

Northern Lights Ornament



This is a fun needlepoint ornament that combines several craft techniques: stitching, painting, and gluing. Sound like a fun kind of adult kindergarten? Now it's called Mixed Media.

Materials needed:

- Kreinik 1/16" Ribbon in colors 1432, 032, 101, and 4206
- #24 Tapestry needle
- 14-count white perforated paper (Wichelt Imports)
- From a craft store: round wooden unfinished ornament, round polar bear cut-out unfinished wooden ornament, white craft paint (we got ours from Michael's Arts & Crafts), paint brush, glue
- Kreinik 4" x 6" double-sided Treasure Tape

Instructions

1. Lay the cut-out ornament on your perforated paper and trace the outside of the circle. This will be your boundary line for stitching, where you will cut your paper later.

2. Paint your ornament base (the blank wooden circle) and the front of the cut-out ornament with the white paint. Let dry.

3. This pattern is a Bargello stitch worked in rows of Kreinik 1/16" Ribbon. Lay the ribbon flat as you stitch for uniform texture.

a. Start with a color of 1/16" Ribbon, your choice. In the diagram at right, come up at 1, count down four squares and go down at 2, come up at 3, count down four squares and go down at 4, etc.

b. With your next color of 1/16" Ribbon, follow the diagram at right. Come up at a, count down four squares and go down at b, come up at c, count down four squares and go down at d, etc.

c. Continue working in rows with your four colors of Ribbon. We chose: Row 1: 032 Pearl, Row 2: 1432 Blue Ice, Row 3: 101 Platinum, Row 4: 4206 Moth Orchid

d. Compensate as needed around the edges. Don't stitch too close to the edge where you will be cutting later.

4. Trim stitchery so that it fits beneath the wooden cut-out. Attach stitchery to the wooden base using the double-sided Treasure Tape. Attach wooden cut-out on top using glue.

5. Use extra 1/16" Ribbon to make an ornament hanger.

