

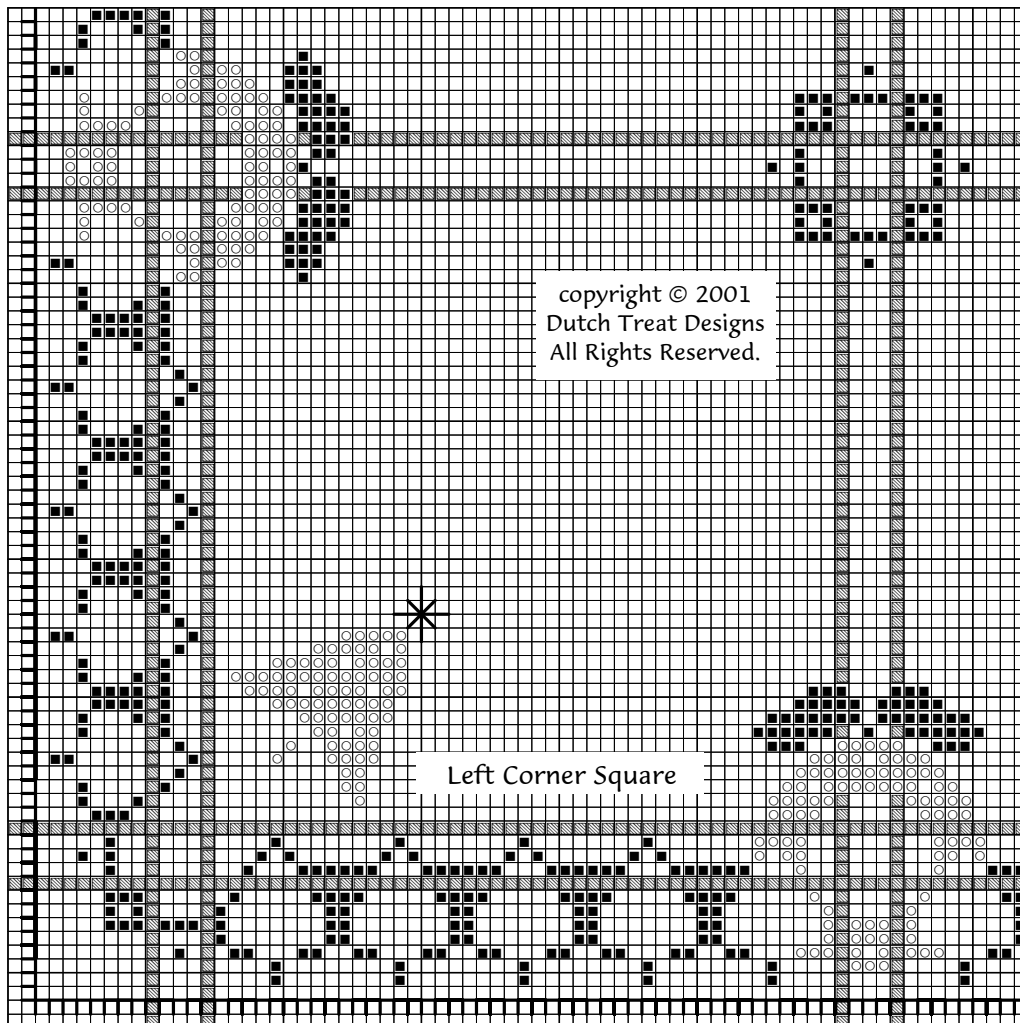
Christmas Doily 2001

Materials Needed

Fabric: Anne Cloth 18 ct. white or ivory 4 square doily
Size: Stitch count 119 x 119, approximately 16 x 16 inches
Needles: #22 tapestry needle, #24 tapestry needle
Thread needed to complete this project:

Symbol	Quantity	color	Watercolours	OR	Size 5 DMC Pearl Cotton
■	1	red	025 Holiday		DMC 498
○	1	green	065 Emerald		DMC 699
TTT	1	size 12 pearl cotton white or ecru for Nun stitch edge			
▨	denotes the woven border of the Anne Cloth				

Stitch with one ply of the three ply Watercolours thread or one strand of size 5 pearl cotton. This design can also be stitched in a single color of your choice.



A tabletopper is a stitched doily. When I was growing up we had lots of doilies in my Mommie's house. There were crocheted ones, knitted ones, embroidered ones, and even a few cross stitched ones! So to keep the tradition going, I present you with the tabletopper: an easy to stitch, easy to maintain "doily" for your house from me!

Claudia

Nun Stitched Edge

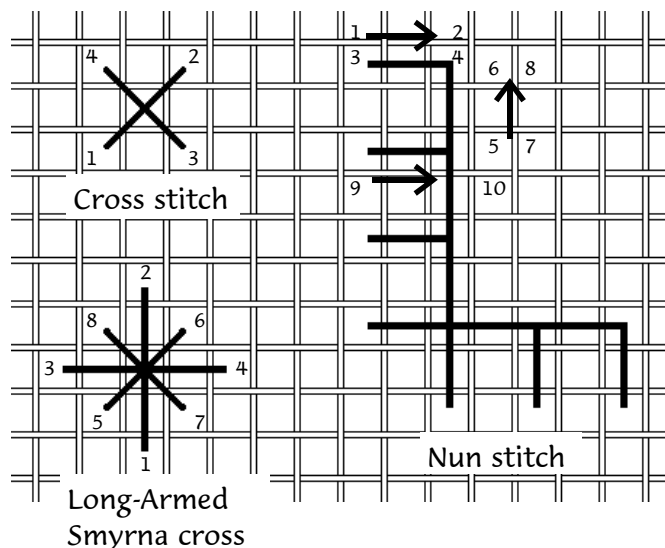
The Nun stitch is a finishing stitch that, when completed, will keep your piece from unraveling. It is a pulled stitch done using size 12 pearl cotton with a #24 tapestry needle. The Nun stitch looks like a backward "C". It is an "over two" stitch. See the stitch diagram for instruction and the pattern chart for placement. The arrows are for direction only. Use one strand of the #12 pearl cotton.

Begin by pulling out the fifth thread beyond the outer border. This will leave two threads between the border edge and the inside edge of your Nun stitch. The "ditch", the vacant thread track, will mark the outer boundary for your Nun stitch. Begin stitching on the upper left side with the front of the doily facing you. Bring your thread up in the "ditch" to start. When you reach the woven borders of the Anne Cloth, treat them as if they are two threads. When you arrive at the corner, turn the fabric one quarter turn clockwise. The back of the "C" now becomes the top of the "C" on the new side.

Fringing

Pull out the 15th thread on the outside of the finished Nun stitched edge. Use this as a cutting guide to even up the fabric so that all four edges will be the same width. Fringe by pulling out the long threads parallel to the Nun stitched edge. This doily can be machine washed.

Stitch Diagrams



The easy way to stitch this doily

Stitch the doily in quarters. Stitch the tree border and the middle wreath motif for one entire side. Then stitch the single left corner tree. Turn the piece 1/4 turn and repeat. You will see your stitches crossed in the same direction as you complete each quarter, but your stitches will not technically cross all in the same direction when looking at the entire finished piece. Remember, since this is a doily, however you view it is "right side up".

Stitch the Long Armmed Smyrna "star" on top of the corner tree with red so that it stands out from the rest of the tree.

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