



# *Christmas ornament 2017*

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*Christmas 2017, free ornament pattern*

This delightful little ornament is the perfect stash buster, use up your leftover threads, and those bits and pieces of linen, or aida that you saved from other projects.

The design can also be used for cards, or in a spot sampler.

Why not stitch up several of them, place in them in a pretty basket and give them as a Christmas presents? They are sure to become treasured heirlooms.



**Design Area:** 33 x 33 stitches

If stitched on 28 ct linen/ 14 ct aida the pattern will measure :

2,3" x 2,3" / 6 x 6 cm

On 28 ct linen use two strands of embroidery floss for the cross stitch, and two strand for the backstitch.

**Cross stitch and backstitch:**

DMC 115 Variegate red

**Tatting thread:**

DMC Cordonnet special white size 30

For securing the tatted lace on the linen I recommend using *Wonder Invisible thread*, a matching color or fine fishing line.

Fabric used in the project is natural 28 ct linen.

Filling can be polyester fill, cotton, lavender or the fill of your choice.

**Tips**

While this design is lovely in variegated thread, you can also replace the cross stitch with seed beads.



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## Tatting pattern

3 + 5 – 5 + 3 ( small ring )

3

3 = 5 - 5 - 1 - - 1 – 5 – 5 + 3 ( large ring )

3

Repeat pattern x 4, finish off and weave in ends.

## Abbreviation

Numbers represent double stitches, so 3 would mean 3 double stitches

+ picot used for joining

= join to picot already made

- small picot

- - medium picot

## Instructions

Stitch 2x squares, and tat two little lace motifs

Sew the tatted motifs in the center of the squares

For assembling the ornament I recommend using the biscornu technique. Sewing with two threads of embroidery floss in a whip-stitch, passing the needle between the backstitches back and forth, but you can also sew it together in the manner you feel most comfortable with.

Before finishing up attach a ribbon for hanging, and fill the ornament with either polyester fill, or another stuffing of your choice.

