

SHELL PATTERN ROLL-UP ORNAMENT^{©1994}

A Loretta Spears Design for Rainbow Gallery



Materials

7" x 7"—#18 Aquamarina Mono Canvas
7" x 7"—Stretcher Bars
#22 & #24 Tapestry Needles
1 card—Rainbow Linen (R437-Turquoise)
1 card—Tiara™ (T118-Gold)

Alternate Color Scheme:

Levantine Blue Canvas
1 card—Rainbow Linen (R448-Blue)
1 card—Tiara™ (T117-White Pearl)

White Canvas
1 card—Rainbow Linen (R402-White)
1 card—Tiara™ (T118-Gold)

Lavendula Canvas
1 card—Rainbow Linen (R408-Lavender)
1 card—Tiara™ (T121-Lilac)

Canvas must be mounted on stretcher bars.

1. Using Rainbow Linen begin pattern after measuring 1½" in and up from lower right side of canvas. Work diagonal from this point to the upper left top, working 11 shell stitches. NOTE: you will be working from the top of the stitch into the same hole. All stitches for each shell go into the same hole. You will pull on each stitch when your needle is on the surface of the canvas. You have to enlarge the hole so that all the stitches will lay side by side in the hole. You will repeat this stitch over the entire canvas. In row 2 you will have 9 shell patterns, row 3 will have 7 patterns, etc. until you are at 1. Work upper half the same. Fill compensating stitches around the outside edges of the design.
2. Using Tiara work the small stitches beside the shell stitch. You will again begin at the lower right of the design and work diagonal to the upper left again. Repeat this over the entire canvas. You will pull the same as you did on the shell stitch, when you are on the surface of the canvas. Work in opposite direction from the top to the bottom of the canvas. Begin at upper right and work to lower left.
3. FINISHING—Trim canvas to ½" from stitching all around. Roll up needlepoint, folding under one side of the canvas and leaving the other lay flat. Hand stitch edges together making sure all rows are aligned and the two edges fit tightly together. Cut 2 cardboard or poster board circles 1½" in diameter. Cover with fabric. Cut fabric slightly larger than the cardboard circle and notch all around, fold excess over and glue in place. At this time sew a fine gold thread through the center of the top for a hanger and attach a tassel on the other cardboard if desired. Open seam that holds needlepoint rolled up and turn down the canvas around the top. Sew in place by taking tiny invisible stitches all around. Turn upside down and stuff with fiber; fill very tight. Stuff with small amounts at a time and pack firmly with a wooden spoon handle. Turn under bottom edge before stuffing gets in the way, stuff tightly, sew bottom piece in place, about half way around, pack more stuffing and close.

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