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Indicates change

In person events (SIPs and lunches) are weather permitting.

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Calendar

Tuesday, June 10
6:00 - 7:00 pm
7:00 - 7:30 pm
7:30 - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, June 24
12:00 - 1:30 pm

Saturday, June 28
10:00 - 12:00 pm

Saturday, July 12
1:00 - 1:30 pm
1:30 - 2:00 pm
2:00 - 4:00

Saturday, July 26
10:00 - 12:00 pm

Tuesday, July 29
12:00 - 1:30 pm

Tuesday, August 12
6:00 - 7:00 pm
7:00 - 7:30 pm
7:30 - 8:30 pm

Saturday, August 23
10:00 - 12:00 pm

Tuesday, August 26
12:00 - 1:30 pm

Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Teams

Log in to Teams (6:00 pm); social/stitching time
Board and business meetings
Study topic – Fibonacci Swirls

Lunch at Highway 30 Diner, 1519 6th St SW, Cedar Rapids

Stitch-In-Public – NewBo City Market, 1100 3rd St SE, Cedar Rapids

Monthly meeting – North Liberty Library and Teams

Social/stitching time; log in to Teams
Chapter business meeting
Study topic – Fibonacci Swirls

Stitch-In-Public – Panera Bread, 2665 Edgewood Rd SW, Cedar Rapids

Lunch at TBD

Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Teams

Log in to Teams (6:00 pm); social/stitching time
Business meeting
Study topic – Fibonacci Swirls

Stitch-In-Public – TBD

Lunch at TBD

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, May 10, 2025

BUSINESS MEETING

- President Heidi Parker called the meeting to order at 1:30pm via Teams and at North Liberty Library
- Members present:
 - Robin Rossignol, Heidi Parker, Shanel Slater, Kareen Strumpel, Joyce Pencook, Cindy Baldwin
- Reports
 - Membership: No new members or visitors
 - Secretary: March and April minutes approved as published
 - Treasurer: Heidi reported that there is an account balance of \$1,460 and Cindy will be paying a \$25 invoice for the Iowa State Fair
 - Nomination Committee: Seeking a secretary
- Old Business
 - Stitch in Public will now be 5/31 at Scooters Coffee, posted in newsletter
 - Program ideas–vote in August:
 - Tequila sunrise
 - Demonstration about wig weaving from Kareen's contact
 - Hearts and pearls
 - A-skew
 - Mini stockings
 - Blackwork cards
 - Bead sampler
- New business
 - Fair entries by July 1, delivery July 26
 - Steam and Power show in Osage August 9-10, Ruth Topp will be demonstrating
- Events
 - 5/27 Tuesday lunch
 - 5/31 Stitch in public at Scooters
 - June 10 board meeting
 - Program is still Fibonacci Swirls, but will talk about upcoming programs

Since there was no other chapter business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:02pm.

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 Teams. Meetings in December, January, and February will be held on Teams only, starting with Teams login/social time at 6:30 pm, with the formal meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

Meetings in May, July, and October are 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 Teams.

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

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.

Officer Candidates

The Nominating Committee has a full slate of officers to propose for 2025 - 2026. The election will be held during the annual meeting in July.

President – Heidi Parker
President-Elect – Cindy Baldwin
VP-Membership – Connie Rosene
Treasurer – Jamee Klein
Secretary – Joyce Pencook

Nominating Committee: Heidi Parker and Robin Rossignol.

June Study Topic – Fibonacci Swirls

Continuing with Fibonacci Swirls by Olivia Hartstorn. The pattern is in the March/April 2022 issue of Needle Pointers, pages 34-40. If you don't have your copy of the magazine anymore, you can print the pattern from ANG's website.



Future Study Topics

- July, August – Tequila Sunrise by Kurdy Biggs
The pattern is in the July/August/September 2019 issue of Needle Pointers, pages 34-40. If you don't have your copy of the magazine anymore, you can print the pattern from ANG's website.
- Start thinking about future study topics.

Iowa State Fair

Entries open on May 1. You can download the booklet at <https://www.iowastatefair.org/participate/competition/enter-iowa-family-living>. The deadline for entries is July 1.

