



Moravian Star Pinwheel Ornament

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Linen:

32 Count Amber linen by Wichelt (8"x8")

Threads:

NeedlePoint Inc. Silk:

209 Russet Red Dark

298 Old English Dark

(s) 773 Sunflower

256 Leaf Green

(m) 472 Marigold Yellow

(w) 991B Black & White Range

Kreinik 002 Blending Filament

#123 Accentuate (green)

Stitches:

Back Stitch

Lazy Daisy

Cross Stitch Over One

Smyrna Cross

Instructions:

Each box on the chart represents 1 linen thread. **STAR:** Use 1 ply silk to stitch the star using Cross Stitch Over One in the colors indicated. Outline the four dark gold areas of the star at top, bottom and sides using Kreinik 002 Blending Filament or your favorite sparkly gold thread. **WREATH:** The boxes around the star on the chart represent Smyrna Cross Stitch over 4 linen threads. Use 2 ply of 298 Old English Dark. When you have stitched the Smyrna Crosses, layer Lazy Daisy stitches randomly around the Smyrna Cross Stitches using 1 ply of 256 Leaf Green. Start at the center top and stitch down the right side of the circle, then across the bottom and up the left side. Be sure to leave some of the dark green Smyrna showing here and there. When satisfied with your Lazy Daisy stitches, thread up with #123 sparkly green Accentuate and add Lazy Daisy stitches every 1/4" or so to the left, right, and center.

Your Challenge: As you can see from the photo, I haven't finished my ornament yet. I can't decide if I want to fill in around the star with a lovely deep blue like Au Ver A Soie Soie D' Alger #206 so the star appears to float in a night sky, or stitch gold lines radiating out from the star points, or just leave it as it is. I've been extra busy through the season and I've run out of time. I'll be in Old Salem tomorrow night attending the Moravian Love Feast with my family and look forward to this beautiful service all year. The inspiration for this ornament will float above the nativity scene throughout the service surrounded by lovely music, garlands of

greenery, and happy faces. I'll think about how to complete my ornament as I watch the star in the quiet hour while we wait inside Home Moravian Church for the service to begin.

Afterwards, we'll head to my house where I've prepared a Christmas Eve Treasure Hunt for my grandchildren and dinner for twelve family members aged 93 to 5. What a wonderful blessing!

Finishing Options: I'm thinking about stitching another wreath with my monogram and the year inside for the back of this ornament. Double the size of the linen I've listed above if you do the same. I'll use buckram inside my linen circles and will tuck a 3 or 4 layers of batting inside. I believe I'll join the linen edges together using Beaded Coral Stitch in sewing thread that matches the linen with cranberry red beads. How does that sound? Another finish idea would be a silk backing with silk ribbon round the edges.

Please enjoy my design. My wish for you is that all your days be merry and bright and filled with heavenly light! Merry Christmas!

Cissy



