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Calendar

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

Monday, February 5
5:00 – 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 10
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Tuesday, February 13
6:30 - 7:00 pm
7:00 - 7:30 pm
7:30 - 8:30 pm

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

Wednesday, February 21
1:00 – 3:00 pm

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

Saturday, March 2
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Saturday, March 2
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Tuesday, March 12
5:30 - 7:00 pm
7:00 - 7:30 pm
7:30 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, March 12
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Sunday, March 17
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, March 20
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Saturday, March 23
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Saturday, April 6
1:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Wednesday, April 13
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, April 17
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Saturday, April 21
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Stitch-In-Public – Cedar Rapids Public Library, 450 Fifth Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids

Stitch-In-Public – North Liberty Library, 520 W Cherry St, North Liberty

Needlepoint Mitten Class
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th St, Coralville

Monthly meeting – Skype
Social/stitching time; log in to Skype (6:30 pm)
Chapter business meeting
Study topic – It's a Mystery

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

Needlepoint Mitten Class
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th St, Coralville

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

Pattern Darning (Bookmark)
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th St, Coralville

Stitch-In-Public – Cedar Rapids Public Library, 450 Fifth Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids

Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Skype
Log in to Skype (6:00 pm); social/stitching time
Business meeting
Study topic – Dreaming of Spring

Pattern Darning (Bookmark)
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th St, Coralville

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

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

Beginning Cross Stitch
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th St, Coralville

Stitch-In-Public – Cedar Rapids Public Library, 450 Fifth Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids

Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Skype
Log in to Skype (6:00 pm); social/stitching time
Business meeting
Study topic – Beaded Needle minder

Pattern Darning (Bookmark)
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th St, Coralville

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

Stitch-In-Public – Cedar Rapids Public Library, 450 Fifth Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids

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

Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2023

- President Robin Rossignol called the meeting to order at 7:01pm via Skype.
- Members Present:
 - Robin Rossignol, Kareen Strumpel, Cindy Baldwin, Shanel Slater, Ruth Topp, Jamie Randall, Heidi Parker
- Reports:
 - Minutes from December meeting archived.
 - Treasurer's Report: Heidi reported that there was a starting balance of \$1,543.92 at the beginning of December and \$1,783.92 at the end of December with \$240 of membership dues collected.
 - Membership: 2 members choose not to renew, and 1 other outstanding member has not paid dues yet. Kareen is following up with that person.
 - Stitch-in-Public Events:
 - NCSML: No SIP on the 17th
 - CRPL: Next SIP is February 3. Shanel and Heidi primary contacts
 - Upcoming classes:
 - January 24th Swedish weaving at Coralville Rec Center
 - February 10th Mitten needlepoint ornament class at Coralville Rec Center
- Announcements
 - Heidi sent an email to KOC reserving our spot for appropriate 2024 meeting dates.

Since there was no other chapter business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

- Program:
 - Members discussed current projects and It's a Mystery
 - Members discussed book recommendations and suggested conversation topics for upcoming meetings

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13 from 6:30-8:30 on Skype.

Respectfully submitted,
Shanel Wermerskirchen Slater

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.

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Nametag

Please remember to wear your nametags at meetings and when we are stitching in public.

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 Study Topics. Patterns and information for past study topics are saved here. Anyone can create folders and add files. If you have questions, ask Cindy.

Tentative Study Topic Schedule

December, January, February – *It's a Mystery* from *Needlepoint Now* March/April 2016
 March – *Dreaming of Spring* from *Needle Pointers* January 2016, Pages 18-25 (pattern darning)
 April – Beaded Needle minder – beading around a cabochon, part 1
 May – Beaded Needle minder – finishing, part 2
 August, September, October – Hardanger Christmas Ball Tree Ornament

February Study Topic – *It's a Mystery*

Continuing *It's a Mystery*.

February Conversation Topic

What needlework techniques do you do? Which one (or more) is your favorite?

