



# Starry Night Stumpwork Pin

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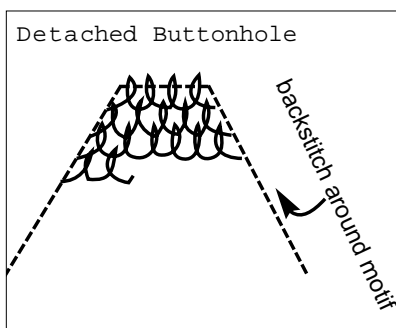
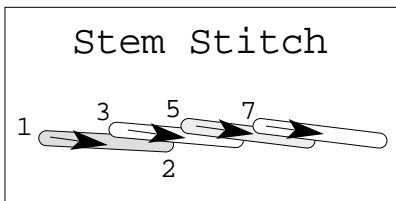
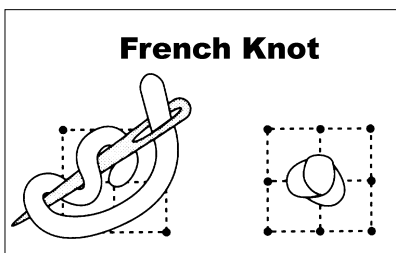
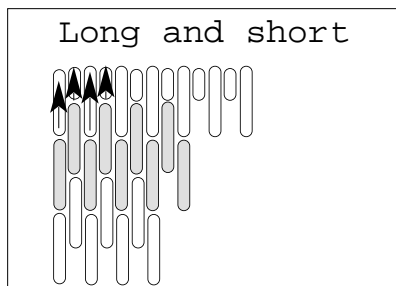
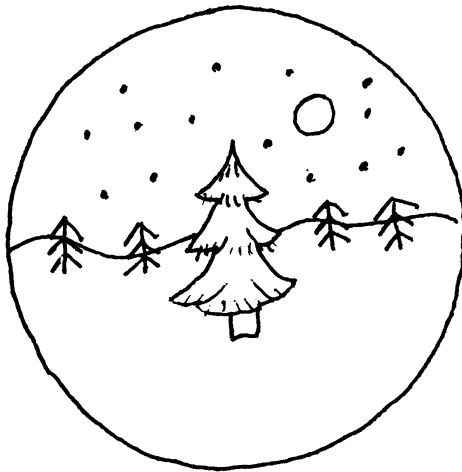
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## Materials needed:

- Kreinik Silk Mori® in 8086 Dark Gray, 2013 Light Gold, 4067 Very Dark Holly, 7136 Dark Mocha
- Kreinik Fine (#8) Braid™ 100 White
- piece of muslin fabric
- Dritz cover button kit (button size should be about 2 " x 2")
- large pin back
- #28 Tapestry needle or a crewel needle (which has a sharper point)
- embroidery hoop or frame to hold the fabric taut while you stitch

## Instructions:

1. Turning the edge of your muslin under, baste the edge. Using a sharp pencil, draw the circle that is diagrammed at left.
2. Draw the shape of the large tree and tree trunk onto the muslin. Use one strand of Silk Mori 4067 in your needle and sew the tree in stem stitch, following the contours of the branches.
3. Draw the line that divides the sky and snow. Using Kreinik Fine (#8) Braid in 100 white in long and short stitch, fill the area of snow.
4. Draw a circle for the moon and fill in with straight stitch in Silk Mori 2013 (1 strand). Then, with two strands Silk Mori 8086, fill in the sky with long and short stitch. Lay the strands parallel for maximum light reflection and a smooth appearance. (You can also use just one strand of Silk Mori, but make sure the whole background area is covered with the gray silk.) Place random French Knots in the sky using Fine (#8) Braid in white.
5. Use 1 strand Silk Mori 4067 for the four trees flanking the main tree. Stem stitch the trunks and then straight stitch the branches. After the green is filled in, go back and put in a few straight stitches with the white braid to represent snow on the trees.



6. The rest of the large tree is done on a separate piece of muslin, with the shapes then cut out and attached to the main part. The shapes for the detached buttonhole are diagrammed for you to trace on the separate piece of muslin.



The tree is stitched in three separate segments. Start with the lower portion first, using 1 strand Silk Mori 4067. When the shape is finished and removed from the muslin, use white metallic and sew along the bottom edge of the shape in straight stitches. Stem stitch two lines up forming branches. Attach to the muslin, over the previously stitched tree (use 1 strand of the green silk to tack just the top of each section). The other two shapes are done in the same manner. Straight stitch a trunk in one strand Silk Mori 7136.

7. Use the button directions for mounting your finished stumpwork piece, then glue on pin back.