



# *Christmas ornament 2019*

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This charming little ornament is perfect for using up leftover linen, or even weave pieces from your stash.

Handmade ornaments make thoughtful gifts, so why not stitch several and give them away to your friends or family.

It's really quite simple to make, and even though it uses three different techniques you should be able to finish in 2-3 hours. Beside, you'll get to practice and perfect your skills in: Cross stitch, antique hemstitch, and blanket stitch – Often used for the edging in Hardanger embroidery.



**Design Area:** 35 x 35 stitches

If stitched on 28 ct linen the ornament will measure :

2,5" x 2,5" / 6,3 x 6,3 cm

Use two strands of embroidery floss for the cross stitch.



DMC Cotton 469

DMC Cotton 816

DMC Cotton 666

### Other supplies

- DMC perle size 8 for the blanket stitch
- Thin crochet thread, or strong white thread for the hemstitch
- Blunt embroidery needle
- Sharp embroidery scissors
- Thread or ribbon for hanging

### Tips

This little ornament can also be stitched in a single color, with or without the hemstitch square.

You can also drop the blanket stitch, make two squares and sew them together as a small pillow ornament.

Another option is to replace the colored threads with seed beads.



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1. Begin with a piece of linen or even weave that is at least twice as large as the finished ornament. If you are using 28 ct linen I would recommend a piece measuring 15 x 15 cm.

2. Carefully pull 2 threads from each sides, forming a square with 30 x 30 threads left inside.



3. Pull a thread from the side of your fabric and with a blunt needle carefully weave it back into the sides.



4. When you get to the corner, turn the needle and weave back making sure the turn is nice, neat and not too tight. Stretch a bit when done to pull the linen back into shape, iron if you will.





5. Work the hemstitch over 3 threads, using a thin crochet thread, or perle size 12.



6. Begin by passing the needle through a space on the left, slip it behind three threads on the right, bring it back in from, pull a tiny bit to tighten, then pass it straight up under two threads from the front. See photos for correct needle position.

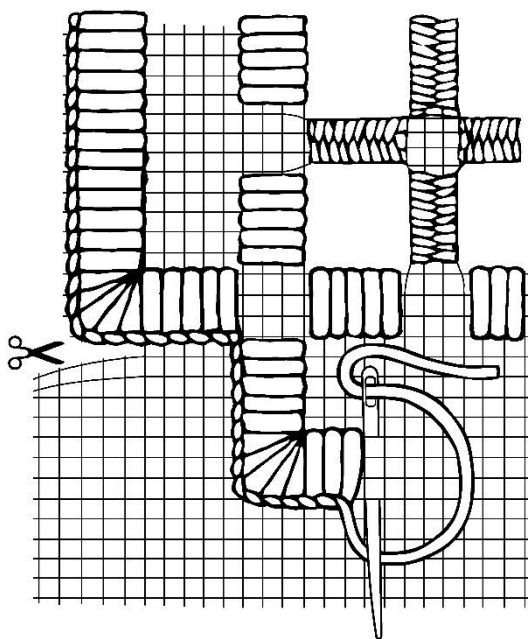


7. When you are done weave in the ends through the back and work the cross stitch before finishing off with a blanket stitch edge.



Here is a close-up view of the ornament, if you are unsure about where to begin the cross stitch take a close look at the green circle.

The cross stitch covers the two threads that you have woven back in.



Blanket stitch in perle size 8, over 4 threads.

Finish off by carefully trimming the extra fabric as close as possible to the stitching.

Do the same for the little hanging space, and thread a ribbon or thread through it.

For printing

