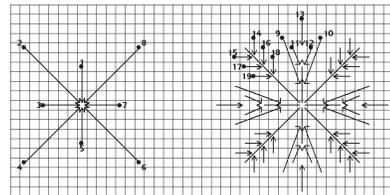


2. KLOSTER BLOCKS: Work Kloster Blocks and Satin Stitches with 1 strand of DMC Perle Cotton #8 white (or other color perle).

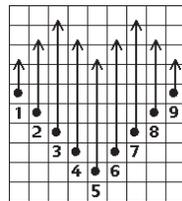
3. HARDANGER: Cut and remove appropriate fabric threads shown as dotted lines on diagram. **Note:** Diagram shows one of the Hardanger hearts. Using 1 strand of DMC #12 Perle Cotton in matching color (or other color), work Woven Bars with Dove's Eyes or other Filling Stitches you like.



4. SNOWFLAKES: Using 1 strand of Kreinik Mori #8000 white (or other color) Straight Stitch snowflakes as shown on Main Chart and diagram.



5. BIRDS, BRANCHES AND HEARTS: Cross Stitch



with 2 strands of floss, according to symbols on Main Chart. Using 1 strand of floss green dk Backstitch pine branches and Straight Stitch the needles. Satin Stitch the hearts with 2 strands of floss red. Using 1 strand of floss attach beads above Satin Stitch hearts, as shown on Main Chart. Go through each bead twice to ensure stability.

FINISHING: *Front:* Backstitch around the outside of design area (shown on Main Chart as a solid line) with 1 strand of DMC #12 Perle Cotton. *Back:* Using 1 strand of DMC #12 Perle Cotton, Backstitch a similar border on a second piece of fabric. Trim both the front and back pieces 1/2" away from Backstitched borders. Zig zag raw edges. Using the Backstitched borders as guides, fold over and finger press the raw edges to the wrong sides. Using 1 strand of DMC #12 Perle Cotton, overcast the edges together along the Backstitched borders without piercing the fabric. Match a corner of one of the pieces, to a center of the side of the other piece. Start by coming out through a corner of the front piece then go through a stitch at center of one of the sides of the back piece. Overcast until you come to the corner of the back piece where it meets the center of the front piece. Stuff the Biscornu tightly with polyester fiber fill and continue overcasting the edges carefully. Using 2 strands of Silk Floss and a #9 Straw/Milliners needle, attach a Mother of Pearl or other matching button in the center of both the front and back of tuffet. Pull tightly after each go-through, making a pronounced indentation in the centre. Run your needle through numerous times, and wind around button before plunging your needle right through, pull through, and cut near fabric.

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