Interesting Needlework and Related Info on the Internet

- The Exemplary <https://needleart.org/exemplary/> The Exemplary is an annual showcase of needle arts held in conjunction with NAN's Assembly for Embroiderers. It is open to all forms of creative needlework, from embroiderers at all levels of expertise—beginners to highly experienced. Links to award winners from the 2025 Exemplary –
 - Popular Choice Award – <https://needleart.org/2025/03/28/popularchoice2025/>
 - Best of Show Japanese Embroidery – <https://needleart.org/2025/04/04/the-exemplary-2025-best-of-show-japanese-embroidery/>
 - Best of Show - <https://needleart.org/2025/04/04/the-exemplary-2025-best-of-show/>
 - Ruby Challenge winner – <https://needleart.org/2025/04/05/the-ruby-challenge-winner/>
- Kandy G. Lopez Embroiders Striking, Life-Size Yarn Portraits Highlighting BIPOC Narratives
<https://www.thisiscolossal.com/2025/05/kandy-g-lopez-embroidered-portraits/>
- In 'The Quilters,' Men in a Missouri Prison Sew Gifts for Children <https://www.thisiscolossal.com/2025/05/the-quilters-fillm/>

Upcoming Retreats/Seminars

This is not a comprehensive list, just the ones I've run across or are on mailing lists for. If you run across something else, send me the info and I'll put it in the newsletter.

- Needlework with Jim, NeedleFest Summer Getaway July 31 – August 3, 2025
<https://www.needleworkwithjim.com/NeedleFestPASummerGetaway.html>
- Stitching Fox Needlepoint <https://www.stitchingfox.com/collections/events>
- Stitching and Needlework Events <https://www.facebook.com/groups/748907069549635/>
- Needlework Faire 2025 November 12-16, 2025, <https://egausa.org/event/ega-national-seminar-2025/> EGA's National Seminar
- ANG 2025 Seminar August 19-24, 2025, <https://www.needlepoint.org/page/2025Seminar>

Needlework Holidays

- September is National Needlepoint Month.
- July 25th is National Thread the Needle Day.
- July 30th is World Embroidery Day.
- August 8th is World Cross Stitch Day.
- Stitch in Public day (Feb 1st) and the entire month of February is National Embroidery Month.

Editor's Note

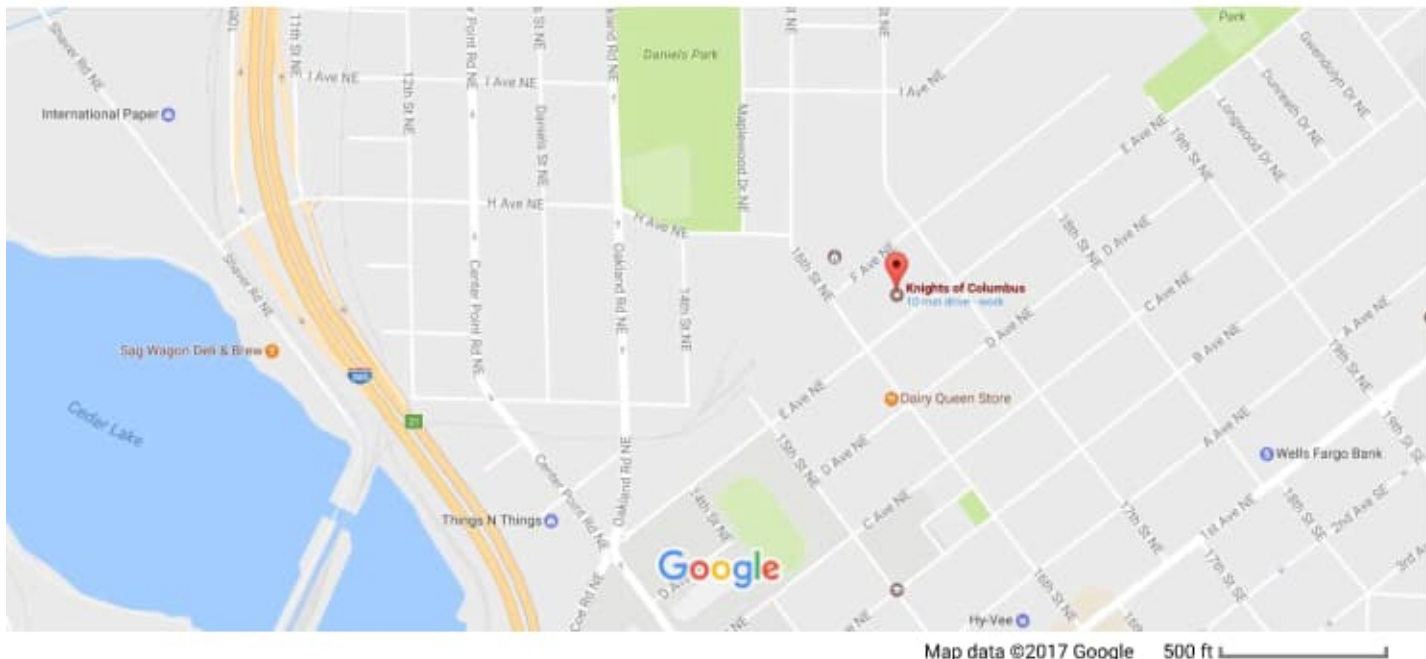
Items included in the newsletter are ones that I think the membership might be interested. I'm also happy to include news items or suggestions you send me, so please feel free to send things to me for inclusion in the next newsletter.

