



Newsletter of the Blue Ribbon Chapter

American Needlepoint Guild, Inc.

Volume 6, Issue 8

August 1, 2022

What's inside?

Calendar 1
 Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2022 2
 Nametag 3
 August Study Topic – Straight Stitches Sampler..... 3
 Blue Ribbon ANG Website.... 3
 Chapter Policies..... 3
 Future Study Topics 3
 Blogs 3
 Videos..... 4
 Interesting Needlework and Related Info on the Internet.. 4
 Editor's Note 4
 Directions to Knights of Columbus Hall..... 5
 Directions to North Liberty Public Library 5
 Straight Stitches Sampler..... 6

Calendar

Tuesday, August 9
 5:30 - 7:00 pm
 7:00 - 7:30 pm
 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Skype
 Social/stitching time; log in to Zoom (6:30 pm)
 Chapter business meeting
 Study topic - Straight Stitches Sampler

Tuesday, August 16
 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Cross Stitch Workshop at the Coralville Public Library

Wednesday, August 17
 5:00 - 4:00 pm

Stitch-In-Public – National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Please let Joyce Pencook know by **Monday, August 15** if you plan to stitch at the Museum. Joyce's number is 319-491-6227.

Sunday, August 21
 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Stitch-In-Public – Create Exchange, 615 Center Point Rd NE, Cedar Rapids

Monday, August 22

Pick up State Fair Entries

Tuesday, September 13
 5:30 - 7:00 pm
 7:00 - 7:30 pm
 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Skype
 Social/stitching time; log in to Zoom (6:30 pm)
 Chapter business meeting
 Study topic – Color Exercise

Sunday, September 18
 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Stitch-In-Public – Create Exchange, 615 Center Point Rd NE, Cedar Rapids

Wednesday, September 21
 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Stitch-In-Public – National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

Saturday, October 1
 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Cross Stitch Workshop at the North Liberty Public Library

Saturday, October 1

Mississippi River Valley EGA Show – Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL

Saturday, October 8
 1:00 - 1:30 pm
 1:30 - 2:00 pm
 2:00 - 4:00

Monthly meeting – North Liberty Library and Skype
 Social/stitching time; log in to Zoom
 Chapter business meeting
 Study topic – Diagonal Stitches Sampler

Wednesday, October 19
 5:00 - 4:00 pm

Stitch-In-Public – National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

Sunday, October 16
 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Stitch-In-Public – Create Exchange, 615 Center Point Rd NE, Cedar Rapids

Visit the Blue Ribbon Chapter website at <https://www.blueribbonang.com>

Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/Blue-Ribbon-ANG-102362961642607>



Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2022

Members Present: Kareen Strumpel, Cindy Baldwin, Robin Rossignol, Dee Hill, Karen Rajtora, Joyce Pencook, Jamie Randall, Shanel Slater, Ruth Topp (Zoom) and Connie Rosene

Members Present: Kareen Strumpel, Cindy Baldwin, Robin Rossignol, Dee Hill, Karen Rajtora, Joyce Pencook, Jamie Randall, Shanel Slater, Ruth Topp (Zoom) and Connie Rosene.

Cindy Baldwin introduced a guest, Jen Clancey.

Minutes from the June 2022 meeting were approved as published (motion Cindy Baldwin, second Robin Rossignol). Motion carried.

Treasurer Lori Barton sent her report:

Beginning balance = \$908.03

Income from garage sale = \$683.50

Expense from garage sale and Knights of Columbus meeting room rental = \$178.00

Ending balance = \$1,413.53

Cindy Baldwin reported that she will submit bills for our website fee (\$35.72 for 2 years) and Website domain (\$24.85 for 1 year). We will not renew our Zoom account at this time while she attempts to get Skype running.

Reports:

Membership: Cindy Baldwin reported no new members in the past month.

Czech Museum: Joyce Pencook reported the next Stitch-in-Public event at the Czech Museum will be Wednesday, July 20 1-3 PM. Let her know by July 18 if you plan to attend.

