

Winter Biscornu!

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Here is **Linda R.'s** version of Thea's Winter Biscornu Free Pattern design. In the VS Yahoo Group, Linda won First prize in our FREE PATTERN STITCH CONTEST ending January 2010, and Nadia was the 2st prize winner! You can now also stitch these lovely interpretations. These are the threads and materials Linda used. Even though the contest is now over, you can still have fun stitching this little Biscornu, and you can still add a picture of your own version of the Winter Biscornu to the Contest Photo Album. Additionally, a picture of the '2nd prize' Winter Biscornu, including Nadia's list of materials, is also published on our website in the Free Pattern section. Stitch your own version of the original pattern, finish it, and upload a clear large photo in the Victoria Sampler FREE PATTERN Photo Album in the Main Victoria Sampler Yahoo group for fun! Remember the Contest has already ended on January 25th, 2010, but you can now add your own photo to the album just for the fun of it. We'll keep the album up for a few more months this Winter.. so stitch your own beautiful Winter Tuffet today!!

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

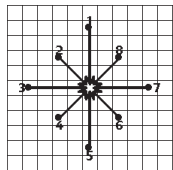
Model: 32 ct Belfast Linen "Blue Whisper"!

(cut 2 pieces - 7.5" X 7.5" for biscornu finishing)

Symbols Fibres and Beads

- DMC #8 Perle Cotton - white
- DMC #12 Perle Cotton - white
- TT Kreinik #4 Braid #044 - Confetti Blue
- Kreinik #4 Braid #021HL - Copper High Lustre
- Kreinik #4 Braid #850 - Mallard
- ≡ DMC Floss #0924 - grey green vy dk
- DMC Floss white
- Mill Hill Magnifica Beads #10057 - crystal clear
- Mill Hill Magnifica Beads #10059 - caribbean blue
- Jo Ann Fabric - glassy white button

INSTRUCTIONS:

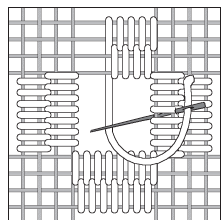
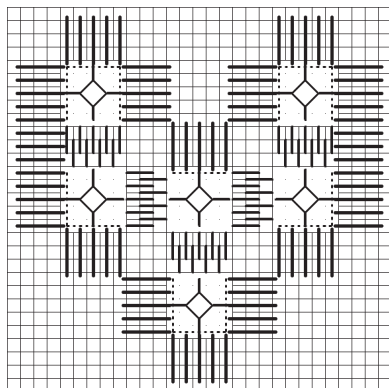


1. CENTER DIAMOND EYELET: Work a Diamond Eyelet in the center with 1 strand of DMC #12 Perle Cotton white. Do not pull.

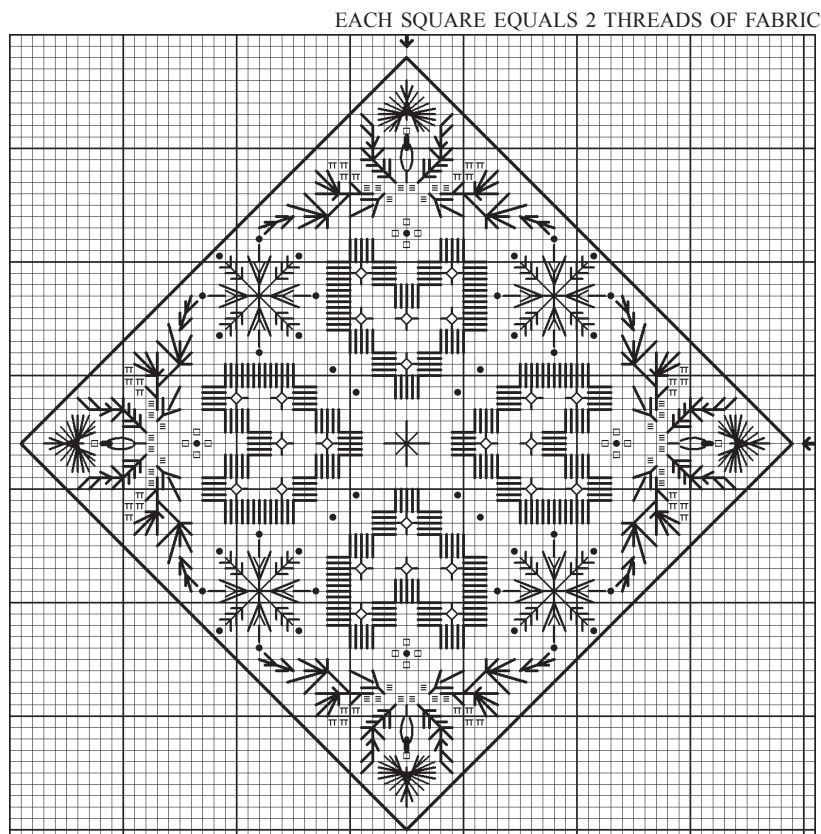
2. KLOSTER BLOCKS: Work Kloster Blocks and Satin Stitches with 1 strand of DMC #8 Perle Cotton white.

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 white, work Woven



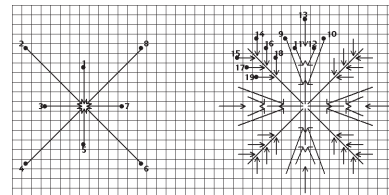
Bars with Dove's Eyes. Attach beads with 1 strand of DMC floss white, as shown on Main Chart. Go through each bead twice to ensure stability.



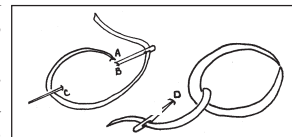
MAIN CHART

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4. SNOWFLAKES: Using 1 strand of Kreinik #4 Braid #044 confetti blue Straight Stitch snowflakes shown on Main Chart and diagram. Attach beads with 1 strand of DMC Floss white, according to symbols on Main Chart.



5. BRANCHES AND HEARTS: Cross Stitch with 2 strands of floss OR 1 strand of Kreinik #4 Braid #021HL copper, according to symbols on Main Chart. Using 1 strand of Kreinik #4 Braid #850 mallard Backstitch pine branches and Straight Stitch the needles. Work Rhodes hearts in the corners with 1 strand of Kreinik #4 Braid #044 confetti blue, as shown on Main Chart. Using 1 strand of Kreinik #4 Braid #044 confetti blue work a short Straight Stitch and a Lazy Daisy Stitch for the hanger to each rhodes heart. Attach beads with 1 strand of DMC floss white 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 white. *Back:* Using 1 strand of DMC #12 Perle Cotton white, Backstitch a similar border on a second piece of fabric. *Option:* Work a Rhodes Heart in each corner with 1 strand of Kreinik #4 Braid #044 confetti blue. 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 white, overcast the edges together along the Backstitched borders without piercing the fabric. Attach beads as you are overcasting alternating the colors as you go along. 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 DMC Floss white and a #9 Straw/Milliners needle, attach a white button in the center of both the front and back of biscornu. 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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