

Silkberry

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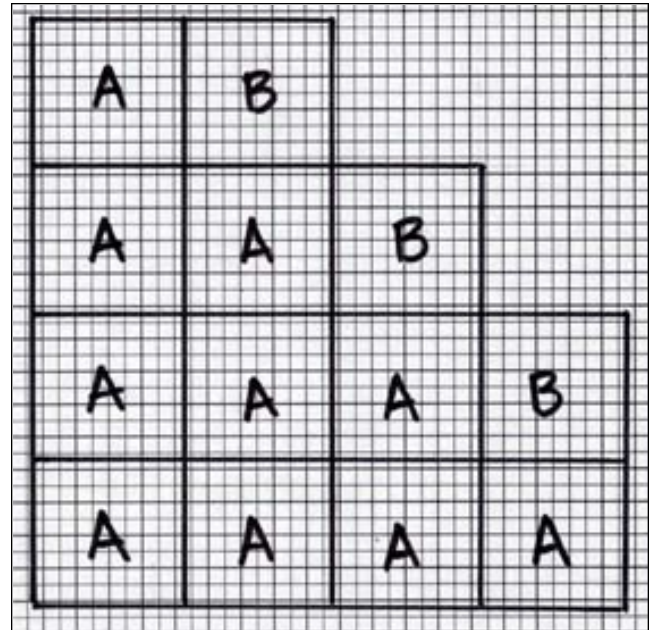
This adorable needlepoint design, a strawberry scissors charm, can be made so quickly, you'll want to make several for gifts. It's also a fun project for a monthly group meeting, guild chapter, women's group, craft club, or in-store class. The Silk Mori and Silk Serica makes it lusciously rich looking!

Materials needed:

- 5m skeins of Kreinik Silk Mori in colors 1057 and 4036
- 10m spools of Kreinik Silk Serica in colors 1057, 2024, and 4036
- Zweigart 18-ct white interlock canvas, 6" x 9"
- #24 Tapestry needle
- laying tool like a Bent Weaver's Needle or Tekobari
- stretcher bars, 1 pair each: 6" and 9"
- Fiberfill or cotton balls
- Tacky™ Glue

General Information:

Use 3-ply of Silk Mori (plied) and single strands of Silk Serica (unplied) throughout. For maximum sheen, use a laying tool when working with Silk Mori and maintain a consistent twist when stitching with Silk Serica. Work two motifs on canvas (for the strawberry front and back), leaving 1" between each strawberry.



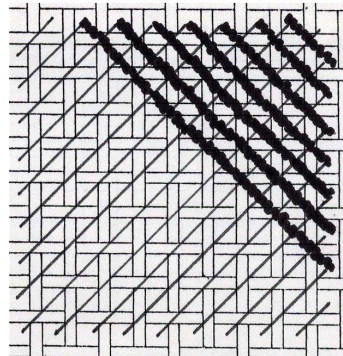
Instructions:

1. Tape the edges of your canvas so that the silk won't snag; mount on stretcher bars. Following the main chart and individual stitch diagrams, begin stitching 2" from the top left side of stretcher bars. This will ensure stitching room for both motifs.

2. Work waffle stitches in "A" areas of the main chart. Use #1057 Mori for stitches 1 through 12 and 1057 Serica for stitches 13-36. Place a French knot in the center of each waffle stitch with #2024 Serica.

3. Work crossed corner diamond stitch in "B" areas of the main chart. First use #4036 Mori to stitch diamonds. then work crossed corners over diamonds using #4036 Silk Serica.

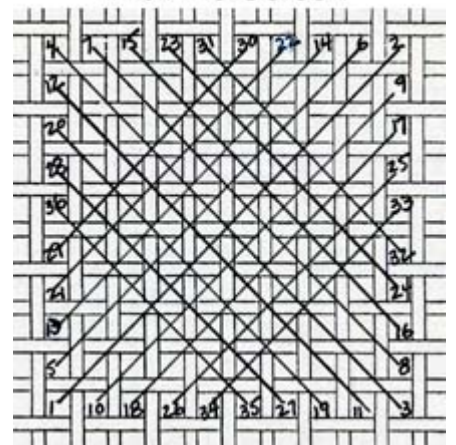
Crossed Corner



Crossed Corner Diamond



Waffle stitch



To finish as a scissors charm:

Spread glue over 2nd-4th meshes beyond stitchery on all edges of each strawberry motif. Let dry. Cut out each strawberry between 4th and 5th meshes. Fold all edges to wrong side, leaving 1 mesh exposed; clip and miter as necessary. With wrong sides together, overcast outside "A" areas with #1057 Mori. Leaving top center seam open, join edges of "B" areas between diamonds with #4036 Mori, this will shape the strawberry top and make crossed corners fan out into a lacy oval. Stuff with Fiberfill or cotton balls. Overcast top center seam. Make a twisted cord from remaining #4036 Silk Mori; knot ends together; glue to top. Pull loop through scissors; slip strawberry through loop.