Create Exchange: Next Stitch-in-Public event at Create Exchange will be Sunday, July 17 1-3 PM.

Old Business:

Education: All is set for August 16 beginning cross stitch class (Lady Bug) led by Cindy Baldwin at 6 PM at the Coralville Library. Cindy will offer the same class at North Liberty Library on October 1 at 1 PM. Helpers are welcome for either event.

Iowa State Fair: Several members have registered to enter pieces. Robin and Cindy will take items down for anyone. Robin has everything ready for a Make-it-and-Take-it class.

Policies & Procedures: Cindy Baldwin circulated copies of the new policies to add to our existing policies. Member comments (additions/corrections) are welcomed.

ANG Donations: Heidi was not present to give an update.

501C3: Treasurer Lori Barton is working on the process for our organization's nonprofit status.

The Blue Ribbon Chapter of American Needlepoint Guild, Inc. (ANG), invites interested individuals, regardless of expertise, into membership. Dues are \$20 per year payable to the Chapter. You must be a current ANG member to belong to the Chapter. ANG membership information can be found at <http://www.needlepoint.org/membership.php>.

Guests and visitors are welcomed.

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month (except May, July, and October) starting with a social time at 5:30 pm, with the formal meeting starting at 7:00 pm. These meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus, 1620 E Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA and on Skype. Meetings in December, January, and February will be held on Zoom only, starting with Zoom login/social time at 6:30 pm, with the formal meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

Meetings in May, July, and October will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month starting with social time at 1:00 pm and the formal meeting beginning at 1:30 pm. The Saturday meetings are held at the North Liberty Public Library, 520 W. Cherry St, North Liberty, IA and on Skype.

Board meetings will be held in September, December, March, and June.

The Blue Ribbon ANG Newsletter is published monthly. Deadline for submission of items is the 20th day of each month.

Newsletter Editor: Cindy Baldwin cbaldwin1828@gmail.com

2022-2023 Officers

Past President Kareen Strumpel (kareen@imonmail.com)

President Robin Rossignol (robin-ann-rossignol@uiowa.edu)

President Elect Jamee Klein (jameek34@gmail.com)

VP-Membership Kareen Strumpel (kareen@imonmail.com)

Secretary Connie Rosene (crosene@kirkwood.edu)

Treasurer Lori Barton (lmbtb13@gmail.com)

Chapter website: <https://www.blueribbonang.com/>

July 9, 2022, Minutes (continued)**New Business:**

Election of Officers: The following members are proposed for the Executive Board for 2022-2023:

President: Robin Rossignol
Vice President: Jamee Klein
Secretary: Connie Rosene
Treasurer: Lori Barton
VP Membership: Kareen Strumpel

Motion made Cindy Baldwin, second Shanel Slater to elect this slate of officers. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9 at 6:30 at Knights of Columbus Hall and via Zoom.

Robin Rossignol presented a lecture on choosing threads and making thread substitutions.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rosene, Secretary

Nametag

Since we have new members, it is time to start wearing our nametags at meetings and when we are stitching in public.

August Study Topic – Straight Stitches Sampler

We will use one of ANG's Holed Up Minis (<https://www.needlepoint.org/page/HUMs>) to apply what we learned from the July meeting. The pattern is Straight Stitches Sampler by Marilyn Owen. The pattern is attached at the end of the newsletter.

You will need a piece of 18-ct canvas and threads from your stash that are different sizes. Try to find threads that are different sizes and composition based on last month's handout. You will use the threads to stitch the sampler and evaluate the coverage and effect that each thread provides.

Blue Ribbon ANG Website

Our website (<https://www.blueribbonang.com/>) has a Members only page. When you go to the website, you'll see a Log In button to the right of ANG. Click on that and follow the instructions. Cindy Baldwin must approve access. Once you are approved, the last page on the website is Members. Click on that to add information about yourself.

