**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 Pebble 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.

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**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 Pebble 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 Pebble 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!

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# At the Ball Park

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<td>Pebbly Perle, P56 - Christmas green</td>
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<td>Neon Rays+, NP105 - Christmas green</td>
<td>(Cut canvas at least 8&quot; x 8&quot;)</td>
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<td>Treasure Braid (8 strand), HG81 - gold</td>
<td>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. <strong>Pick your variegated thread first, then match one solid color and two types of metallic threads to it. Have fun playing with this design!</strong></td>
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**NOTE:** Each LINE on this graph represents ONE thread of the canvas.