

Christmas Tree Pin

Painted Canvas Stitch Guide

Canvas by Kathy Schenkel, stitch guide by Kris Cheeks

design size: about 3 inches wide by 2.5 inches high

Needlepoint canvas designer Kathy Schenkel has some wonderful small canvases for quick-to-stitch gifts and home decor. We liked this evening snow scene for its serene beauty, and thought it would make a nice pin for your coat this winter. Use Mill Hill's heart charm and decorative bow pin for the easy finishing.

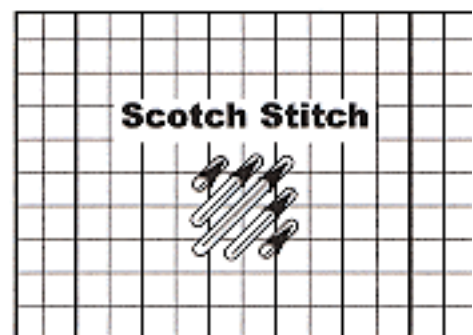
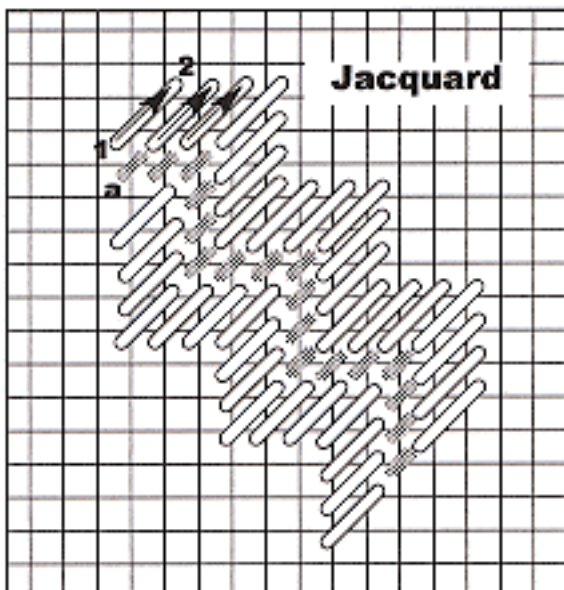


Materials needed:

- Kreinik Silk Serica in 5014 Medium Navy, 4063 Medium Holly, 8050 Black (one reel of each)
- Kreinik Tapestry (#12) Braid^a in 194 Pale Blue and 002HL Gold Hi Lustre
- Mill Hill Glass Seed Bead #02013 (red beads)
- KS Canvas number LP022 from Kathy Schenkel Designs
- Mill Hill Small Creative Heart Charm, and Gold Decorative Bow Pin

Instructions:

1. Cover the raw edges of the canvas to keep the silk from snagging, and put the canvas on stretcher bars using staples or thumb tacks.
2. Stitch the tree using tent stitch and Silk Serica 4063.
3. Stitch the star using tent stitch and #12 braid 002HL.
4. Stitch the snow on the tree using tent stitch and #12 Braid 194.
5. Stitch the trunk using Silk Serica 8050 in Scotch stitch.
6. Stitch the background using Silk Serica 4063 using the Jacquard stitch.
7. Using a #10 crewel needle, attach Mill Beads for red garland. Run the thread through the beads twice so that they lay straight on the canvas.
8. For wearable accessory, mount on the heart-shaped charm from Mill Hill, attaching their Decorative Bow Pin to turn it into a pin.



About the designer

Kathy Schenkel brings a unique combination of talents together in her stitch-painted canvases. Each design reflects her education in graphic design, her love of stitching, and her hands-on experience in needlepoint finishing. Her canvases are simple, straightforward and easy to stitch; they are perfect for experimenting with different techniques and fibers without being intimidating or daunting.

A dimensional approach to canvas is evident in some of her most popular designs, such as the roll-ups, packages, and slippers. She also has stand-up Santas, shoes and boots, mittens, plus Halloween and Thanksgiving themes.

Special note: Check with your local needlepoint shop for the LP022 canvas used here, but Kathy has also provided the following retailers as sources for her lapel pin canvases:

1. Needlepoint of LaJolla in La Jolla, California, 858-454-0082
2. City Stitcher in Chicago, Illinois, 312-664-5499
3. Needleworman East in Falls Church, Virginia, 703-241-0316
4. Chaparral Needlework in Houston, Texas, 713-621-7562
5. NeedleNook in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, 724-238-7874