

Snowman's Holiday

designed by lizzie kate • design size 62h x 32w

Materials

- Kreinik Tapestry (#12) Braid™ in colors listed in color key
- Cotton Embroidery Floss in colors listed in color key
- 10-count Stardust Heatherfield, about an 11" x 11" piece
- #22 Tapestry Needle

Color Key

	Anchor	DMC	Kreinik Tapestry (#12) Braid
◆ Emerald.....			009
◊ Star Yellow.....			091
⊗ Navy Blue.....	148.....	311	
✓ Pearl.....			032
✕ Orange Spice.....	324.....	721	
■ Christmas Red....	47.....	321	
White.....	2.....	blanc	

- French Knots for eyes & mouth using 2 strands black floss (DMC 310 or Anchor 403)
- Backstitch wand (of star) with 2 strands of black floss

Instructions

Cross this design over one thread, centered on the 10-count fabric. Use three strands of cotton floss for the cross stitched areas or one strand of Tapestry (#12) Braid according to the color key.

TIP: As a quick-and-easy threading technique, cut a small strip of paper and fold in half. Place the fold through the eye of the needle and open the two ends to insert the thread in between. Gently pull the paper through so the thread is brought with it (see diagram).

TIP: Use short lengths of thread—about 18 inches or less—to avoid excessive wear on the thread. (Shorter lengths are also easier to control, which reduces tangling.)

TIP: Let your needle hang frequently as you stitch—after every one or two stitches—to let the thread untwist. The way we twist the needle as we stitch, combined with the twist of the thread, often leads to frustrating knots. Let your needle hang frequently to return the thread to its natural twist.

About the tapestry braid

Kreinik's Tapestry (#12) Braid comes on an open/close snap spool. Both sides of the spool open; look for the side where the thread end is located. Insert your thumbnail under the cap, and rotate the spool while gently lifting the cap to release the thread. Snap the lid shut to secure the unused portion.

The magic of metallic threads

Do you ever think of your cross stitch creations as being an interplay of light and texture? That's exactly what you are creating when you use metallic threads next to

cotton floss. Each thread type has a different feel and appearance. When used next to matte cotton floss in a stitched project, metallic threads create elements of sparkling light and contrasting texture.

Metallic threads also add a sense of realism to needlework due to their ability to reflect light. Look at objects around you to notice which ones naturally reflect light: snow, dew, gemstones, patent-leather shoes, etc. Metallic threads help you realistically recreate these objects in needlework. You can create vibrant, true-to-life, visually exciting stitchery.

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