Tropical Fish pin

Designed by Mary Cosgrove

Materials needed:
- QuickCount® 10-count plastic canvas by Uniek
- Kreinik Heavy (#32) Braid in 008 Green, 033 Royal Blue
- Kreinik 1/8" Ribbon in 051F Tangerine, 053F Lime, 054F Lemon Lime, 052HL Bronze Hi Lustre
- DMC embroidery floss in 608 Bright Orange-Red, 996 Electric Blue
- Fabri-Tac™ Permanent Adhesive by Beacon™
- Scissors
- Plastic canvas needle (No. 18)
- Backing material such as fabric, perforated paper, card stock
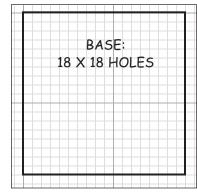- Pinback

Instructions:
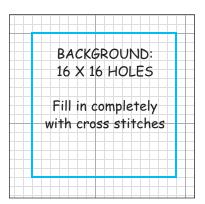
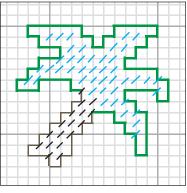1. Cut canvas according to graphs, and as follows:
   BASE: 18 x 18 holes   PALM TREE: 14 x 13 holes
   BACKGROUND: 16 x 16 holes   FISH: 6 x 6 holes

2. Using three strands of Electric Blue DMC, work the background piece completely in cross stitches. Overcast the edges with Electric Blue using two stitches per hole.

3. Work the palm tree in Kreinik Lime and Bronze 1/8" Ribbon continental stitches. Overcast the edges of top of palm tree with Heavy (#32) Braid Green, bottom with Bronze 1/8" Ribbon. Work fish in Tangerine 1/8" Ribbon in reversed continental and straight stitches. Using six strands of Bright Orange-Red DMC floss, overcast edges of fish. Add a Bronze 1/8" Ribbon French Knot for the fish's eye at the black dot.

4. Holding background piece like a diamond, place the palm tree in the top corner of the background, and tack the bottom leaves on each side with Green Heavy Braid. Place the fish to the right with the tail on the trunk of the palm tree and tack with three strands of Bright Orange-Red along the bottom edge and tail.

5. Using three strands of Electric Blue DMC floss, whipstitch the background to the unstitched base, leaving one hole around all edges.

6. Overcast edges of base with Lemon-Lime 1/8" Ribbon.

7. Cut an 8-inch piece of Royal Blue Heavy Braid. Glue with Fabri-Tac™ to background, below palm tree and fish, tacking at intervals while twirling/winding ribbon to make curly loops for "rolling sea waves." Glue backing material to back of pin. Glue pinback to center of backing material.
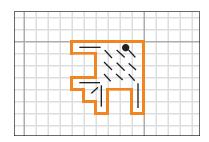
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BACKGROUND: 16 X 16 HOLES

Fill in completely with cross stitches

PALM TREE: 14 x 13
— 053F 1/8" Ribbon
— 052HL 1/8" Ribbon

FISH: 6 X 6 HOLES
—— 051F 1/8" Ribbon