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.



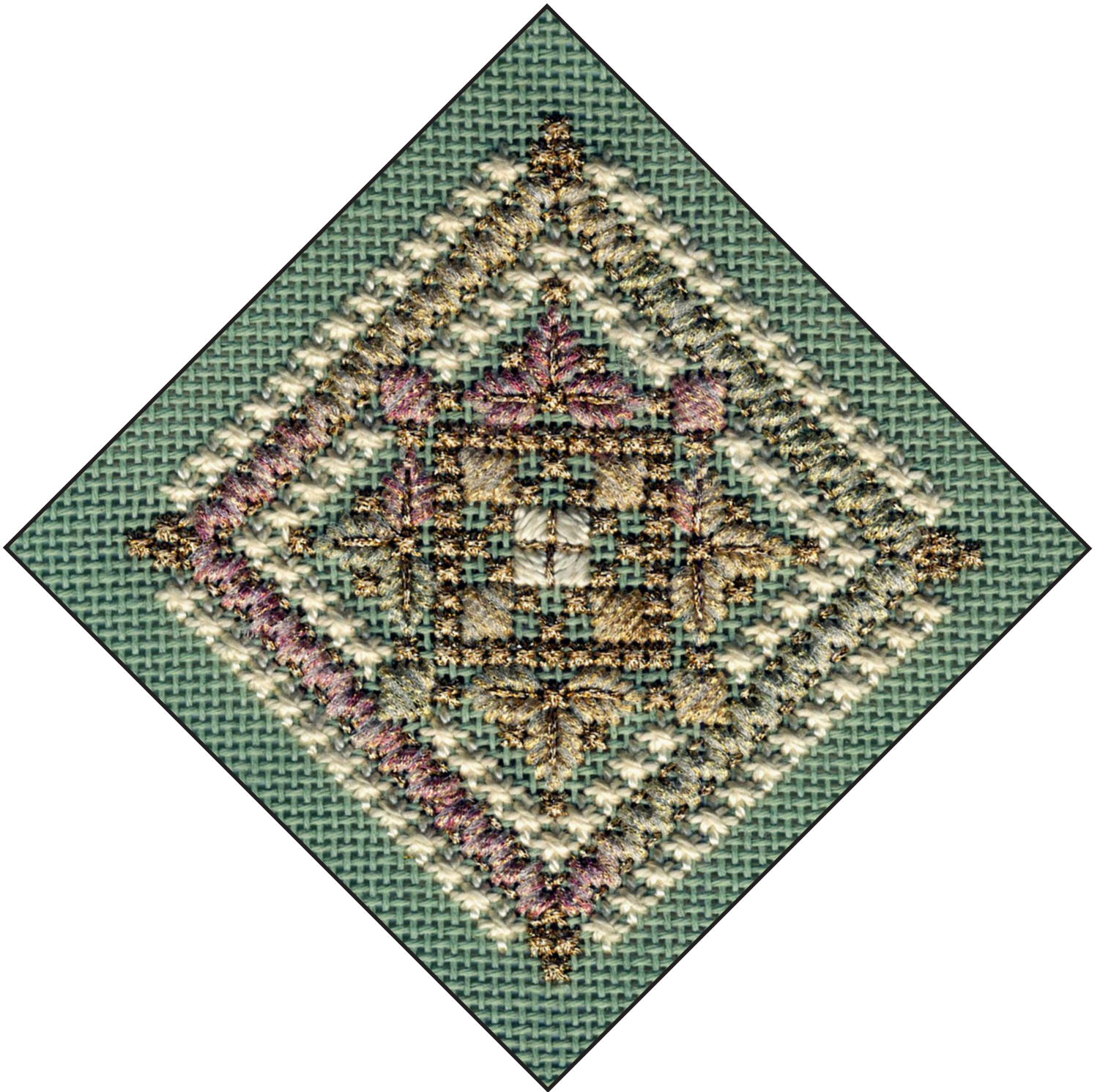
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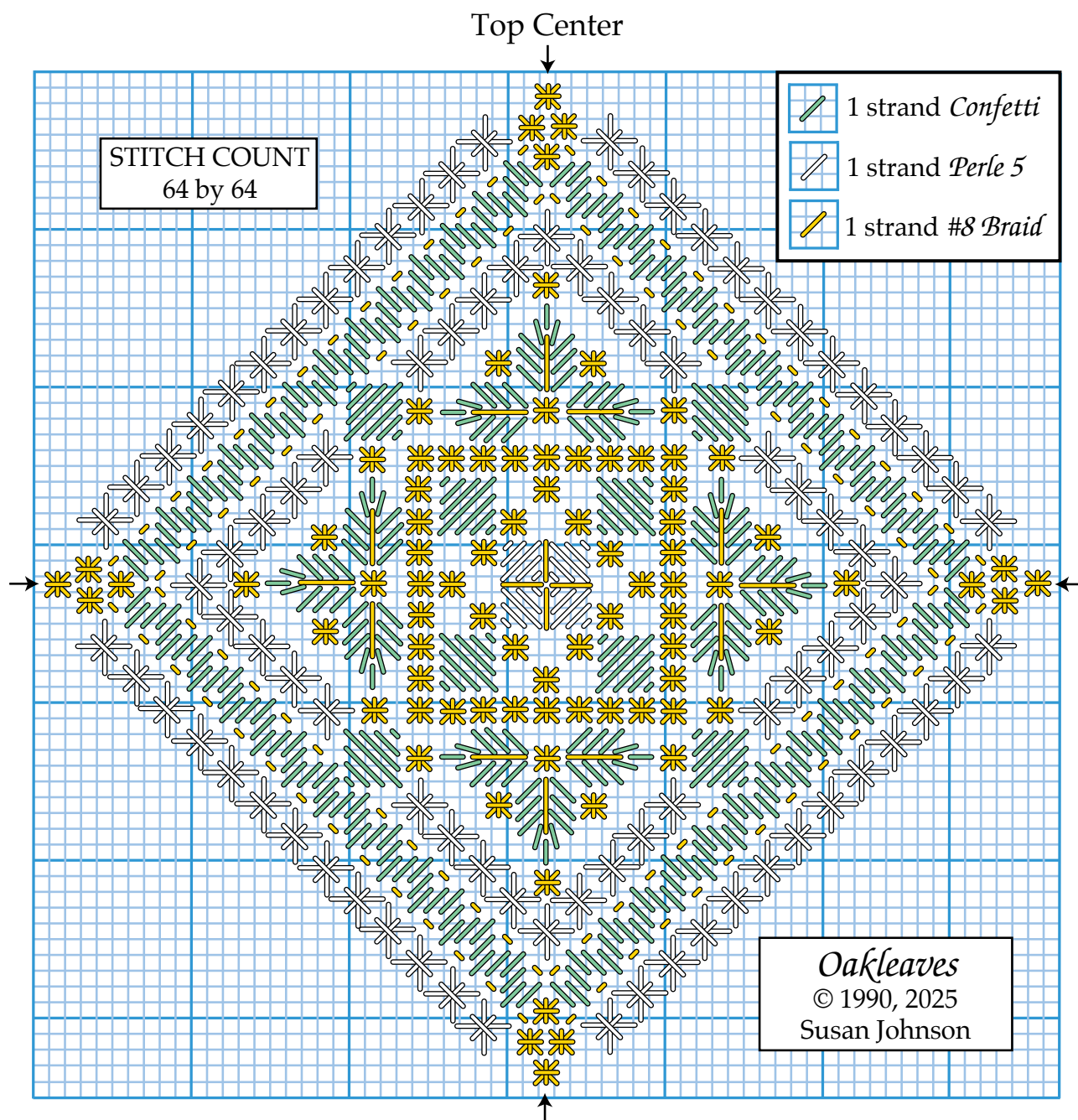
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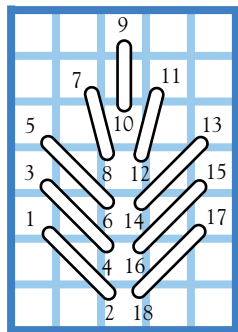
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Materials needed for one 3-1/2" diamond-shaped ornament:

