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an original Needlepoint project from Blue Dogwood Designs

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Fireworks and the 4th of July!! And the heat is on! How quickly this is filling up!

I am loving this Vicki Day Designs silk ribbon. The color changes are fabulous!

Finished size is 6.5 in x 8.5 in on 18 count.

Draw your own from January's Stitchguide or order for $31 plus tax/S/H (where applicable) here: http://bluedogwooddesigns.com/newdesigns.php

Vicki Day Silk Ribbons can be ordered at your LNS or here: http://bluedogwooddesigns.com/newdesigns.php

July is area #7 - the right long border.

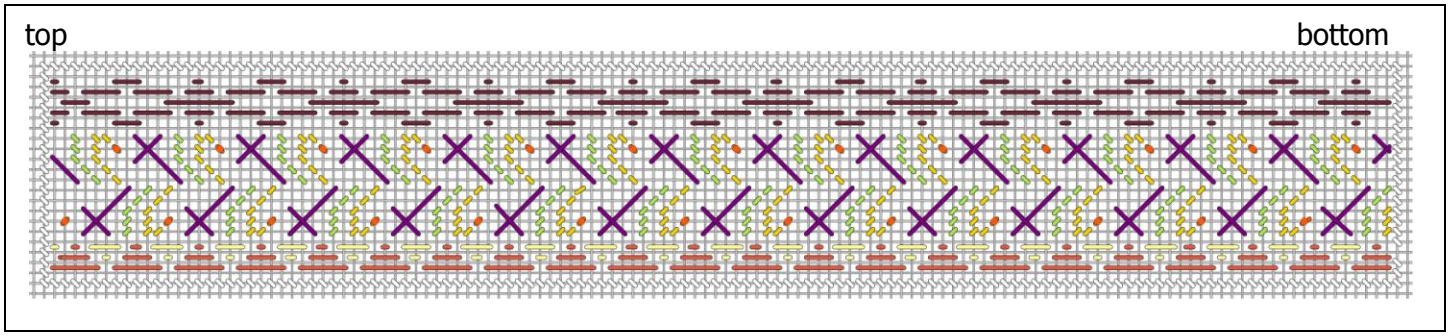
DO NOT CUT SOY LUSTER - WIND ON BOBBIN SO YOU CAN USE LONG THREAD!

Order your line drawn canvas on the website here: http://www.bluedogwooddesigns.com/newdesigns.php for $31 plus shipping/handling.

4 of Vicki Day Designs 4mm Hand-dyed silk ribbon - serious colors - dyed using River Silks so you know the quality is the best!

12 Pure Palette Soy Luster (Yes, really... Soy!!) from Dream House Ventures
DO NOT CUT THREADS... WIND ON SPOOL

July In order of appearance: Cranberry Relish #214, Sea Coral #184, Sunflower Petals #100, Phosphor #398, Butternut Squash #102, Allie's Garden ribbon, Sea Coral #184. Look sideways at this diagram.

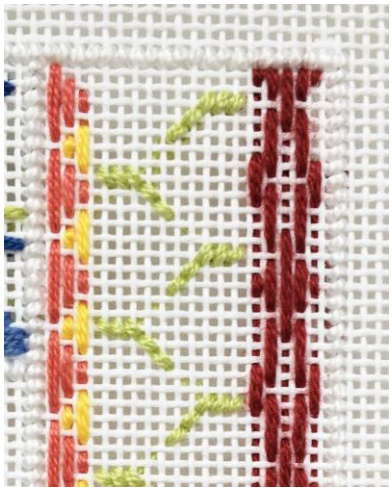


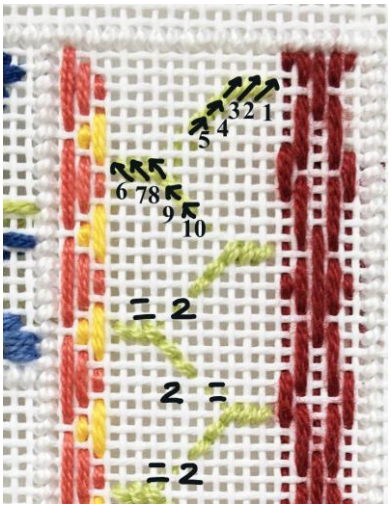
1. Cranberry Relish #214 Darkest red, on the outside border, loop start.... You can do the entire 5 lines if you start with 2.5 yards plus 6 inches doubled over. Insert joke about 6 inches... okay add on a few more inches. It makes for a long thread to control, but you can darn the whole deal. I started at the top, down, up, down, up, down. Tie off.

