

At the Ball Park



General Instructions:

- To keep work taut, stretcher bars or scroll bars are highly recommended.
- Start all threads with a waste knot on top of canvas; end all threads by weaving them into the back of existing work. Avoid carrying threads across the back of unstitched canvas.
- When using the variegated thread, you stitch with 1 ply of the 4-ply cotton. Cut a length of thread, then separate it into 4 plies; but stitch with only 1 ply.
- When using the solid color Pebbly Perle, stitch with the whole strand.
- Before attaching canvas to stretcher bars or scroll bars, mark your starting point in the center of canvas.
- When using metallic ribbons or braids, cut and stitch with shorter pieces to avoid fraying.
- NOTE: Each LINE on the graphs represents one THREAD of the canvas.

Stitching Instructions:

Diamond Mound: Find and mark the center of your canvas. Count up (or down) to stitch the large Rhodes Star that creates the center "mound", using 1 ply of the variegated 4-ply Overture V103. With 1 strand of the gold Treasure Braid HG81, stitch the 4 Double Crosses at the top, bottom, and sides of the large Rhodes Star. Fill in with Rhodes Squares alternating between Treasure Braid HG81 and Overture V103.

Narrow Green Borders: Count out from tips of the small Rhodes Squares to Straight Stitch all the dark green border lines, using 1 strand of Pebbly Perle P56.

Infield Areas: Inside the first set of green borders, work the green fans with 1 strand of Neon Rays+ NP105. After all four of the green fans are stitched, fill in the "infield" areas with long Diagonal Satin Stitches using 1 ply of the variegated Overture V103. [Add beads after all stitching is done.]

Running the Bases: Inside the second set of green borders, work a diagonal row of Double Crosses, alternating variegated Crosses with gold Crosses. Stitch the variegated Double Crosses with 1 ply of Overture V103; stitch the gold Crosses with 1 strand of Treasure Braid HG81.

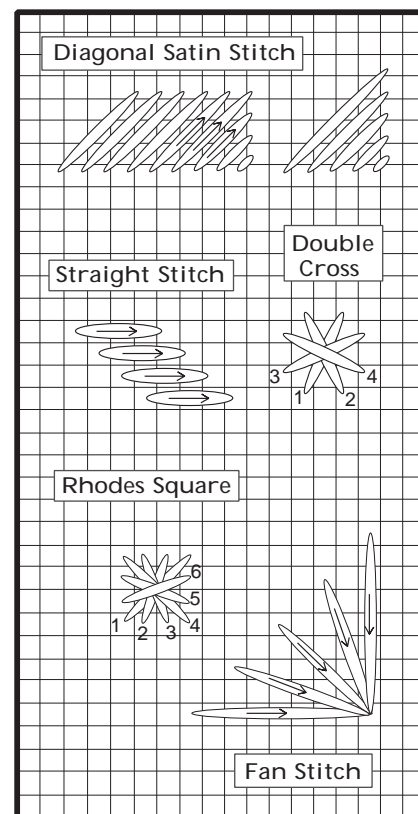
Outfield Areas: Work the outfield areas in Diagonal Satin Stitches, using 1 ply of the variegated Overture V103. Create the green Fan Stitches with 1 strand of Neon Rays+ NP105. [Add beads after all stitching is done.]

Wide Outer Border: Diagonal Satin Stitch the wide outer border, going over five threads of canvas, with 1 strand of Pebbly Perle P56. *NOTE: The border stitch direction changes in each quadrant of the design.* At the border centers, stitch the inset triangles with 1 strand of Neon Rays+ NP105, adding gold accent stitches with 1 strand of Treasure Braid HG81. Work Fan Stitch corners with 1 strand of Neon Rays+ NP105, adding the gold accent stitches with 1 strand of Treasure Braid HG81. [Add beads after all stitching is done.]

Finishing Touches: Add some beads - I've shown a few places to put beads on the main graph.

Finishing Ideas: This small square design can be inset in a pillow; put on a box top; set on point and made into an ornament; or put in a small frame. Have fun with it!

