

GEOMETRIC II - A Beginner Canvaswork Design

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Supplies: 10" x 10" square of 18 count mono canvas - Lavendula (mauve) or black or white

DMC Perle Cotton Size 5 - #208 lavender very dark

DMC Perle Cotton Size 5 - #310 - black

DMC Perle Cotton Size 5 - #943 - aquamarine med.

DMC Perle Cotton Size 5 - #799 - delft blue med.

DMC Floss #807 - peacock blue - medium

DMC Floss #208 - lavender very dark

Threadworx Overdyed Floss 01138 Mosaic

Size 22 tapestry needle (blunt)

Laying tool

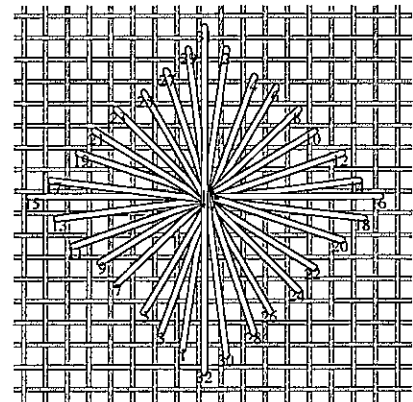
Stretcher bars 10" x 10", thumbtacks

Design Size 6.25" x 6.25"

NOTE: Each hole on the graph is equal to one hole on the canvas. When counting for canvaswork, the terminology is to count "threads" not holes. For example, count the number of threads which the stitch goes over. Do not count the first hole where the thread comes up, but then move to the second hole and in so doing you are going "over" one thread. Continue to count in this manner until you reach the spot where the thread goes down. Diagramming instructions will use these conventions for canvaswork, referring to stitches going over 4 threads, for example. A stitch over 4 threads, uses 5 holes. Adjacent stitches will share these holes.

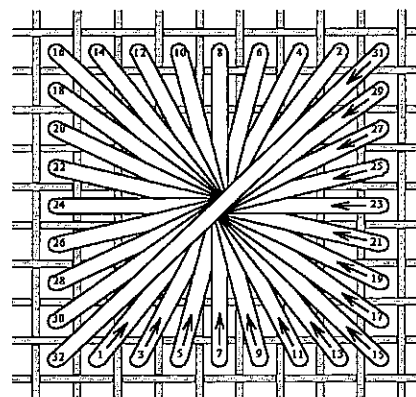
***Only half of the graph is shown. Turn graph upside-down to stitch the other half of design.**

1. Attach canvas to stretcher bars with thumbtacks. Using a length of sewing thread, baste a line vertically and horizontally, to mark the centre of the canvas.
2. Using 4 strands of the Threadworx Floss, stitch the diamond shaped Rhodes Stitch in the centre of design. Lay each stitch so it is smooth, using your laying tool.
NOTE: When stitching multiple numbers of strands, you should strip the strands apart, and then put them back together for stitching. Then use the laying tool to ensure there is no twisting of the threads. This also increases the sheen of the threads.



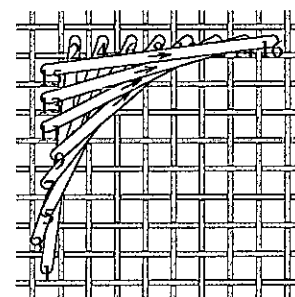
Diamond Rhodes

3. Around the diamond, fill in the square shape with slanted stitches in black using the perle cotton #310.
4. Make the triangles radiating out from the centre square, with 4 strands of Floss #208. Lay each stitch smoothly. Fill in the small triangles on each side of the centre purple ones, with peacock blue floss #807
5. At the ends of the rows of 3 triangles make two square Rhodes stitches using 1 strand of perle cotton # 943.



Square Rhodes

6. Make the four small triangles running diagonally across the corners with perle cotton #943.
7. Make the crescent stitches using 4 strands of overdyed floss. These go all the way around the diamond shape.



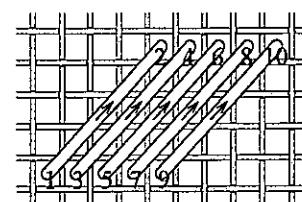
Crescent

8. There are triangles also done in Overdyed floss (4 strands) at the tips of the rows of triangles to complete the diamond shape.
9. Between the crescent stitches fill in the triangular areas with black, lavender (208) and 799 perle cotton (see photo for placement).

10. There are fan stitches tucked into the crescents. Stitch these with 799 perle cotton.
11. Inside the diamond shape which has been created, fill in the triangular area with straight stitches using lavender pearl cotton #208.

