

BANDED CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

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Materials needed:

- Kreinik Metallic Gift Collection #2: Christmas
- 28-count Ivory Jobelan from Wichelt Imports (a 10" x 10" piece)
- DMC embroidery floss: 319
- For finishing: Stik 'N Puffs 3" oval (or similar)

Stitch Count: 47w x 50h

Stitches used: Couching, Cross stitch, Long-Arm Cross, Cable Chain Stitch, Smyrna Variation, French Knot, Algerian Eye, Rice Stitch

Stitching Instructions:

Each square on the chart represents TWO fabric threads. Having fabric mounted onto a 6" hoop or Q-snap, center and stitch design as instructed on color key. Work all bands of stitching. Couch Torsade last.

Finishing Instructions:

In addition to the stitched design and the Stik 'N Puffs (with instructions), you will need one 6" square of backing fabric, 1/2 yard of purchased trim and one 3" matching tassel. You will also need thick white glue, straight pins and scissors.

Finish according to manufacturer's instructions provided with Stik N Puffs. However, cut fabric slightly larger than provided pattern. Do not cut Torsade. Allow ends of Torsade to extend slightly beyond pattern points; to be tucked to inside of ornament. Hanger is an 8" length of Kreinik 1/16" ribbon 002 Gold; loop extending 2 1/4" above top of ornament.

Color Key:

BAND ONE

For flourish: lay Fine (#8) Braid 009 Emerald and couch with one strand DMC 319.

BAND TWO

Long-arm cross: thread two needles, one of each color, Very Fine (#4) Braid 008 Green (green lines), Fine (#8) Braid 003 Red (red lines).

BAND THREE

Cable Chain Stitch (1x) using Very Fine (#4) Braid 002 Gold.

BAND FOUR

Lay the Torsade and couch with one strand Cord 003C Red. Conceal the 003C in twists of Torsade. Allow ends of Torsade to extend; to be finished inside of ornament. Keep ends of Torsade taped to prevent raveling.

BAND FIVE

(It may be helpful to create the trees before working bands five and six.) French knots with Very Fine (#4) Braid 002 Gold, wrapped once. The star is created with Very Fine (#4) Braid 002 Gold in a Smyrna Cross Variation: first form vertical and horizontal Straight Stitches, then Cross Stitch over center.

BAND SIX

Algerian Eyelet with Cord 003C Red (one strand).

BAND SEVEN

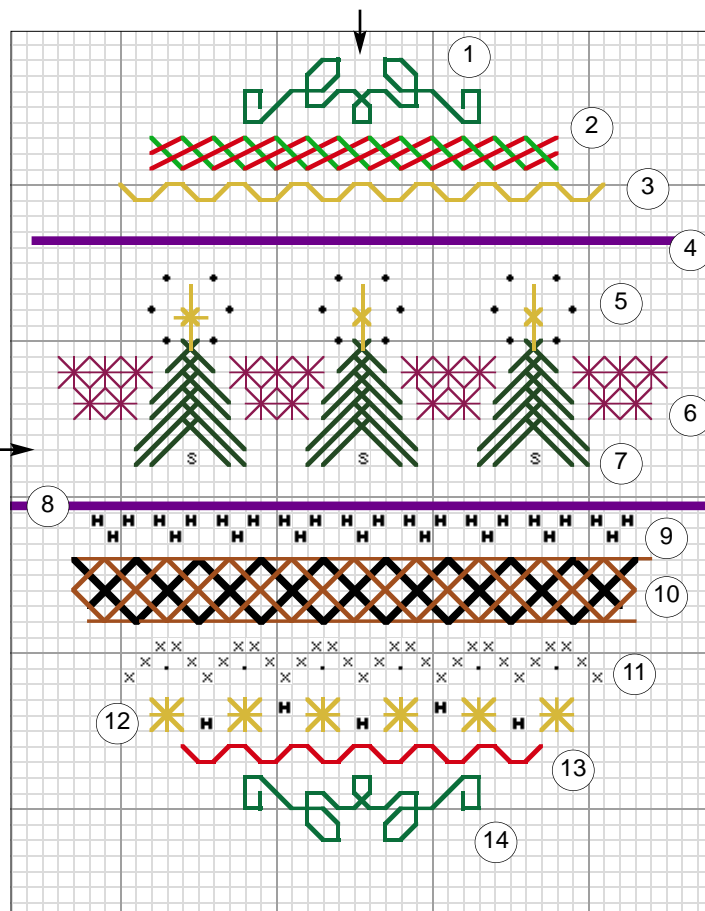
Create trees with two strands of DMC 319 (lay strands parallel for maximum neatness) in straight stitch. Cross stitch (symbol 's') with one strand Very Fine (#4) Braid 002 Gold.

BAND EIGHT

Same as band four.

BAND NINE

Cross stitch (the 'H' symbol) with one strand Fine (#8) Braid 003 Red.



BAND TEN

Rice Stitch band: lay 1/16" Ribbon 002 Gold first (black lines). Then work brown lines with Ombre, on top of the ribbon. Backstitch across top of band, working from right to left, then across bottom of band from left to right using the Ombre.

BAND ELEVEN

Cross stitch with Fine (#8) Braid 009 Emerald (the 'x' symbol), and French knot with Very Fine (#4) Braid 008 Green.

BAND TWELVE

Algerian Eyelet with one strand Very Fine (#4) Braid 002 Gold, cross stitch ('H' symbol) with Fine (#8) Braid 003 Red (1x).

BAND THIRTEEN

Cable Chain Stitch with one strand Fine (#8) Braid 003 Red.

BAND FOURTEEN

Same as band one.