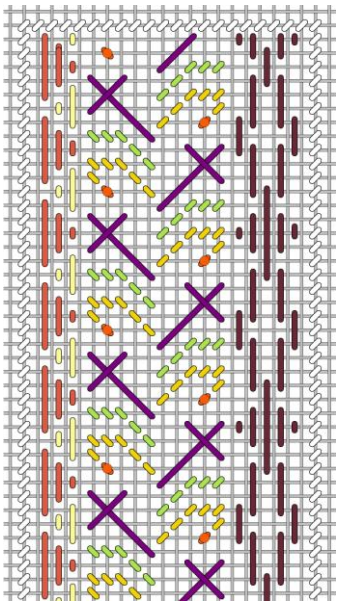
2. Sea Coral #184. 2 yards doubled over with loop start for this inside border. Start at the top, down, up, down and done. Tie off.

3. Sunflower Petals #100. This is the lighter of the yellows. 2 yards and loop start at the top with the single stitch line, then back up to top with the over-3 line. Tie off.

4. Phosphor #398 green. Whew, back to traditional needlepoint with 2 ply! Start at the top, look at pix for the directional changes. After the top two or three, easy to see the pattern.... even easier when you see that there are 2 threads between them.







5. Butternut Squash #102. Yes, another traditional needlepoint with 2 ply. This is similar pattern to the Phosphor green with one extra tent stitch. I started at the top and worked down in the same manner as the Phosphor green.

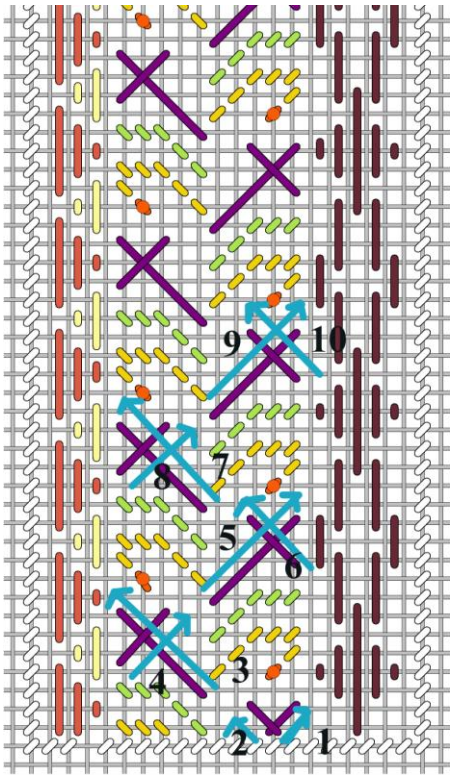
6. Allie's Garden 4mm ribbon by Vicki Day. Remember, we are using every inch of this ribbon!

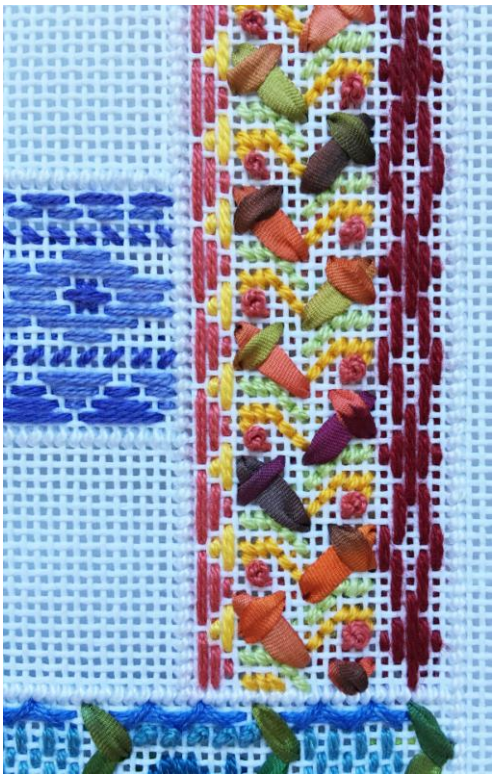
If you need a refresher for how to 'lock on the needle, lock on canvas, tie off', please refer to the March Stitchguide. We are saving ribbon and later even using smaller pieces.

Cut 36 inches - that should give you 7 inches spare at the end.

Lock onto the needle and start at the bottom. Lock the ribbon onto the back by making the first stitch and piercing the end of the ribbon less than 1/2 inch from the end. Then continue with the top -over stitch.

See the blue direction arrows of this easy step stitch. Loose is better - keep the ribbon flat.





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7. Sea Coral #184 finishing touch 2 ply double wrap French Knots. They are positioned under the yellow tent stitch and switch directions. See diagram.

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