Blogs

- Ideas for Storing Your Beads <https://nuts-about-needlepoint.com/ideas-storing-beads/>
- PSA: Leftover Yarn Is No Good for Nest Building <https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/yarn-kills-birds/>
- Why wobbly stitches are OK <https://pintangle.com/2019/02/22/why-wobbly-stitches-are-ok/>
- Design and Creative embroidery technique tips <https://pintangle.com/2022/10/13/design-and-creative-embroidery-technique-tips/>
 Surface embroidery, but certainly applicable to counted work.

Videos and Podcasts

- Haptic & Hue. *"The best textile books gathered together in one place: these books tell more of the stories explored in the podcast, Haptic and Hue's Tales of Textiles, or they are just great books about the world of cloth. The list is curated by the narrator, Jo Andrews. It is an invitation to explore a world of colour and touch and to find out more about the chatter of cloth. By buying books here you help to support the Haptic and Hue podcast. These are the books I have enjoyed, or those that relate to different episodes of Haptic and Hue."* <https://uk.bookshop.org/shop/hapticandhue>
- Meet the women tasked with embroidering presidential flags <https://abcnews.go.com/GMA/GMA3/video/meet-women-tasked-embroidering-presidential-flags-106639904>

Interesting Needlework and Related Info on the Internet

- Writer completes embroidery journal documenting 2023 with stitched icons <https://www.darlingtonandstockontimes.co.uk/news/national/24020831.writer-completes-embroidery-journal-documenting-2023-stitched-icons/>
- Ukraine's Revolutionary Act Of Embroidery: How Identity Survives In Stitches, Episode #46 <https://hapticandhue.com/podcast-episode-46-ukraines-embroidery-how-identity-survives-in-stitches/>
- Stunning Embroidered Still Lifes Made With Countless Stitches of Colorful Thread <https://mymodernmet.com/cecile-davidovici-and-david-ctiborsky-la-vie-silencieuse-embroidered-still-lifes/>
- Needlework In Fiction <https://www.blog.virtuosewadventures.co.uk/wordpress/needlework-in-fiction/>
- Mastering Embroidery Hoops: A Guide for Crafters <https://ekurd.net/mastering-embroidery-hoops-2024-01-10>
- Punch Needle Embroidery Is the New Craft Trending on Social Media in 2024; What Makes It So Popular? <https://marketrealist.com/why-is-punch-needle-embroidery-trending-on-social-media-in-2024/>

- 'With Her Own Hair': A Victorian Prisoner's Art <https://www.historytoday.com/archive/miscellanies/her-own-hair-victorian-prisoners-art>
- Nengiren's Embroidered Figures Embrace Feeling Carefree in Clothing <https://www.thisiscolossal.com/2024/01/nengiren-nona-kecil/>
- Helpful info on Kreinik metallic threads — including a discontinued color list — in the Metallic Thread section on their new website: <https://www.kreinik.com/store/shop-needlework/metallic-threads/>
- Why millennials are trading their cell phones for needlepoint <https://www.app.com/story/life/2019/11/12/why-millennials-loving-needlepoint-gets-them-off-their-phones/3864861002/>

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

Library

The updated library list is below. Robin has the books and will bring them to meetings. The list is also saved to the Blue Ribbon website.