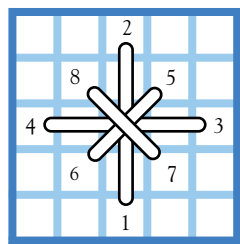
1 skein Confetti in your favorite color; 5 yards DMC or Anchor Perle 5 in a color to blend or contrast;
1/2 reel Kreinik Fine (#8) in 002 Gold or a contrasting color; Zweigart #18 deluxe mono canvas, cut 6"x6"
square in white or a complimentary color; Tapestry needles #20 and #22

Instructions, stitch diagrams, color suggestions and finishing tips are on the back!

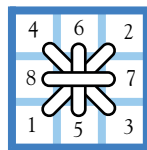




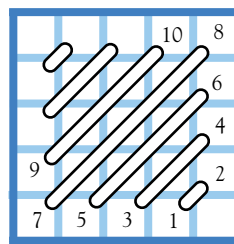
Leaf stitch



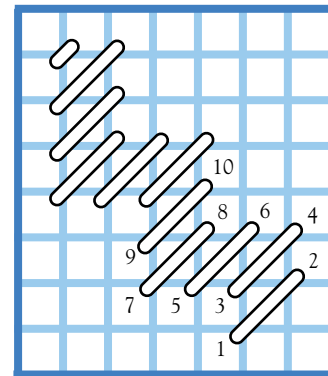
Double
Cross



Smyrna
Cross



Flat stitch



Diagonal Mosaic

Begin at the center and work around the design. Work the metallic stitches first when possible. There are single long backstitches worked on each Leaf and between the Flat stitches at the center; Tent (or half Cross) stitches are worked as continuous running stitches in the outer row of Diagonal Mosaic stitches and are worked after the Confetti stitches in.

Be creative and have fun with this design, trying different colors of metallic, perle coton or canvas to complement or contrast with your choice of Confetti colors.

Some color suggestions to try include:

☞ #105 Mango Ice Confetti with #Ecru Perle 5 and 002 Gold Braid on Sata Fe Sage canvas (used for the model in the color photo)

☞ #101 Rainbow Ice Confetti with White Perle 5 and 018 Navy Braid

☞ #107 Bittersweet Ice Confetti with Ecru Perle 5 and 052HL Bronze or 2122 Curry Braid

☞ #112 Lilac Ice Confetti with White Perle 5 and 080HL Garnet Braid

☞ #102 Strawberry Ice Confetti with #902 Burgundy Perle 5 and 002 Gold Braid

☞ #105 Mango Ice Confetti with #761 Coral Perle 5 and 002 Gold Braid

☞ #112 Lilac Ice Confetti with #823 Navy Perle 5 and 001 Silver Braid

☞ #111 Pineapple Ice Confetti with White Perle 5 and 015HL Chartreuse Braid

☞ #111 Pineapple Ice Confetti with #368 Green Perle 5 and 009HL Emerald Braid

☞ #110 Crystal Ice Confetti with your favorite shade of Watercolours used 1-ply (in place of Perle 5) and 002 Gold Braid

Taping the edges of your canvas will help prevent snags in the *Confetti*. Stretcher bars or a roller frame recommended to prevent distortion; otherwise, blocking may be required. *Confetti* is colorfast and hand-washable.

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