

Christmas Doily 2003

Materials Needed

Fabric: Anne Cloth 18 ct. white, ivory, teal green, or antique blue 4 square doily
Size: stitch count 121 x 121, approximately 16 x 16 inches
Needles: #22 tapestry needle, #24 tapestry needle

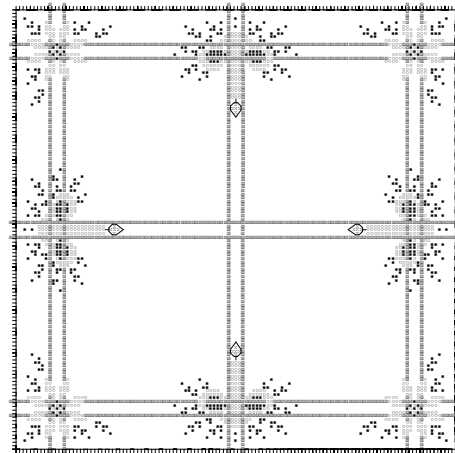
Symbol	Color	Size 5 Pearl Cotton	OR
○	red	DMC 498 or 347	
■	green	DMC 890 or 895	
×	gold	DMC 729 or Anchor 1305	
✕	gold metallic *	Kreinik #8 Fine braid 002	
TTT	1 ball size 12 DMC Pearl Cotton white, ivory, 503 (green), 932 (blue) for the Nun stitched edge		
	Match the size 12 pearl cotton color to the fabric.		
▨	denotes the woven border of the Anne Cloth		

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Watercolours

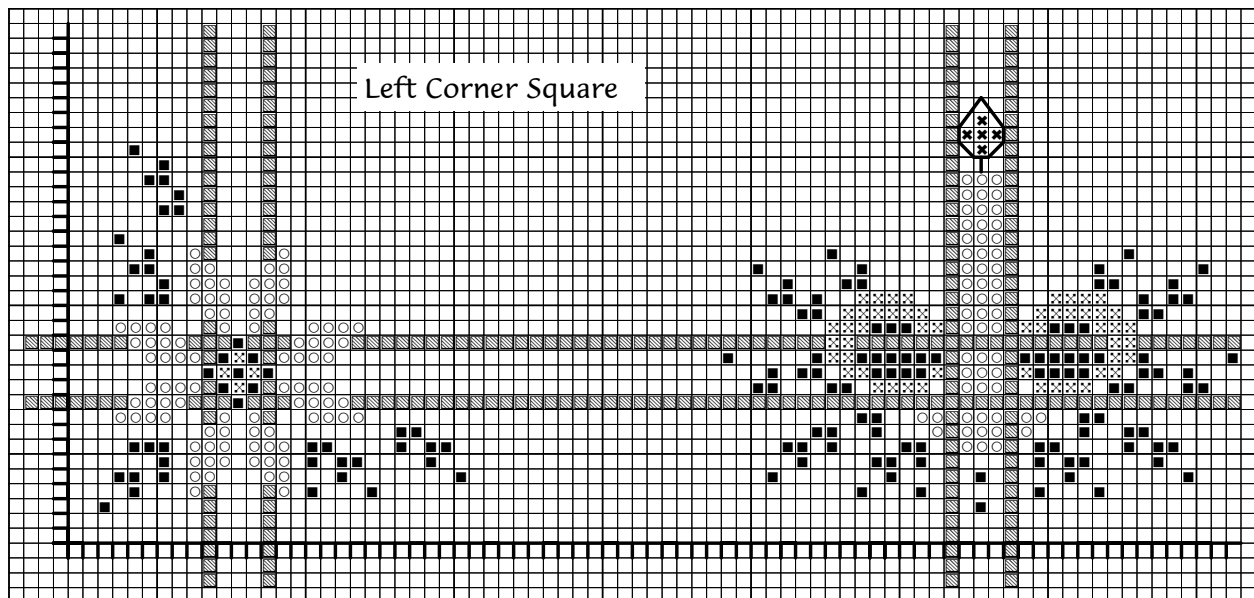
45 Flame or 195 Paprika

65 Emerald or 83 Pine Forest



*Use metallic gold to stitch the candle flame and for the flame Back stitch or use the same gold color used for the bow.

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A tabletopper is a stitched doily. At Christmas we always decorate with lots of doilies. Christmas is the time for candles and poinsettias. So for your holiday decorating, I present you with this 2003 Christmas design: 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. Use one strand of the #12 pearl cotton. **The arrows are for stitch direction only.**

Begin by pulling out the seventh thread beyond the end of the pine bough. This will leave four threads between the pine bough 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.

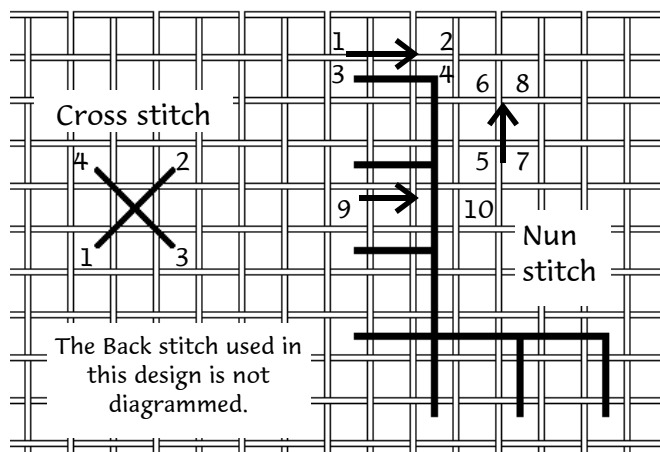
Fringing

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.

Acknowledgments

Watercolours Thread from
The Caron Collection LTD
Pearl Cotton from DMC Corporation
Anne Cloth from Zweigart
Kreinek braid from Kreinek Mfg. CO

Stitch Diagrams



The easy way to stitch this doily

Stitch the doily by sides. Begin with the left corner square first. Stitch the left corner poinsettia and then the middle candle. Turn the piece 1/4 turn and repeat. You will see your stitches crossed in the same direction as you complete each side, but your stitches will not technically cross all in the same direction when looking at the entire finished piece. When the design is finished then complete the Nun stitch edge. This doily is stitched over two threads. The chart is graphed so that each box represents two threads. When working with the Caron Watercolours thread, complete each stitch as you go for best color flow.

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