

Star Bright: An Ornament

Designed by Kathryn Holicky using Kreinik silk and metallic threads

Materials Needed:

- Kreinik Silk Mori® in 8000 Soft White
- Kreinik Very Fine #4 Braid™ in 002 Gold
- Kreinik Blending Filament™ in 002V Vintage Gold
- 5" square of Zweigart White 22-ct Hardanger fabric
- #24 Tapestry needle
- Optional: batting or pillow stuffing (small amount), Kreinik Custom Corder™ for making hanger, FrayCheck™ for treating fabric edges, white sewing thread for basting

Prep:

1. Do not stitch this ornament in a wooden hoop because it can distort the fabric. You want the fabric to stay true to size for finishing as a pillow ornament. If you need a frame to hold the fabric as you stitch, use a Q-Snap frame.
2. Make sure your hands are clean before stitching with white silk on white fabric.

Instructions:

1. Find the center of your 5" x 5" fabric piece where you will begin stitching. Stitch the design following the main chart and stitch directions. The design has 3 master charts. Step 1 shows silk stitches. Step 2 shows the #4 braid stitches with the previous worked silk stitches. Step 3 shows the filament stitches and all previous stitched areas faded. On all charts, come up on the odd number and down on the even number.
2. Use two strands of Silk Mori throughout. Use Blending Filament and #4 Braid as single ply threads, that is, just as they come off the spool.

Finishing as a pillow ornament:

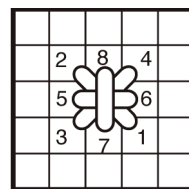
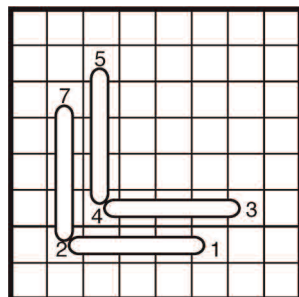
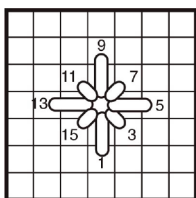
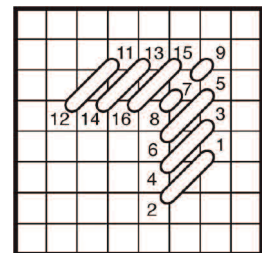
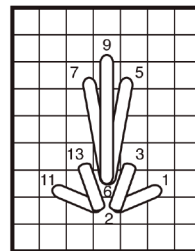
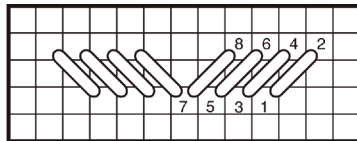
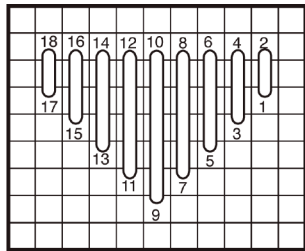
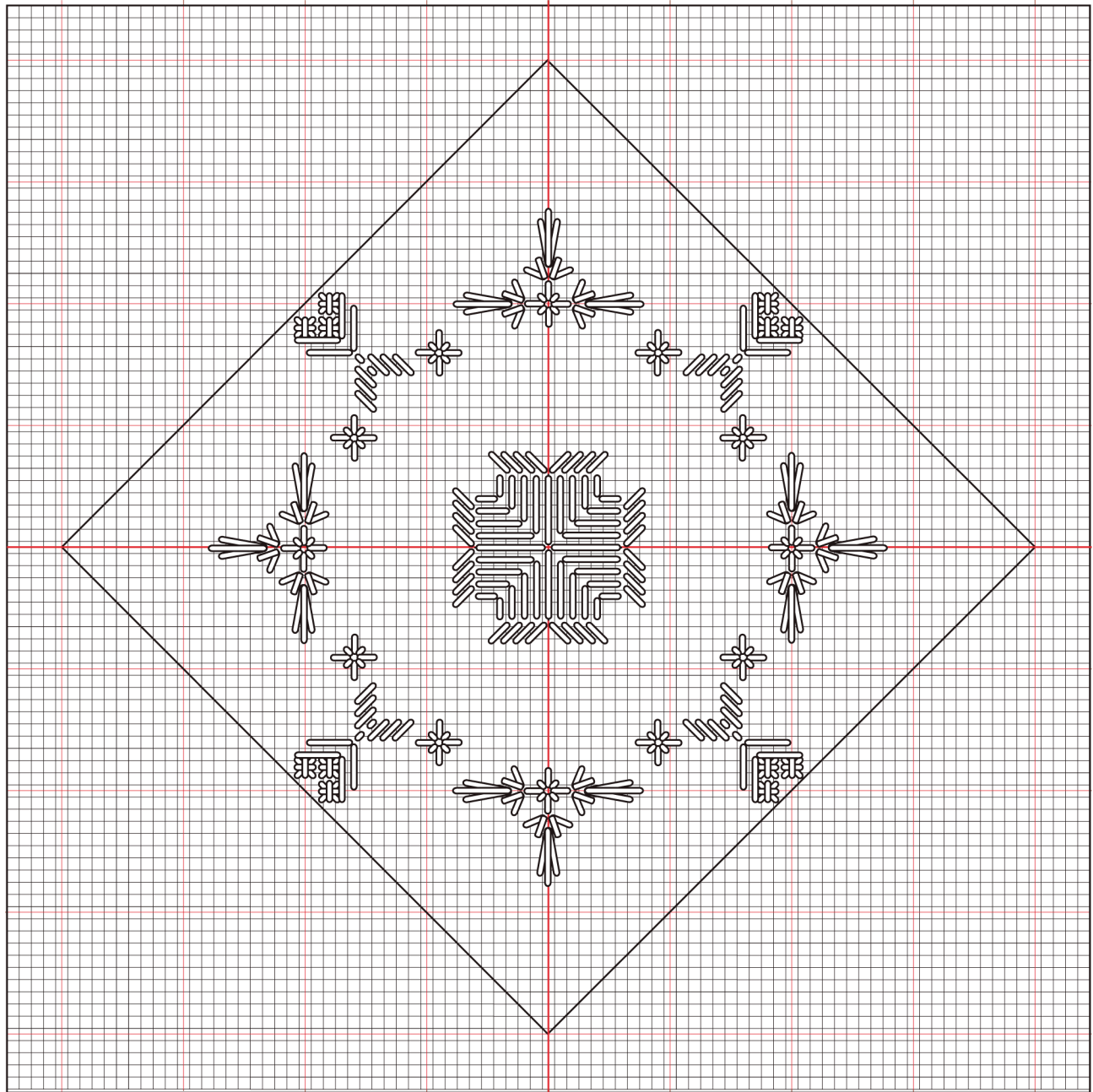
1. To make twisted cord: We recommend the Kreinik Custom Corder™ for the easiest way to make an ornament hanger. Check out videos on using the Corder at www.kreinik.com, and purchase a Corder through your local needlework store or www.kreinikmall.com. Follow the instructions that come with the tool to make your ornament hanger.
If you don't have a Custom Corder™: Cut a 36" length of gold Very Fine #4 Braid, extra silk thread, or any other fiber of your choice. Fold in half and tie a knot at each end. Hold an end in each hand, keep one end stationary and twist between your fingers with the other hand. Then take the center of the twist in your front teeth and slowly bring the two ends together forming a twisted cord. Then bring the two ends together again and tie a knot to complete the hanger.
2. The long diagonal lines on the chart show the fold line. When you have completed stitching the design, count up 5 threads from the intersection of the diagonal lines and trim fabric. Do this on all 4 sides. Use FrayCheck™ on all raw edges and let dry. When dry, turn under 5 threads and baste all 4 edges using white sewing thread or extra white silk thread. Bring left and right point together and stitch closed. Bring each point together to form the pillow. You can stuff the pillow with batting, add more stuffing to make it fluffier, or leave it as a flat square. Be sure to insert the hanger at one of the corners. Remove basting threads and plump the four sides for added shape.



