

BLACKWORK-STYLE

VINTAGE ORNAMENT

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

- one spool Kreinik Blending Filament™ 003V Vintage Red
- one spool Kreinik Very Fine (#4) Braid™ 003V Vintage Red
- 16-count Aida in a Natural Light color
- #24 Tapestry needle

INSTRUCTIONS & COLOR KEY:

Each square on the chart equals one fabric thread.

Backstitch the outline first using one strand of Very Fine Braid, then backstitch the infill patterns using one strand of Blending Filament.

THINNEST LINES—Backstitch with Blending Filament 003V

THICKER LINES—Backstitch with Very Fine (#4) Braid 003V

VERTICAL, THICK LINES in band near bottom—Long or straight stitch with Very Fine (#4) Braid 003V

× **CROSS STICH** with Very Fine (#4) Braid 003V

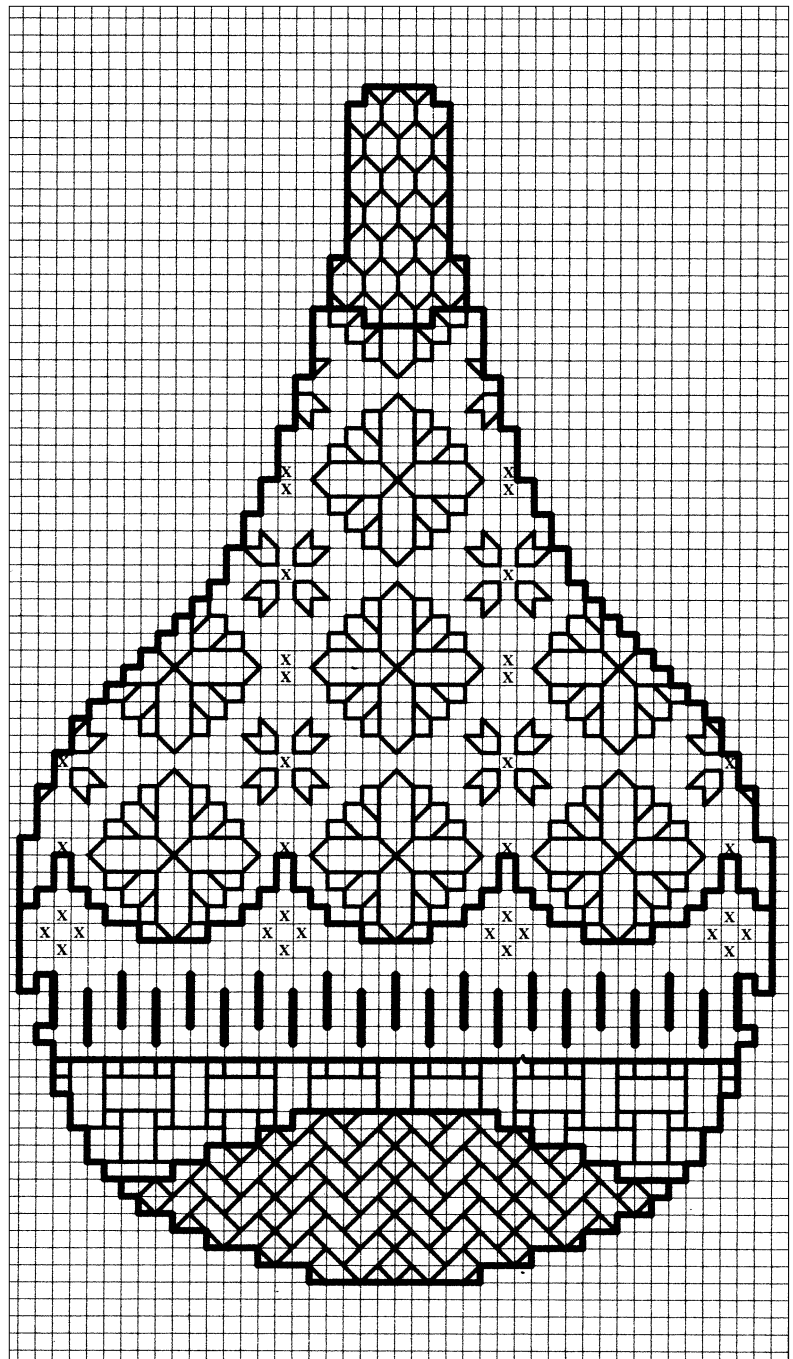
FINISHING IDEAS:

If you have a local needlework shop, you may wish to have this ornament professionally finished through their framing/finishing department.

Or, trace the outline of the ornament onto two pieces of cardboard. Cover one with red velvet or cotton fabric (a light coat of spray adhesive may help keep the fabric in place) for the back of the ornament. Cut out your stitched piece, leaving about 1/4 to 1/2 of an inch to fold over the edge of your other piece of cardboard. For a light padding, mount your stitched piece over a piece of white felt or quilt batting. Then glue the two pieces of cardboard together, like a sandwich. For our model, we used the Kreinik Custom Corder to make a matching trim out of Vintage Red and gold metallic threads, which was couched along the edge with red sewing thread.

For tips on using Kreinik threads, visit the thread section on www.kreinik.com. To find a source for Kreinik threads near you, visit the shop locator pages on our web site, or call 1-800-537-2166.

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