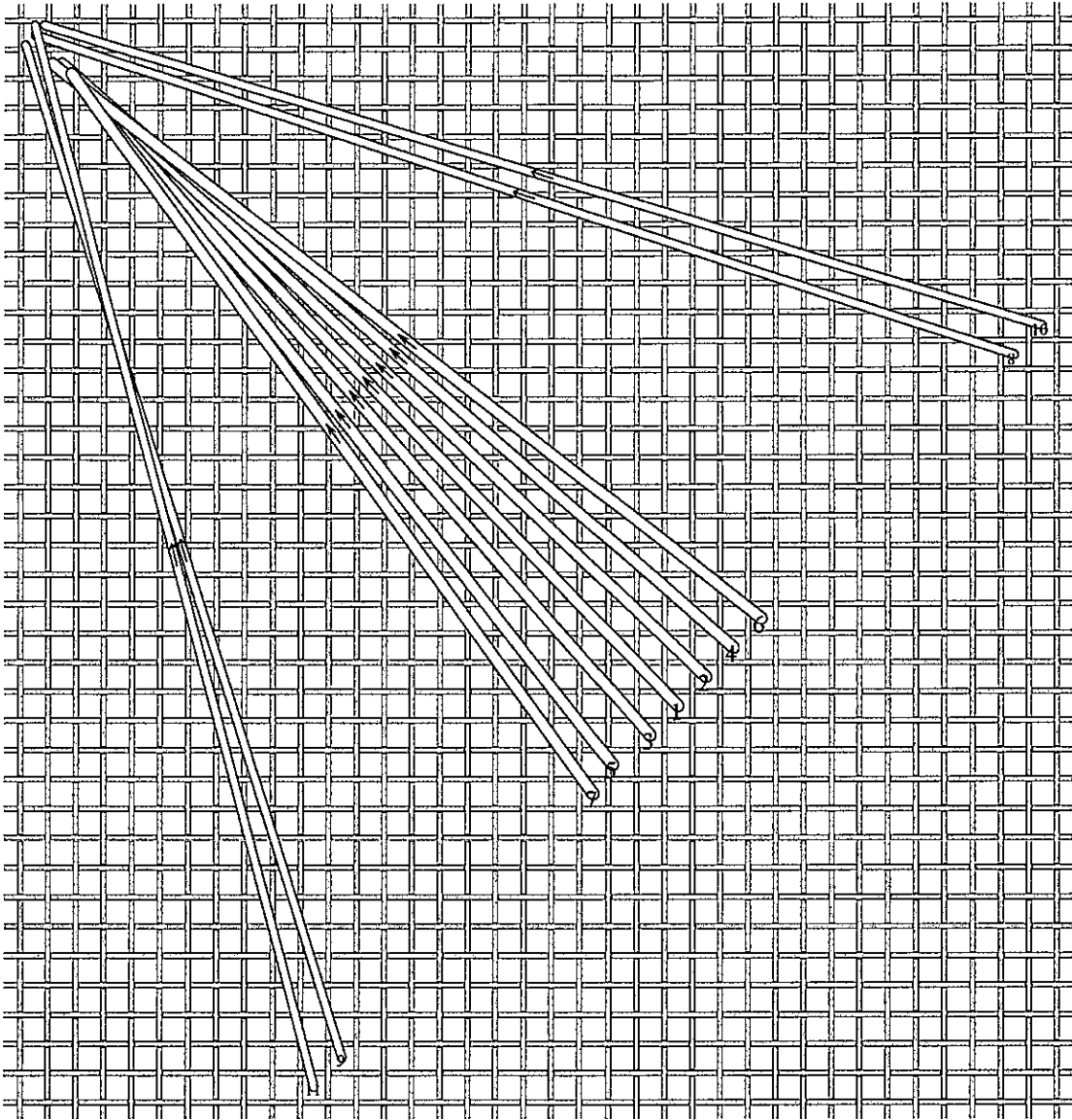
12. Around this area are slanted gobelin stitches in black perle cotton.

13. Fill in the corners with Ray stitches in the colour sequence as follows. Start in the centre of the diagonal side and stitch outward to the corner, going down in 1 hole inside of the corner. Use overdyed floss for 7 stitches (3 each side of the centre one). Then use lavender (208) perle cotton, for 8 stitches each side of the centre ones. Fill in the rest with black (310) perle cotton. The black stitches go down in the hole adjacent to the one you were using, which is in line with the



Slanted Gobelin

outer edge of the square. Only a portion of the stitch is shown, to help with clarity. The lavender stitches are not shown and only two black stitches are shown.



Ray Stitch in each corner

14. Around the outside do a border of slanted gobelin stitches using 943 perle cotton. Then do another border outside of this using the 799 perle cotton. Each row of the border is stitched over 4 threads.