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# **Materials Needed:**

- Kreinik Silk Serica 1119 Garnet, 2014 Medium Gold, 4037 Vy Dk Kelly Green, 4067 Vy Dk Holly
- 6'' × 6'' 24-ct Congress Cloth (white)
- #24 Tapestry needle
- thumb tacks or staples, batting for stuffing

# Instructions:

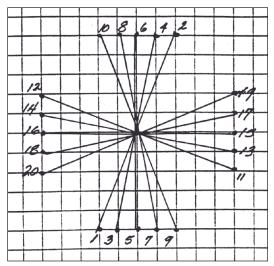
1. Start by stitching the border on all four sides using the Smyrna cross stitch with Silk Serica 4037. Then stitch the diamond within the border using the Scotch stitch with Silk Serica 2014.

# Maltese Cross Stitch

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2. Now find the center of your piece and stitch the Maltese cross using Silk Serica 1119.

### Smyrna cross (over four threads)



#### Scotch Stitch

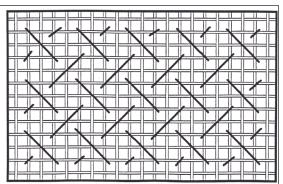
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3. Stitch the Sprat's Head trees around the center using Silk Serica 4067.

# Sprat's Head Stitch

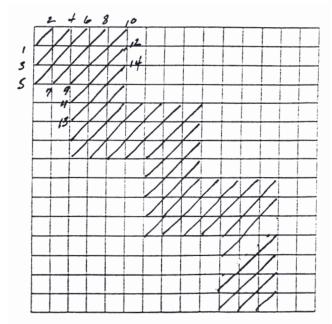
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T Stitch



4. You are now ready to stitch the lattice work between the trees and the diamond area using the T Stitch with Silk Serica 1119.

# **Bargello Stitch**



5. All that is left is the Bargello area for all four corners. With the first row, use Silk Serica 1119, second row use 4067, third row use 2014, fourth row use 4067, fifth row use 1119, and final corner use 2014. This stitch is a satin stitch. Stitch every other stitch when getting toward the end of your thread and then fill in with the new thread to eliminate having a stark start and stop look to your row.



6. Finishing: Cut the congress cloth to six threads out from the design area and fold under. Bring corner A to B with wrong sides together. using 4037, weave from the center fold to the corners picking up the stitched threads of the Smyrna crosses. Do the same for corners C and D. Now is the time to insert a tassel or bells at the bottom of your center fold between B and D. Stitch through your tassel leaving the top ends inside your ornament and then weave

to the corners. Finally, insert your hanging cord at the center fold between corners A and C, securing it well, and continue to weave back and

forth along this last side inserting batting into the corners and into the center of your ornament as you go. If your final intersection looks a bit messy, simply stitch a large cross stitch over the intersection a few times to cover it up.

Happy Stitching! Suzann



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