Hover over Members and you'll see Files. You'll see several folders, including Newsletters. All our past newsletters are saved here. Anyone can create folders and add files. If you have questions, ask Cindy.

Chapter Policies

A couple of additions have been made since the draft was provided at the meeting. The revised draft is attached for review. Please send suggestions/changes to Cindy.

Future Study Topics

A tentative schedule for future study topics is provided below. This is based on the quasi poll that we did during the June meeting.

- September – Color Exercise, get out your colored pencils and color wheels
- October – Diagonal Stitches Sampler, follow up to September meeting
- November – Crossed Stitches Sampler (if you do the three stitch samplers, you'll have ornaments to enter in the Fair next year)
- December – Summer Fireworks (Skype)
- January – Summer Fireworks (Skype)
- February – Summer Fireworks (Skype)
- March – Fantastique, a pulled thread and blackwork design by Elizabeth Almond

Blogs

- Field Trip: The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures in Kansas City <https://www.needlenthread.com/2022/07/field-trip-the-national-museum-of-toys-and-miniatures.html> Check out the miniature embroidery!

- Stitch Tip - Stitch Tip: It's Ok to Swap Threads Midstream <https://www.needlenthread.com/2022/07/stitch-tip-its-ok-to-swap-threads-midstream.html> This is specific to surface embroidery, but is applicable to other forms of needlework.
- The Tyranny of the New <https://nuts-about-needlepoint.com/the-tyranny-of-the-new/> Post about the value of old needlework books.

Videos

- Needlepoint finishing videos from Kelly Starke - <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIZp3jrW-qELRJopEou8fTSTXy32Nw4QB>
- Fiber Talk thread series with Cathe Ray of Needle in a Haystack - #1 an overview of various thread types and their uses <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x6h9zvSWxtc>; #2 various types of ground cloth and how they interact with threads https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Plu_sLGWxcY; #3 threads and how to get the most out of them in your needlework projects <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysS6pWsdwTU>; #4 examples of differently textured threads and stitching with them <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gnle5tDYkhg>; #5 how to create shades when you don't have enough of them <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56gApszg3sq>; #6 what threads work best on different fabric counts <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lznjg7P8sw4>; #7 metal and metallic threads <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZspNtSE-UA>

Interesting Needlework and Related Info on the Internet

- Do you save your orts? Here's another idea to turn them into something interesting - Yarn Ends Bowl <https://marrose-ccc.com/tutorials-2/yarn-ends-bowl> I think you could probably use white glue, Stiffy, or Mod Podge in lieu of making your own paste.
- Name That Color Can you tell chartreuse from vermilion? <https://www.merriam-webster.com/word-games/colors-quiz> Merriam-Webster's quiz of the week. This was fun.
- Embroidery Artist Mimics Lush Forest Landscapes Through Brilliant Stitching Techniques <https://mymodernmet.com/katrin-vates-landscape-embroideries/>
- Embroidery Hoops Act as Tiny Windows onto Vibrant Vistas Stitched with Thread <https://mymodernmet.com/vera-shimunia-embroidery-art/>
- Artist Transforms Satellite Images of the Ocean into Stunning Embroidery Art <https://mymodernmet.com/satellite-stitches-embroidery-art/>
- NEIGHdlepoint, a life-size fiberglass horse covered in yards of vintage and newly stitched needlepoint. <https://www.neighdlepoint.com/>
- Vivid Embroidered Landscapes Come Alive Through 3D Stitching <https://mymodernmet.com/erika-tuavo-embroidery-art/>
- Lovely realistic needle-felted moths by Stella Collins <https://visualflood.com/post/lovely-realistic-needle-felted-moths-by-stella-collins>

