Spring Flower Bed



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 Grandeur, 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 represent one THREAD of the canvas.

These are the different stitches used in this design:

Stitching Instructions:

Center Block: Find and mark the center of your canvas. From the center of your canvas, Fan Stitch the "petals" of the central flower - going DOWN into the center - with 1 ply of the 4-ply Overture V43. Add 4 more stitches between first Fan Stitches with 1 strand of Treasure Braid Petite PB202. Next, put smaller Fan Stitch "petals" between larger petals, using 1 strand of Neon Rays+ NP15. Add a Large Cross on top with 1 strand of Grandeur G814. [Add beads after all stitching is done.]

Diamond Borders: Count out from tips of large central flower to begin working diamond-shaped border lines in Straight Stitches with 1 strand of Grandeur G814. Count outwards again to stitch the second and slightly larger diamond border.

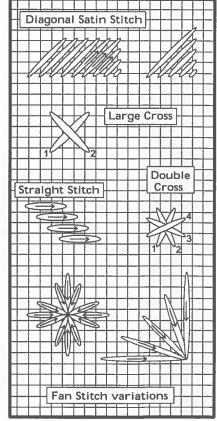
Pink & Peach Fans: Inside the set of diamond borders, work the pink fans first with 1 strand of Neon Rays+ NP15. After all the pink fans are stitched, fill in the rest of the area with the finer peach fans, using 1 strand of Treasure Braid Petite PB202.

Four Flower Beds: Work the flower beds by Fan Stitching the variegated "flowers" with 1 ply of the 4-ply Overture V43. Place a Large Cross on top, using 1 strand of Treasure Braid Petite PB202. Next, stitch the smaller Double Cross "flowers" using 1 strand of Neon Rays+ NP15.

Wide Outer Border: Diagonal Satin Stitch the wide outer border, going over five threads of canvas, with 1 strand of Grandeur G814. 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+ NP15, and add accent stitches with 1 strand of Treasure Braid Petite PB202. Work Fan Stitch corners with 1 strand of Neon Rays+ NP15, adding the peach accent stitches with 1 strand of Treasure Braid Petite PB202.

[OPTIONAL: Add some beads - of your own color choice - wherever you want. 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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Symbol	Materials	Design
	Overture (a 4-ply cotton), V43 - "Hacienda"	Count: 72h x 72w threads Size: 18 ct: 4"h x 4"w
	Grandeur, G814 - rose	(Cut canvas at least 8" x 8")
	Neon Rays+, NP15 - rose pink	This design can be done in lots of
	Treasure Braid Petite, PB202 - peach	different thread colors, on lots of different canvas colors. Use pale,
0	OPTIONAL: beads of your choice	bright or dark thread colors on light, medium or dark canvas. Pick your
	#22 tapestry needle	variegated thread first, then match one solid color and two types of
	8" x 8" 18 ct. mono canvas, rose blush (or eggshell)	metallic threads to it. Have fun playing with this designl

