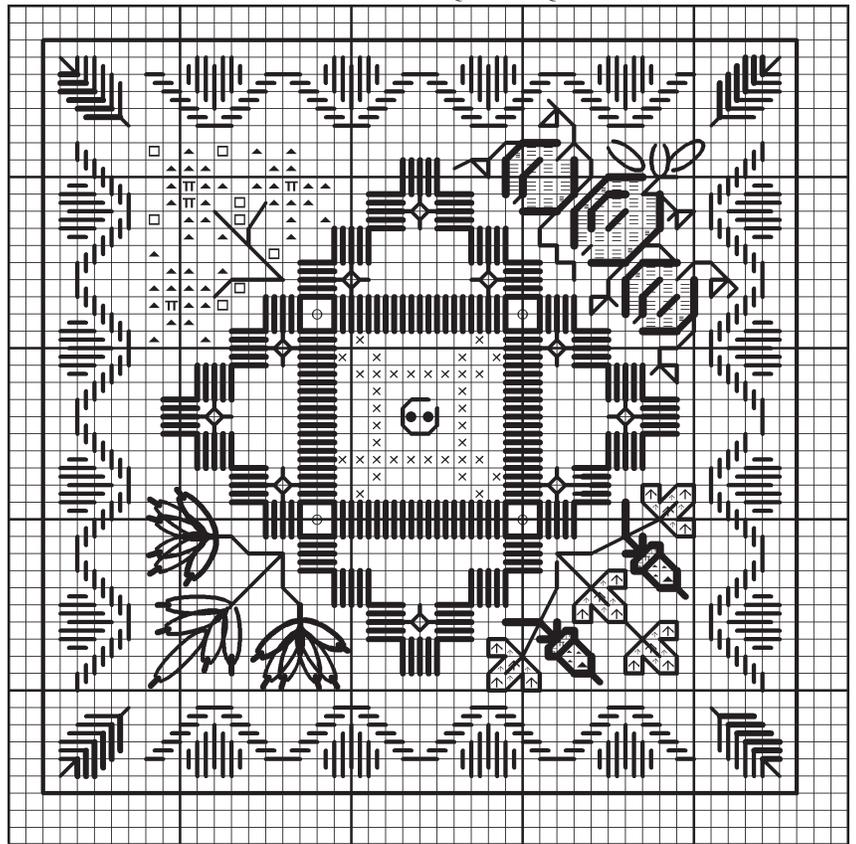


Fall Biscornu!

Designed by Thea Dueck of the Victoria Sampler

Our Summer Biscornu Contest was so much fun, I've created another Free Pattern for you to interpret for Fall! This is the original new Fall Biscornu Free Pattern for our creative stitchers! To encourage your own creativity, just stitch this design using your own colours of linen and types of thread like flosses, overdyed threads, silk ribbon, perle, linen etc. You can also add your choice of beads or other embellishments to the finished version if you wish. I've created four different 'corners', so choose just one for your entry, or stitch all four of them if you think that will look good! The winning entry will be judged by all of our VSyahoo Group.. according to how well the Fall theme was interpreted, use of colour, and general overall beauty. The winner will receive \$50 of VS gifts, and a picture of the winning Biscornu and 'runner up' (including their lists of materials) will be published on our website in the Free Pattern section for everyone to see! Stitch your own version, finish it, and upload a clear large photo in the Victoria Sampler FREE PATTERN FALL BISCORNU Photo Album in the Main Victoria Sampler Yahoo group for fun! Remember the Contest will end on October 1st, 2009, but you can add your own photo to the album anytime afterwards just for the fun of it. Stitch this beautiful Fall Biscornu today!! - Thea



MAIN CHART

COPYRIGHT © THEA DUECK 2009

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

Model: 28-32 ct Linen Mocha or your choice of colour!
(cut 7.5" X 7.5" for ornament)

Symbols Fibres and Beads

- DMC #8 Perle Cotton white or a colour or an overdyed!
 - DMC #12 Perle Cotton in matching/complementary shade
 - 4mm silk ribbon - pink or any overdyed or colours you like
 - × Silk Floss - white or colour to complement Hardanger
 - ≡ Silk Floss - pumpkin colour or other colours for pumpkins
 - ▲ Silk Floss - golden yellow
 - Silk Floss - green or other colour you like
 - TT Silk Floss - brown for acorn bottoms
 - ↑ Silk Floss - brick red or multicoloured in fall colours..!
- Choose your own colours of other silk flosses or perle cottons for other stitching.

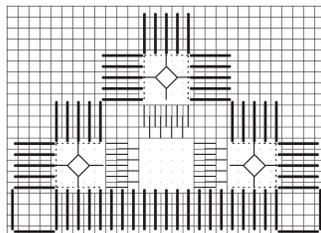
INSTRUCTIONS:

1. HEARTS BORDER: Using 2 strands of floss (or other colour or perle cotton) to Satin Stitch the hearts and wavy lines around outside of design. Use 2 strands of dark green floss to Satin Stitch the Leaves in corners. (or use dark green and light green for the two sides of each leaf)

2. CENTRE: Using 2 strands of Kreinik Mori #8000 white (or other colour) Cross Stitch according to symbols on Main Chart.

3. KLOSTER BLOCKS: Work Kloster Blocks and Satin Stitches with 1 strand of DMC Perle Cotton #8 white or other colour perle.

4. 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 in matching colour, work Woven Bars with Dove's Eyes or other Filling Stitches you like.



5. FALL "CORNERS": Choose ONE Corner Motif and repeat it in other corners. **Pumpkins:** Using 2 strands of Floss, Cross Stitch Pumpkins. Backstitch stems and Lazy Dazy Stitch the leaves with 1 strand green floss. **Acorns and Leaves:** Using 2 strands of Silk Floss green or brick red med, Cross Stitch leaves. Backstitch stems with 1 strand green or brown. Backstitch around leaves and Acorns with 1 strand brown floss. **Dahlias:** Work Japanese Ribbon Stitch for the flower petals: use 4mm silk ribbon for the petals. Use 1 strand green floss for stems and Lazy Daisy leaves. **Sunflowers:** Using 2 strands of floss Cross stitch according to symbols on Main Chart. Backstitch stems with 1 strand green floss.

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. *Back:* Using 1 strand of DMC #12 Perle Cotton, Backstitch a similar 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 1 strand of DMC #12 Perle Cotton, overcast the edges together along the Backstitched borders without piercing the fabric. 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 Silk Floss and a #9 Straw/Milliners needle, attach a Mother of Pearl or other matching button in the center of both the front and back of tuffet. 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.

THEA DUECK KITS, SAMPLER DESIGNS, ACCESSORY PACKS CHARMS AND TINY PACKS FROM THE VICTORIA SAMPLER

"Fall Biscornu"
©Copyright 2009 by Thea Dueck
The Victoria Sampler
Website: www.victoriasampler.com

The
Victoria
SAMPLER