Editor's Note

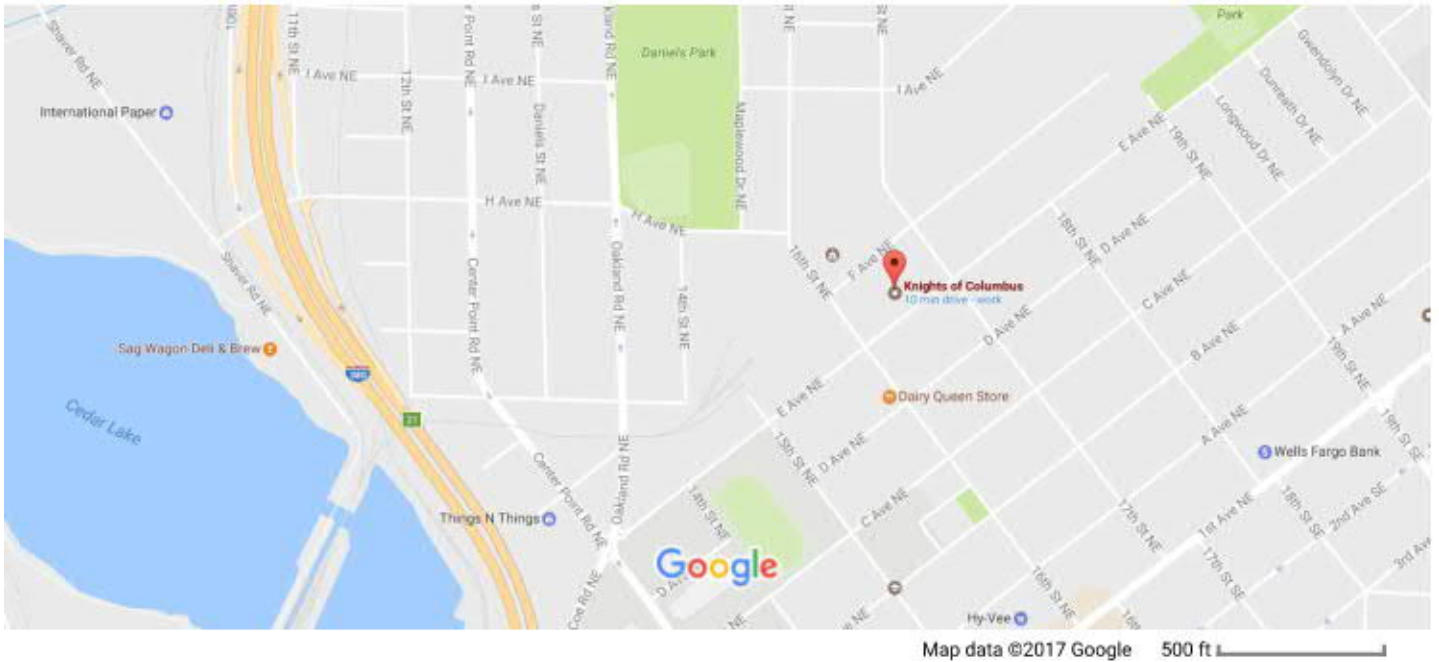
Items included in the newsletter are ones that catch my attention in which I think the membership might be interested. I'm also happy to include news items or suggestions you send me, so please feel free to send things to me for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Cindy

Directions to Knights of Columbus Hall

1620 E Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA

From I380, take the H Avenue exit. Turn onto H Ave NE. Turn right onto 16th St NE. Turn left onto E Ave NE. The Knights of Columbus Hall is on the left.



Directions to North Liberty Public Library

520 W. Cherry St, North Liberty, IA

From I380, take the Penn St exit. Go east on Penn St. Turn right on Highway 965 NE. Turn left on Cherry St. The library entrance is on the west side of the building.