These are the different stitches used in this design:








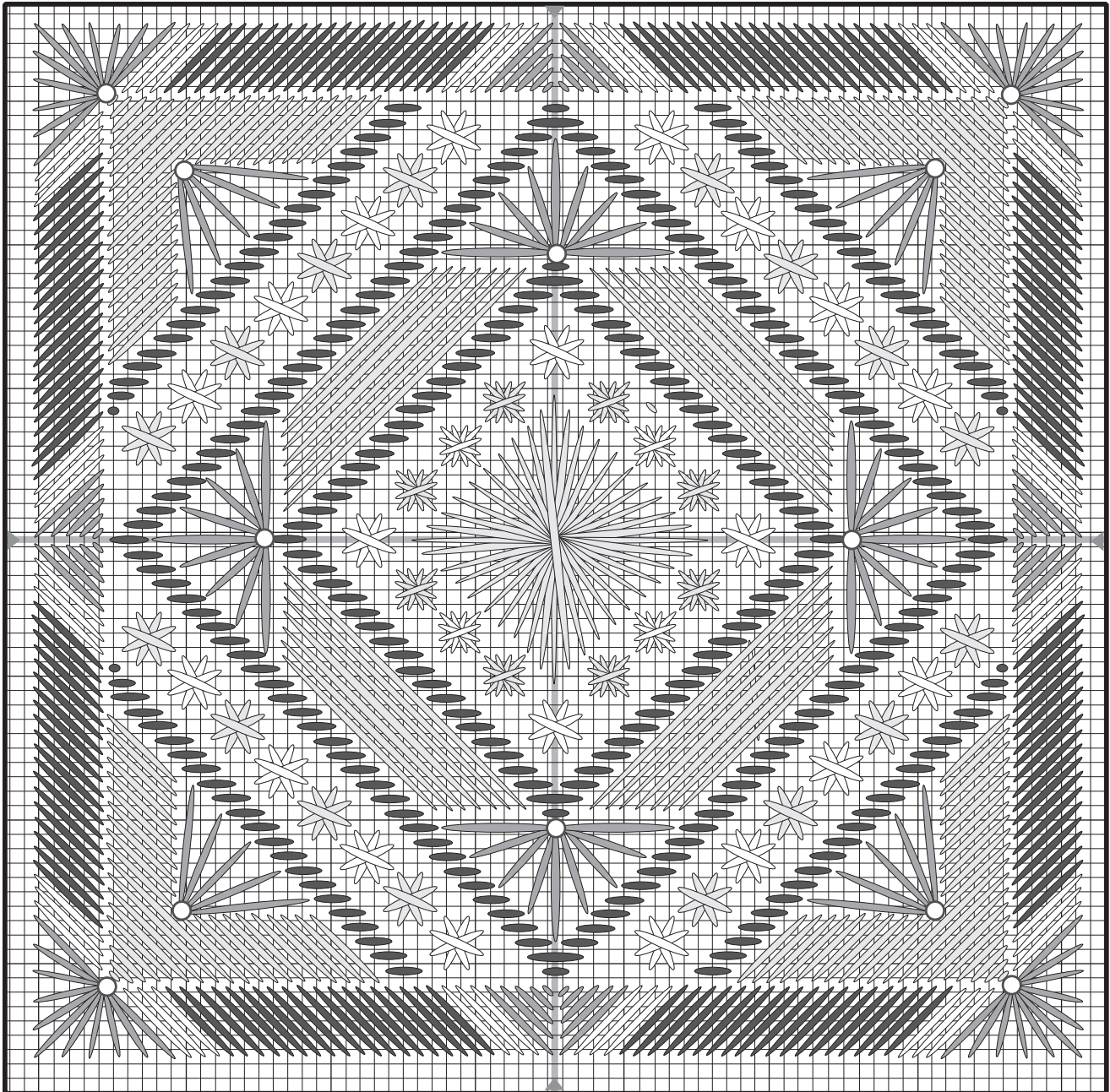
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Symbol	Materials	Design
	Overture (a 4-ply cotton), V103 - "Emeralds"	Count: 72h x 72w threads Size: 18 ct: 4"h x 4"w (Cut canvas at least 8" x 8")
	Pebble Perle, P56 - Christmas green	
	Neon Rays+, NP105 - Christmas green	<i>This design can be done in lots of different thread colors, on lots of different canvas colors. Use pale, bright or dark thread colors on light, medium or dark canvas. Pick your variegated thread first, then match one solid color and two types of metallic threads to it. Have fun playing with this design!</i>
	Treasure Braid (8 strand), HG81 - gold	
	OPTIONAL: gold beads	
	#22 tapestry needle 8" x 8" 18 ct. mono canvas, eggshell	



NOTE: Each LINE on this graph represents ONE thread of the canvas.