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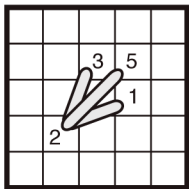
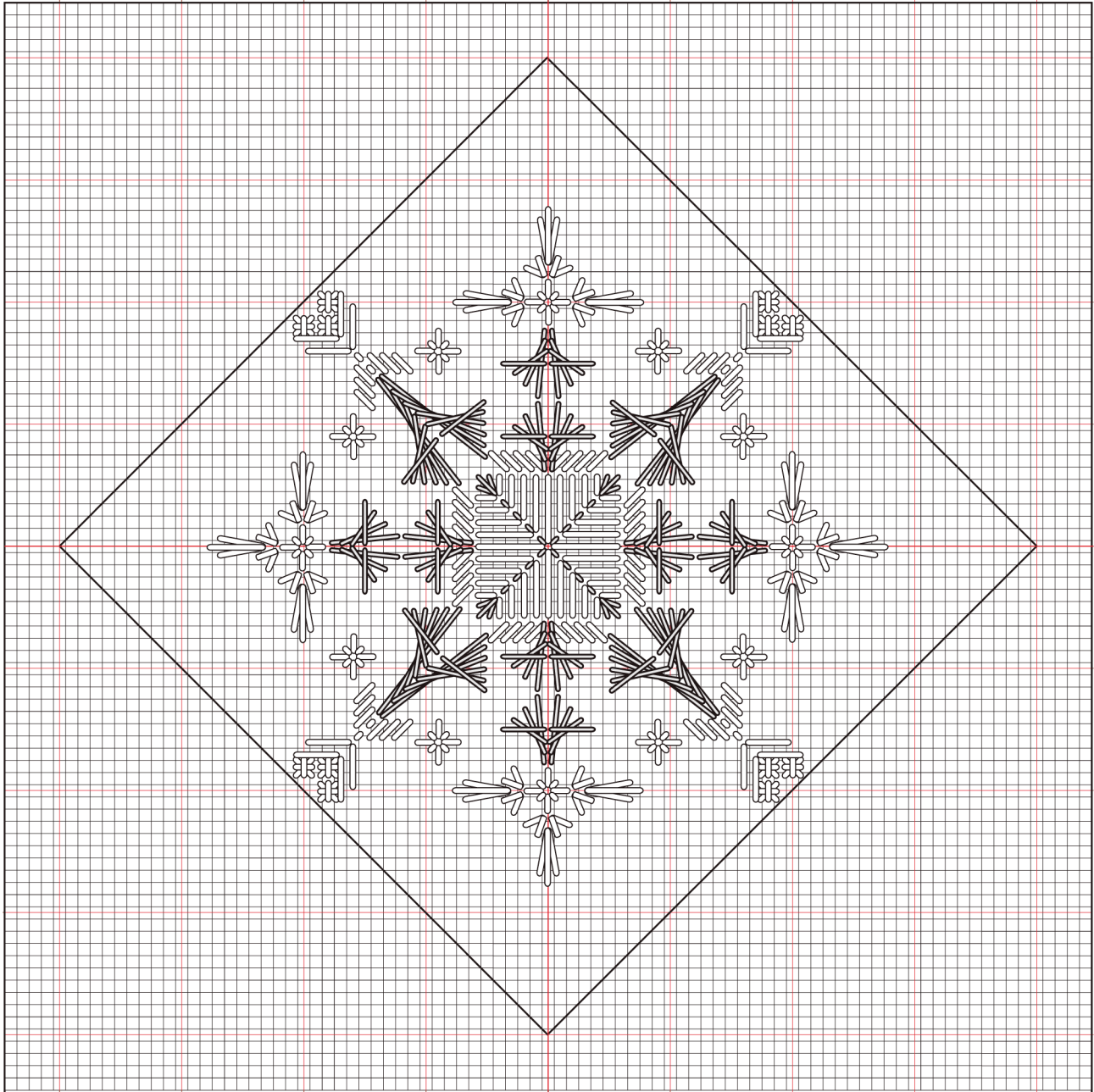
Ornament #2 step 1

Use 2ply Silk Mori 8000

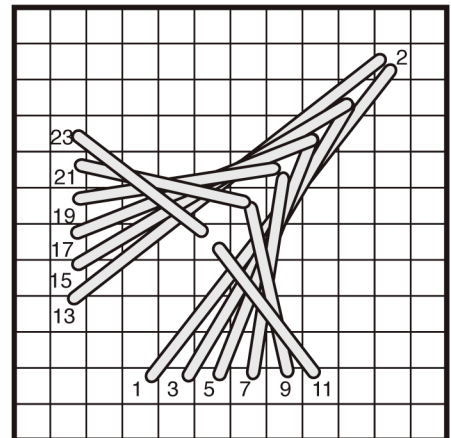
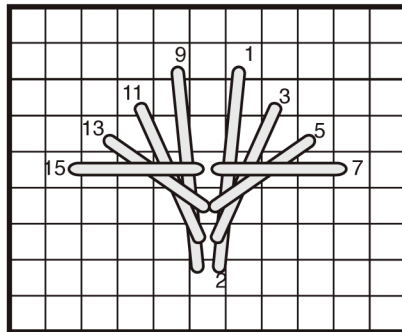


Ornament #2 step 2

Work in #4 Braid 002 Gold



Back stitch in center.



Ornament #2 step 3

Work in Blending Filament #002V