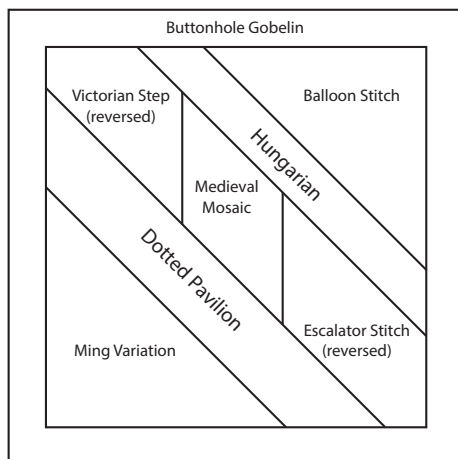
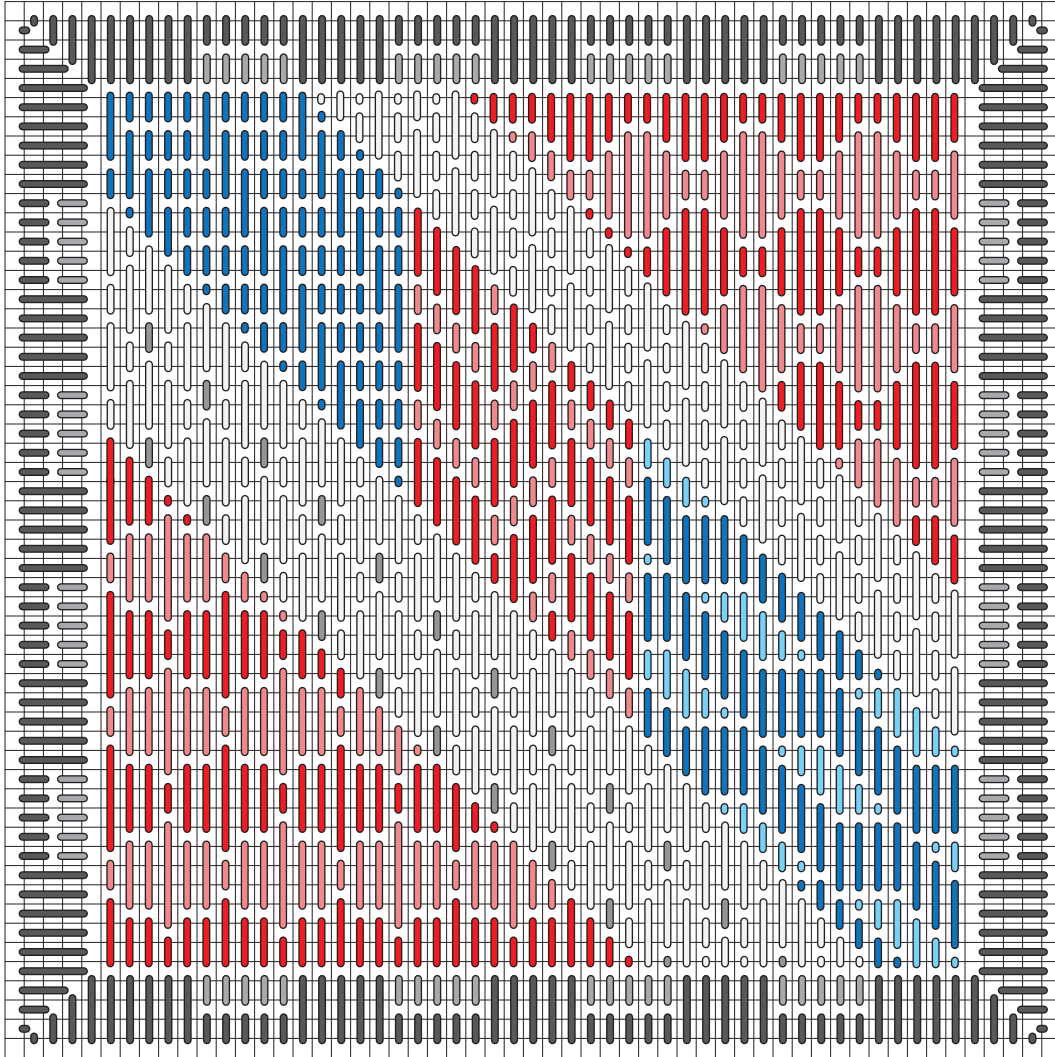




