

CHRISTMAS ROSE PINCUSHION

With picot-stitch woven petals

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THE 8-leaf rose (or star flower) has been one of my favourite shapes in traditional embroidery, and it is a

shape that I keep coming back to in my my work. For this pincushion I wanted to do something new, which

is the addition of a 3-dimensional rose in the centre of the embroidery.

To stitch this design, I would recommend starting by stitching the flower petals in your pincushion first.

Once you have finished the flower, you can fill the centre with French knots (as I did, and as you can see in

the photo above), or you could opt for a checkerboard pattern as seen in the chart below.

When the flower is completely stitched, you can move onto the cross-stitch design.

My Christmas Rose pattern measures 59 crosses in height and 59 crosses in width, and has a total of 1172

crosses. Stitched over two threads on 32 count linen (or over one on 16 count Aida), it would measure

approximately 3 2/8" by 3 2/8" (8 x 8cm). The design here was stitched on Zweigart's 32 count "Belfast" linen,

colour "Natural". I stitched with two pulled strands of Retors du Nord, "Rust" (nr. 2028). One carton of

floss (or one skein of Modern Folk Embroidery wool or DMC / Anchor floss) should be more than enough

to finish this design.

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stitching!

Warmest wishes,

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