Title	Author Name	Description
Anchor Book of Canvaswork Embroidery Stitches	Anchor	Canvaswork
Anchor Book of Counted Thread Embroidery Stitches	Anchor	Counted thread
Anchor Book of Crewelwork Embroidery Stitches	Anchor	Crewelwork
Anchor Book of Free-Style Embroidery Stitches	Anchor	Free style
Anchor Book of Hardanger Embroidery Stitches	Anchor	Hardanger
Anchor Book of Ribbon Embroidery Stitches	Anchor	Ribbon
Anchor Color Card	Anchor	Design
Anchor Manual of Needlework	Anchor	General needlework
A-Z of Embroidery Stitches	Country Bumpkin Publications	Stitches
Beautiful Bargello	Petschek, Joyce	Bargello
Elegant Stitches	Montano, Judith Baker	Crazy quilting
Father B's 21 st Century Book of Stitches	Blackburn, Jr., The Rev. Robert E.	Stitches
Finishing and Mounting Your Needlepoint Piece	Ireys, Katharine	Finishing
Floral Stitches	Montano, Judith Baker	Crazy quilting
Learn How Book: Knitting, Crochet, Tatting, Embroidery	Coats & Clark	General needlework
Needlepoint Bargello	Kaestner, Dorothy	Bargello
Ribbon Basics	Hiney, Mary Jo; Anckner, Joy	Ribbon
Stitch Sampler	Ganderton, Lucinda	Stitches
The Complete Encyclopedia of Stitchery	Ryan, Mildred Graves	General needlework
The Complete International Book of Embroidery	Gostelow, Mary	General needlework
The Dictionary of Needlework	Caulfield, Sophia Frances Anne; Seward, Blanche	General needlework
The Needlepoint Book	Ipplito Christensen, Jo	Needlepoint
The Open Canvas	Ambuter, Carolyn	General needlework
The Thread Thesaurus	Caswell, Ann; Howren, Suzanne; Robertson, Beth	General needlework
Woman's Day Book of American Needlework	Lane, Rose Wilder	General needlework



THE DRAWN THREAD

P.O. Box 880159
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HEART THROB

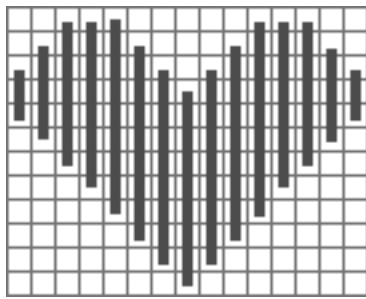
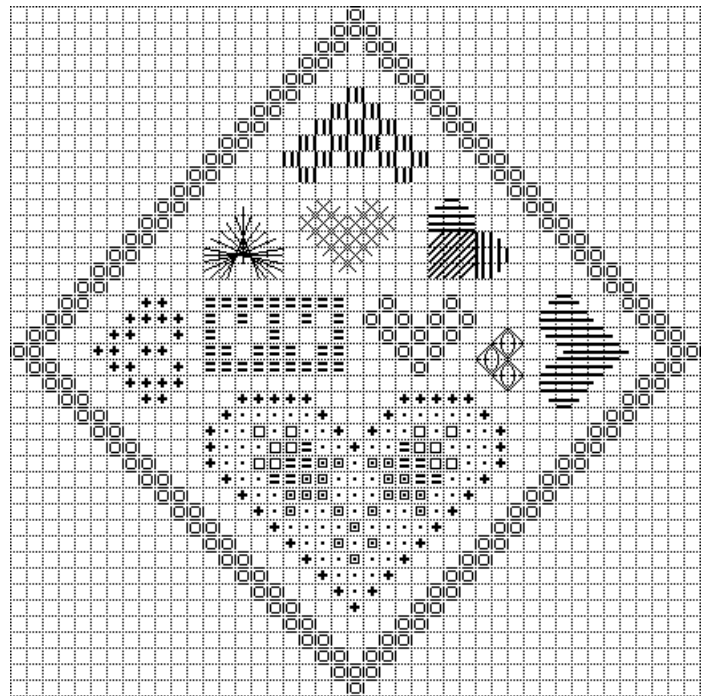
Supplies:

32 count "Cameo Rose" Belfast Linen

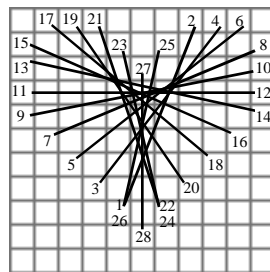
Needlepoint Silk	or	DMC Floss in:
143 - Dark Rose		223 - Dark Rose
141 - Light Rose		225 - Light Rose
704 - Cream		543 - Cream
932 - Dark Mauve		3041 - Dark Mauve
884 - Light Mauve		3042 - Light Mauve
641 - Pale Green		927 - Pale Green
711 - Medium Rose		224 - Medium Rose

Finishing:

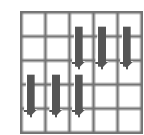
Count out 18 threads from each point of design area. Score and then cut away excess fabric. Fold the fob in half horizontally (right sides together) and stitch across each side 8 threads in from edge. Turn right side out. Fold under 8 threads along unfinished edge (toward inside of fob). Make twisted cord from floss (or use purchased ribbon). Fold in half and knot at loose ends. Insert knotted end into opening of keep and begin to blind stitch opening together. Leave a small area unstitched at the bottom of the fob. Fill with emery grains, batting or rice. After filling, finish blind stitching the opening together. Loop cord through scissors.



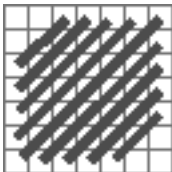
Satin Stitch Heart



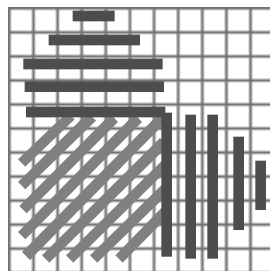
Rhodes Heart



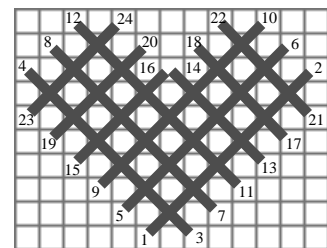
Diagonal Short Satin Stitch



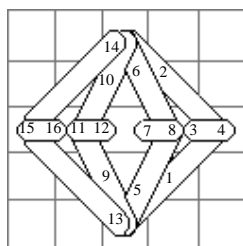
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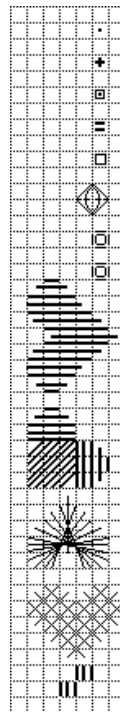
Cushion Stitch Heart Step 2



Sprats Head Heart

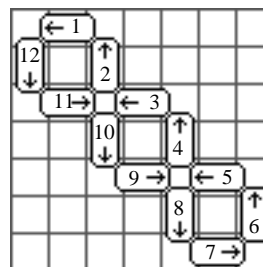


Queen Stitch

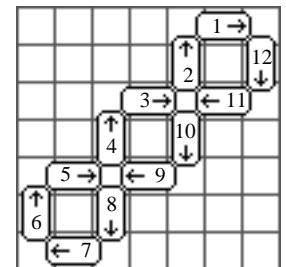


- cross stitch in 1 strand Cream
- ✦ cross stitch in 1 strand Dark Rose
- ◻ cross stitch in 1 strand Pale Green
- ▬ cross stitch in 1 strand Dark Mauve
- ◻ cross stitch in 1 strand Light Mauve
- ◊ queen stitch in 1 strand Dark Mauve
- ◻ double faggoting stitch heart in 1 strand Light Rose
- ◻ double faggoting stitch border in 1 strand Cream
- ▬ satin stitch heart in 2 strands Medium Rose
- ▬ cushion stitch heart in 2 Dark Rose
- ✦ Rhodes heart in 1 strand Light Mauve
- ◻ Sprats Head heart in 1 strand Medium Rose
- ▬ diagonal short satin in 2 strands Dark Mauve

Work each leg twice in numerical order



Double Faggoting Left to Right



Double Faggoting Right to Left