A gift for you from the American Needlepoint Guild

Straight Stitches Sampler

by Marilyn Owen
mlowen24@mac.com



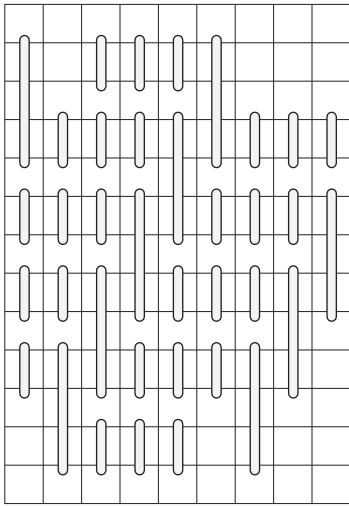
Design Size 54 x 54 threads

The colors in the chart are only to help you read it.

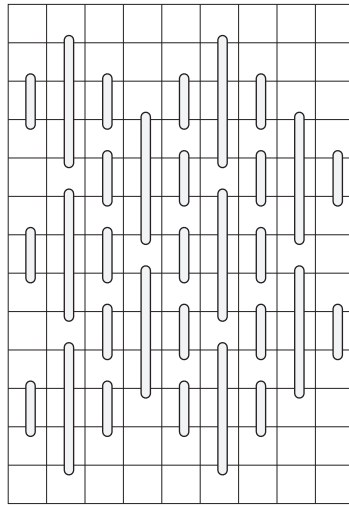
Choose your own colors. Experiment with new threads. Use your stash.

Change any or all stitches to use only a single thread.

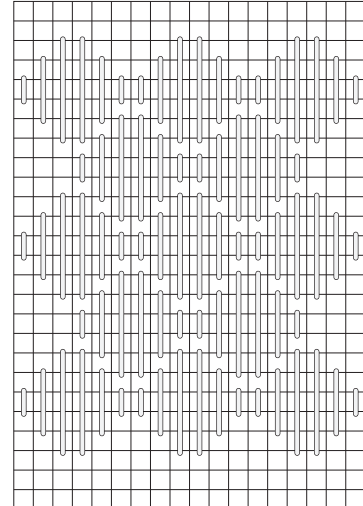
Use as a notebook sampler, keeping the stitched piece with the stitch diagrams for future use.



