

Christmas Tree Ribbon Star

For this project you will require:-

Two Darice 8.3 centimetre plastic canvas stars;
Approximately 8 metres 3mm satin ribbon in a colour of your choice;
sewing thread to match ribbon;
two crystals, beads or buttons;
one skein soft embroidery cotton or DMC Etoile to match ribbon;
tapestry needle size 20;
sewing thread needle;
possibly size 10 beading needle.

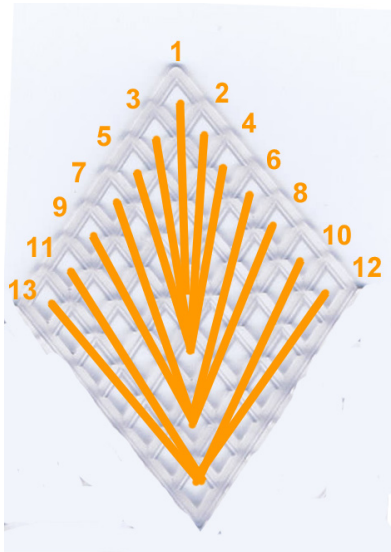


Fig 1



Stitch the five panels in each small star in a leaf stitch variation as shown in Figure 1. Cut an 80 cms (31.5 inches) length for each panel. Using a tapestry needle, and leaving a ribbon tail at the front of the adjoining panel bring the needle out at the central hole of the diamond which is the fourth from the bottom. The first stitch is made by going back in at 1 at the top of the diamond and coming out one hole below the central. This and the following holes each have four stitches alternating between left and right of the central stitch so that when the last stitch is complete (number 13), the total area is covered and the reverse is the same as the front.

Take care to keep the ribbon flat and untwisted to ensure a neat finish.

When complete secure the ends of the ribbon on the reverse with a few stitches using sewing thread and a sharp needle. This area will be hidden when the star is assembled.

When all five panels are complete in both stars, cut a long length of the soft embroidery thread or Etoile and use the loop method to begin stitching overcast stitches around the edges. Fold the floss in half and thread to two cut ends through your needle, then pass your needle from front to back leaving the end of the fold at the front and pass your needle through the loop to knot the start.

Stitch twice with double thread in each space around the star and work the ends in carefully on the reverse.

Add a Swarovski crystal, bead or button to the central hole of both stars using sewing thread and securing with two complete stitches.

Place the two stars together with crystals or beads outermost and aligned so that the points of the front star are in the indents of the rear star. Knot a length of soft embroidery thread or Etoile to a length of ribbon on the reverse and then carefully stitch through both stars around the centre, out at the point of one panel and in at the next all around to secure them firmly in place.

Tie off the cotton between the stars.

Add a length of ribbon at one point to hang from your Christmas tree.

