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.

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!

These are the different stitches used in this design:

Diagonal Satin Stitch
Large Cross
Straight Stitch
Double Cross
Fan Stitch variations

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<td>Overture (a 4-ply cotton), V43 - &quot;Hacienda&quot;</td>
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<td>Grandeur, G814 - rose</td>
<td>Size: 18 ct. 4&quot;h x 4&quot;w</td>
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<td>Neon Rays+, NP15 - rose pink</td>
<td>(Cut canvas at least 8&quot; x 8&quot;)</td>
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<td>Treasure Braid Petite, PB202 - peach</td>
<td><strong>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!</strong></td>
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<td>8&quot; x 8&quot; 18 ct. mono canvas, rose blush</td>
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*NOTE: Each line on this graph represents ONE thread of the canvas.*