

Time for Tea ... AND SILK GAUZE EMBROIDERY

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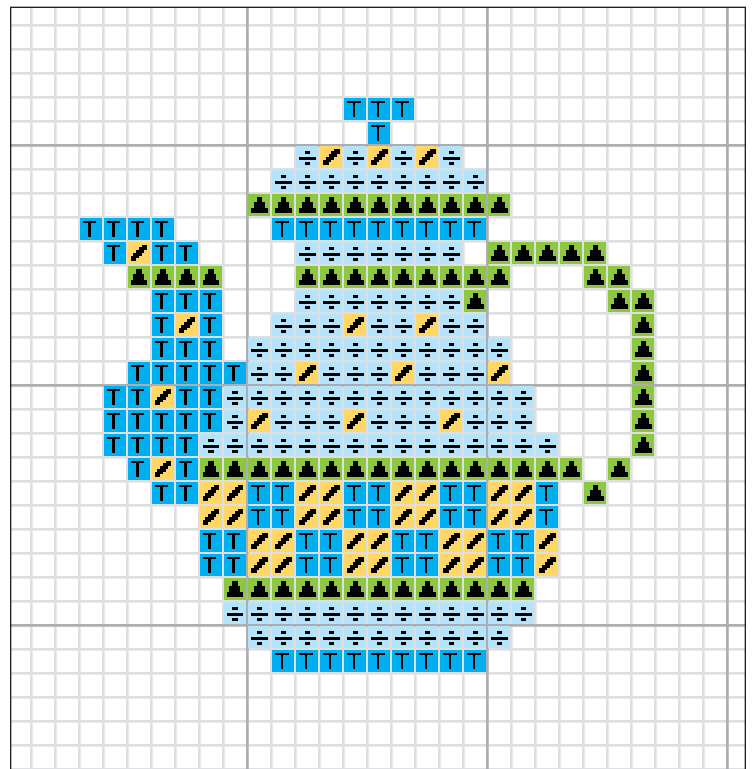
Materials used:

- Kreinik 40-count pure silk gauze
- Kreinik Silk Mori®, a spun silk thread with a creamy, deep sheen
- optional: Kreinik Blending Filament® 091 Star Yellow metallic thread for light play and color
- #28 Tapestry needle
- embroidery scissors

Instructions:

Stitch this design over one thread on your piece of framed silk gauze using tent or continental stitch. Use one strand of silk or metallic following the color key. Each square on the chart equals one fabric intersection on your gauze. Optional: stitch the background in white silk, using tent stitch or a specialty stitch for added fun.

Finish by inserting in a jewelry finding (brooch or pendant), ornament frame, or a tiny picture frame (ideal for doll house models).



Stitching tips

Sharp scissors, the right size needle, and good lighting can make stitching on silk gauze a breeze. If the gauze size is too small for the naked eye, use a magnifier. A dark piece of cloth behind your work makes the holes of the silk gauze 'pop' and you can see the threads that need to be covered.

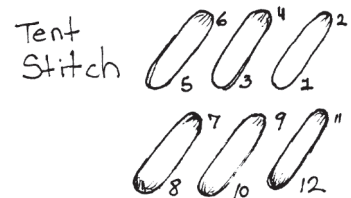
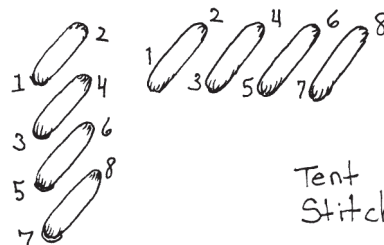
Starting at the top or bottom of a chart makes it easier to keep your place on the chart while stitching. Rather than starting, stopping, and clipping threads when you change colors, leave colors you aren't using to be hidden under other stitches, and thus 'travel' to the next stitched area.

When stitching on silk gauze, a neat back is especially important. When starting a thread, try to use an 'away waste knot' to begin. You may sometimes be able to end a thread using this same technique, resulting in less bulk on the back of your work. When ending threads by 'running' under stitches, use caution so that the tension of the stitches is not changed.

- T** Silk Mori 5095 Md. Dk. Royal Blue in tent stitch
- ▲** Silk Mori 4033 Lt Kelly Green in tent stitch
- ▢** Silk Mori 5073 Lt Country Blue in tent stitch
- ▨** Silk Mori 2013 Lt. Gold in tent stitch

Optional: Add highlights to the Lt. Gold area with Blending Filament 091. Use 8000 Soft White for the background, stitching an area as large as you desire.

Continental





What is silk gauze?

Silk gauze is a 100% pure filament silk canvas. The silk threads are fine but very strong. Silk gauze is woven in a leno structure, which increases the stability of the canvas. Leno weave actually interlocks the weft threads making it almost impossible for them to shift.

When to stitch on silk gauze?

Stitch on fine counts of silk gauze anytime you want a small, delicate piece of needlework. Miniaturists and doll house enthusiasts enjoy silk gauze needlepoint pieces because you can achieve realistic looking items. For example, doll house rugs, pillows, pictures, and bell pulls can be stitched to scale: 40-count silk gauze is perfect for 1-inch to 1-foot scale.

Silk gauze work is also now popular among needlepointers looking for something different to stitch on or for making detailed embroidery like jewelry.

How do you stitch on silk gauze?

The first step in stitching on silk gauze is choosing a project. Almost any charted cross stitch design can be used for silk gauze needlepoint. Designs without quarter stitches, blended colors, backstitches, or elaborate color changes make the most successful silk gauze needlepoint projects. You stitch over one thread on silk gauze.

Continental (or tent) stitch is the appropriate stitch for silk gauze because it makes for a smooth, even silk gauze needlework. Also, it is easier to stitch tent through such petite holes. The use of tent stitch, for example, will have a maximum of two threads in a hole whereas cross stitch could have as many as four stitches per hole. Generally, you stitch with silk threads on silk gauze.

Needle sizes for silk gauze

GAUZE COUNT — NEEDLE SIZE — KREINIK THREAD TO USE

18	20 tapestry	6 strands of Silk Mori; 1 strand of Canvas #24 Braid
20	22 Tapestry	5 strands of Silk Mori; 1 strand of Medium #16 Braid
32	26 Tapestry	2 strands of Silk Mori; 2 strands of Silk Bella; 1 strand of Fine #8 Braid; 1/16" Ribbon
40	28 tapestry	1 strand of Silk Mori, 1 strand of Silk Bella; 1 strand of Blending Filament

Availability of silk gauze

Silk gauze can be purchased in several ways:

1. Kreinik mounts silk gauze on mat board, which acts as a frame while stitching or as a mat for the finished piece. This is an economical way to purchase gauze, and various sizes are available. The framed silk gauze from Kreinik comes with a needle, so you are immediately ready to start stitching.

2. Purchasing silk gauze by the yard will enable you to stitch pieces larger than that allowed with pre-mounted pieces. The silk gauze should then be mounted on a frame or stretcher bars for stitching.

3. Kreinik offers silk gauze in several different counts such as 20-count, 32-count and 40-count. The higher the number, the smaller the canvas "holes".

4. Kreinik also offers silk gauze kits featuring beautiful designs from dogs and cats to garden themes and Christmas designs. Kreinik silk gauze kits come with gauze, chart, thread and needle.

Stitching with silk gauze can be very rewarding. The detailed needlework you complete will be admired by many.

Happy Stitching!



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