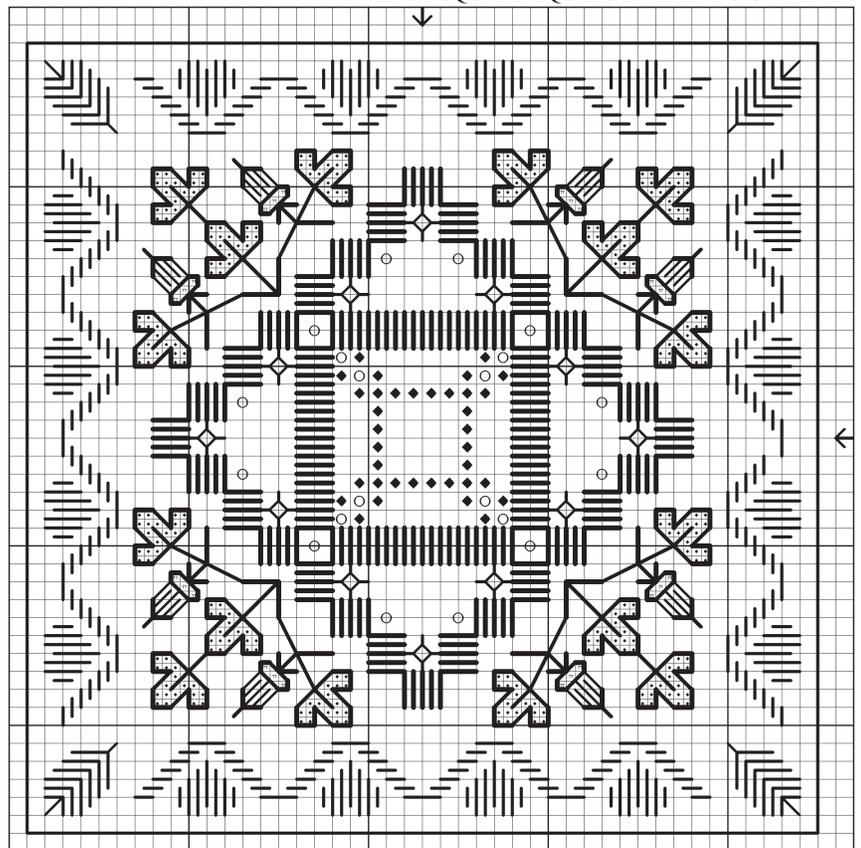


Cathy's 1st Prize Fall Biscornu!

"Squirrel and Acorn" version of Original Design by Thea Dueck at the Victoria Sampler

This is Cathy C.'s version of Thea's Fall Biscornu Free Pattern design. In the VS Yahoo Group, Cathy won first prize in our FREE PATTERN STITCH CONTEST October 2009, and Linda R. was the runner up! You can now also stitch these lovely interpretations.. These are the threads and materials Cathy 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 any version of the Fall Biscornu to the Contest Photo Album. Additionally, a picture of the '2nd prize' Fall Biscornu, including the 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 ended on October 1st, 2009, 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 Fall.. so stitch your beautiful Fall Tuffet today!!

Design area: 44h x 44w (3.14" x 3.14")
Model: 28ct Country Mocha Cashel Linen
(cut 7.5" X 7.5" for ornament)



MAIN CHART

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Symbols Fibres and Beads

- Caron Wildflowers #052 - "Marigold"
- DMC #12 Perle Cotton #640 - beige gray vy dk
- Kreinek #8 Braid #071 metallic - misty gold
- DMC Floss #420 - hazel nut brown dk
- DMC Floss #3826 - golden brown
- TT DMC Floss #3781 - mocha brown dk
- ◆ Valdani Floss #822 - olive green med
- Mill Hill petite bead #42028 - ginger
- Mill Hill crystal treasures 5 petal dim flower #12010 - topaz
- Mill Hill glass treasures round bead #12264 - topaz
- Mill Hill crystal treasures rondelle #13066 - topaz
- Mill Hill crystal treasures margarita flower #13007 - topaz
- Squirrel Charm

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. CENTER: Cross Stitch with 3 strands of Valdani #822 olive green med, according to symbols on Main Chart. Using 1 strand of DMC #3826 golden brown attach Mill Hill petite bead #42028 ginger. Go through each bead twice to ensure stability.

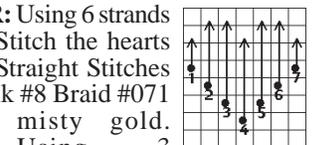
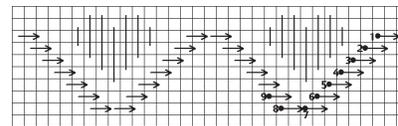
2. SATIN STITCHES AND KLOSTER BLOCKS: Using 1 strand of Caron Wildflowers #052 "Marigold" work Satin Stitches and Kloster Blocks as shown on Main Chart.

2. HARDANGER: Cut and remove appropriate fabric threads shown as dotted lines on diagram. **Note:** Diagram shows one quarter of the Hardanger. Using 1 strand of DMC #12 Perle Cotton #640 beige gray vy dk, work Woven Bars with Dove's Eyes. Attach Mill Hill petite bead #42028 ginger with 1 strand of DMC #3826 golden brown, according to symbols on Main Chart. Go through each bead twice to ensure stability.

3. ACORN AND LEAVES CORNERS: Using 1 strand of Valdani #822 olive green med Cross Stitch the leaves over ONE fabric thread

as shown on Main Chart. Cross Stitch the base of the acorns over ONE fabric thread with 1 strand of DMC #3781 mocha brown dk. Using 3 strands of DMC #420 hazel nut brown dk work Padded Satin Stitch for the acorn top. Backstitch the stems and the outlines around the leaves and acorns with 1 strand of DMC #3781 mocha brown dk.

4. HEARTS AND LEAVES BORDER: Using 6 strands of DMC #3826 golden brown Satin Stitch the hearts around the outside. Work horizontal Straight Stitches for the Zig Zag with 1 strand of Kreinek #8 Braid #071 misty gold.



Using 3 strands of Valdani #822 olive green med Straight Stitch the corner leaves.

FINISHING: *Front:* Backstitch around the outside of design area (shown on Main Chart as a solid line) with 2 strands of DMC #3826 golden brown. *Back:* Using 2 strands of DMC #3826 golden brown Backstitch around outside 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 2 strands of DMC #3826 golden brown, overcast the edges together along the Backstitched borders without piercing the fabric. **Note:** Attach a Mill Hill petite bead #42028 ginger to every other stitch. 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 #3826 golden brown and a #9 Straw/Milliners needle, attach a Mill Hill Glass Treasure #12010 5 petal flower topaz 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. Come up through the top and string 7 petite beads, 1 Mill Hill round bead #12264 topaz, 3 petite beads, 1 Mill Hill rondelle #13066 topaz, 3 petite beads, 1 Mill Hill #13077 margarita flower topaz, 3 petite beads, 1 Mill Hill #13077, 3 Mill Hill petite beads and squirrel charm. Wind around charm two or three times and then rethread all the beads and treasures before plunging your needle right through, pull through, and cut near linen at the back.

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