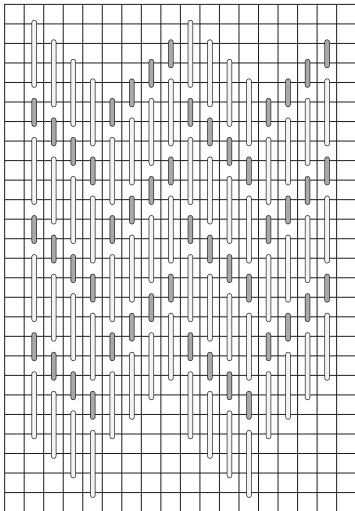
Victorian Step Stitch



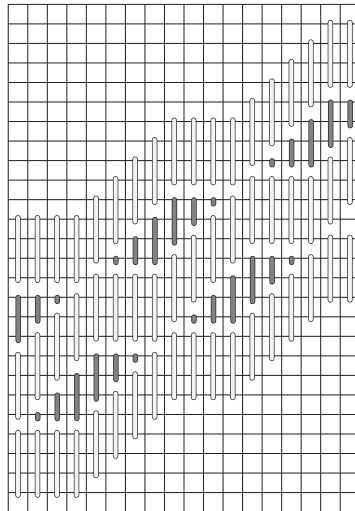
Hungarian Stitch



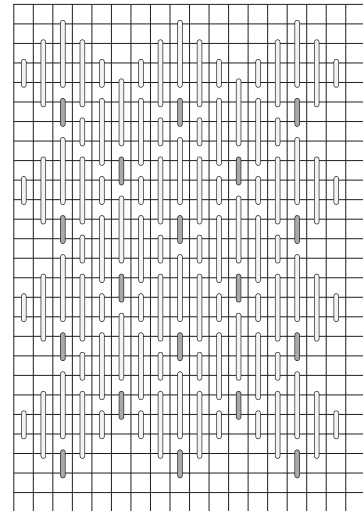
Balloon Stitch



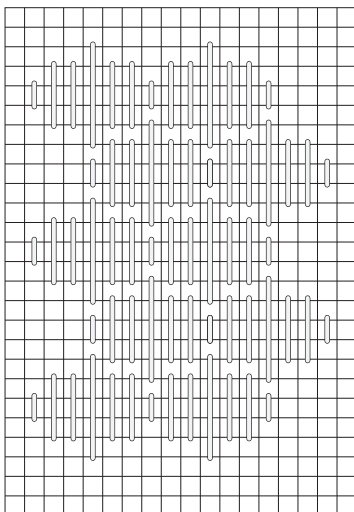
Medieval Mosaic Stitch



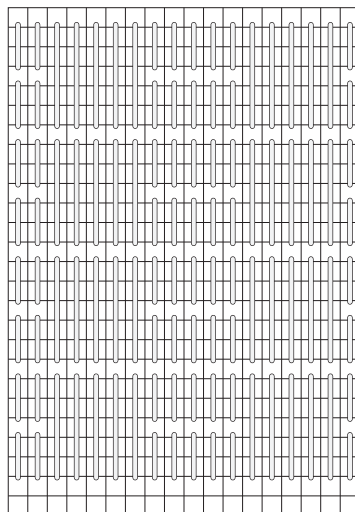
Escalator Stitch



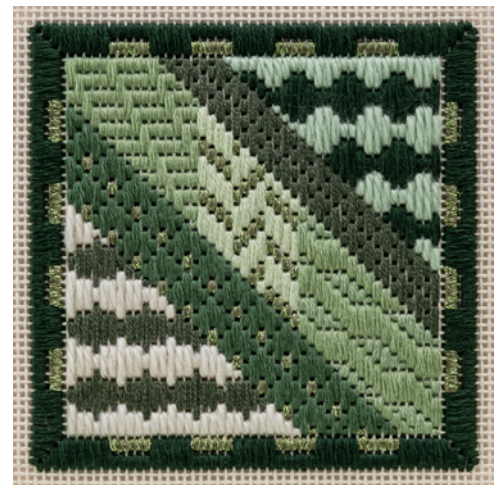
Dotted Pavilion Stitch



Ming Variation Stitch



Buttonhole Gobelin Stitch



Blue Ribbon ANG Policies

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is appointed by the president and will consist of three of the most recent past-presidents. If a past-president is unable to serve or is currently serving, another past-president will be appointed. A list of officers is under Files/Membership Information on the Members page.

Meeting Cancellation

An in-person meeting may be cancelled by an officer if local school districts cancel classes due to weather, adverse weather conditions cause hazardous driving conditions, or other unforeseen circumstances arise (e.g., meeting location is unavailable). Members will be notified via email as soon as possible. Since we have Skype meetings scheduled anyway, we will switch to an online meeting if the in-person meeting is cancelled.

Membership

Memberships that are not renewed by the end of March will be suspended. Members will be reinstated upon payment of their dues. Members who have not renewed their ANG membership will be reminded to renew. If their ANG membership is not renewed by the end of March, their membership will be suspended and Blue Ribbon dues refunded (if paid).

Remembrances

In the case of a death of a member or their immediate family, donations will be left to individual members due to Chapter budget constraints. The secretary will send a card of condolence from Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter.

Iowa State Fair

The chapter will provide an annual award of \$25 to the winner of the Best of Show in Needlepoint.

Chapter Annual Report

The President is responsible for filing the Chapter Annual Report on ANG's website after the election in July. The form is at https://www.needlepoint.org/page/CAR_NCArea.