Diamonds in Winter

a needlepoint pin by Dakota Rogers Materials Needed:

Kreinik Silk Serica color 5091 Ice Blue for background Kreinik Fine (#8) Braid color 001 Silver for Smyrna Cross border Kreinik Medium (#16) Braid color 001 Silver or Kreinik Facets in Silver for wandering embellishment Kreinik Cord 001 Silver for couching 24-ct white Congress Cloth, about 5 inches square

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Stretch Congress cloth onto stretcher bars.
- Stitch the double border of Smyrna Crosses with Fine (#8) Braid 001 Silver.

• Fill the framed area with 5091 Silk Serica in diamond stitch background. Use Silk Serica as it comes,

straight from the reel; do not separate into plies.

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• Finally, wander the Medium (#16) Braid or Facets over the silk thread diamonds, couching in curly-qs frequently with Cord 001 Silver to anchor the braid in place.

To finish as a pin, trim fabric to within 1/4 inch of design edge. Turn under, toward back, mitering the edges. Cut a piece of ultrasuede or velvet the size of your pin and attach. Sew on a pinback, and wear it proudly!

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